



**American Association of Occupational Health Nurses
2019 Bylaws Revision Rationale**

Current Version	Proposed Revision	Rationale
<p style="text-align: center;">Article III Membership Section 2</p> <p>Active, Inactive, Retired, Affiliate, International, Student and Life members who reside or work in the area of a local, state, or regional chapter must be members of those chapters. If more than one local chapter exists in an area, the membership shall be in the chapter of the member's choice.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Article III Membership Section 2</p> <p>Active, Inactive, Retired, Affiliate, International, Student and Life members who reside or work in the area of a local, state, or regional chapter may be members of those chapters. If more than one chapter exists in an area, the membership may be in the chapter or chapters of the member's choice.</p>	<p>To eliminate the chapter requirement for all AAOHN member categories.</p> <p>To clarify that members can join all or any chapter regardless if they are regional, state, or local.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Article III Membership Section 3 Applications for Membership</p> <p>Applications for membership shall be granted by AAOHN. A written application submitted to the National Office is required for all classes of membership, except honorary.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Article III Membership Section 3 Applications for Membership</p> <p>Applications for membership shall be granted by AAOHN. An application submitted to the National Office is required for all classes of membership, except honorary.</p>	<p>Applications to be submitted online to align with current technological innovations.</p>

<p>A. Local, state and regional chapters shall have thirty (30) days to challenge a member.</p> <p>B. If a member's application is challenged, the final review and approval shall be the sole and absolute discretion of the AAOHN Board of Directors.</p>	<p>A. If a member's application is challenged, the final review and approval shall be the sole and absolute discretion of the AAOHN Board of Directors.</p>	<p>Chapters will no longer have a need to challenge AAOHN National Membership.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Article IV Chapters Section 1 Formation</p> <p>A. Chapters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A chapter may be formed by at least fifteen (15) AAOHN members. 2. Members who reside or work in the area of a chapter must be members of a chapter. <p>B. Regional Chapters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A regional chapter may be formed by chapters in one of the AAOHN established regions. 2. Members who reside or work in the area of a regional chapter must be members of that chapter. 3. The name of the regional chapter shall be the name of the AAOHN established region. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Article IV Chapters Section 1 Formation</p> <p>A. Chapters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A chapter may be formed by at least fifteen (15) AAOHN members. <p>B. Regional Chapters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A regional chapter may be formed by chapters in one of the AAOHN established regions. 2. The name of the regional chapter shall be the name of the AAOHN established region. 	<p>Removing verbiage that requires members to be a member of their state or local chapter.</p> <p>Removing verbiage that requires members to be a member of their regional chapter.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Article IV Chapters Section 2 Bylaws</p> <p>A. Chapters shall follow AAOHN guidelines in writing their own bylaws which shall contain such mandatory provisions as determined by the Board of Directors of AAOHN and shall not be in conflict with the bylaws of AAOHN. B. Chapters' bylaws shall not establish any other membership classes.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Article IV Chapters Section 2 Bylaws</p> <p>A. Chapters may follow AAOHN guidelines in writing their own bylaws.</p>	<p>AAOHN will no longer review or approve Chapter bylaws for mandatory provisions.</p> <p>Chapters will be able to establish membership categories in their respective bylaws.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Article V Board of Directors Section 2 Duties</p> <p>A. The duties of the Board of Directors shall be to: B. Ensure that the organization is both effective and prudent in accomplishing organizational goals; C. Authorize the formation of chapters and decide all membership appeals; D. Establish geographic boundaries of regions; E. Approve geographic boundaries of chapters; F. Establish mandatory bylaws requirements for chapters G. Determine the time and place of AAOHN and Board of Directors meetings; H. H. Set membership dues</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Article V Board of Directors Section 2 Duties</p> <p>The duties of the Board of Directors shall be to: A. Ensure that the organization is both effective and prudent in accomplishing organizational goals; B. Authorize the formation of chapters and decide all membership appeals; C. Establish geographic boundaries of regions; D. Determine the time and place of AAOHN and Board of Directors meetings; E. H. Set membership dues</p>	<p>Chapters will set own geographic boundaries.</p> <p>Chapters will not need approval from AAOHN National to update or establish their bylaws.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Article XIV Amendments</p> <p>Section 1</p> <p>A. These bylaws may be amended by voting members. Bylaws amendments that receive a two-thirds affirmative vote of the votes cast will become effective immediately upon certification of the voting results.</p> <p>B. Proposed amendments shall have been approved by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>C. A copy of the proposed amendments shall be sent to voting members at least thirty (30) days in advance of the vote.</p> <p>Section 2</p> <p>Any amendment to these bylaws that directly relates to the business of the chapters shall automatically and immediately effect the necessary amendments to the bylaws of the chapters.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Article XIV Amendments</p> <p>A. These bylaws may be amended by voting members. Bylaws amendments that receive a two-thirds affirmative vote of the votes cast will become effective immediately upon certification of the voting results.</p> <p>B. Proposed amendments shall have been approved by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>C. A copy of the proposed amendments shall be sent to voting members at least thirty (30) days in advance of the vote.</p>	<p>Chapter bylaws do not need to align with AAOHN National Bylaws.</p>
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