

OREGON MEDICAL ASSOCIATION



MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 10, 2009

TO: Executive Committee

FROM: Eva Germaine-Shimotakahara, Alliance President

SUBJECT: Alliance Bylaws Revision

By-laws under Article III-

Membership, Section 1. Categories

A) & B) remain the same

C) would read “ Associate members shall be spouses of physicians who are not members of the OMA. They will not be eligible to hold office in the OMAA or receive reimbursement for travel or per diem. They will be eligible to serve on Standing Committees.”

Explanation-Some spouses of physicians volunteer their services to the OMAA but the physician to whom they are married is not a member of the OMA. We would like to further engage these volunteers. They attend meetings and volunteer their time for projects both at the county and state level. We do not know the reason why the physician to whom they are married is not an OMA member. We decided to amend the bylaws to add another category of membership to accommodate these valuable volunteers. The new category would be an “associate member.”

We hope that these “associate members” will become so involved in OMAA activities that they will want to hold office at some point. In order to do that, the physician to whom they are married must first become an OMA member. We anticipate that they will, at that point strongly encourage their spouse to become an OMA member so that they can then become regular OMAA members and hold office.

C) as it now stands in our Bylaws becomes D) with one added word

D) Honorary “life” members: Names of members who have rendered exceptional service... and D) as it now stands in our Bylaws becomes E) with one added word

E) Honorary “life” memberships of not more than one in each...

In Section 2. Rights and Privileges

The current B becomes C with one change:

B) Honorary life members shall have all the rights and privileges of regular members.

C) Non- member honorary “life” members shall not carry the...