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These recommended changes to the Constitution are minor, and consist mainly of wording changes to make the document internally consistent, and to correct typographical errors that have accumulated in the document over 30 years..

Bylaws changes do not carry the same requirement for prior notice to the membership, and will also be proposed for approval at the biennial assembly at the Adelaide meeting, after the recommended changes are finalized at the IAES Council meeting on Sunday, September 6, 2009.

The IAES Bylaws changes that have been drafted and approved in principle by the Council include:

- A definition of the role of the Council-Coordinator (previously not defined in the Bylaws)
- Changes in the membership of the existing Nominating, Membership and Program committees
- Creation of Education, International Delegate and Audit committees

After the Council meeting in Adelaide, proposed Bylaws changes will be distributed to the membership for review prior to the biennial assembly. Voting on the proposal is planned for that meeting, and, according to the current Bylaws, would require a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present to enact these changes.

On behalf of the IAES Council -

Göran Åkerström
President

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Secretary-Treasurer

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ENDOCRINE SURGEONS

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THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ENDOCRINE SURGEONS

Constitution

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be: THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ENDOCRINE SURGEONS (IAES).

ARTICLE II - OBJECTS

The object of the association shall be to provide a forum for exchanging information and developing new knowledge in the field of endocrine surgery, whether by clinical experience or laboratory investigation.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in the association shall be awarded to surgeons in good professional standing and with a major interest and an active practice in endocrine surgery after appropriate application and evaluation by the Membership Committee. Membership may also be awarded to a surgeon in training with a special interest in endocrine surgery. Contribution to the scientific literature pertinent to endocrine surgery will be an important factor in determining membership.

2. There shall be three types of members: Active, ~~Senior~~ and ~~Honorary~~.

A. Active members shall consist of original charter members and all members subsequently elected. The number of active members shall not be limited.

B. Active ~~members~~ who have reached the age of 65 years will become Senior members. Senior ~~members~~ shall have all the responsibilities and privileges of active ~~members~~. By request, senior members shall not be required to pay annual dues.

C. Honorary members shall consist of individuals who have made outstanding contributions to endocrine surgery. They shall have no voting privileges, nor be eligible for election to office, nor be subject to dues assessment.

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ARTICLE IV - MEETING

A biennial assembly of the association shall be held in accordance with the bylaws.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS/COUNCIL

1. Officers of the association shall consist of a ~~President~~, a ~~President-Elect~~, a ~~Council-Coordinator~~, and a ~~Secretary-Treasurer~~ all to be elected as provided in the bylaws.

2. There shall be a Council of the association consisting of the officers, immediate past president, and eight council members.

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ARTICLE VI - ALTERATIONS/REPEAL

The association may alter or repeal any article of this constitution by a three-fourths affirmative vote of members present at the biennial assembly, provided a copy of the proposed change has been delivered to each member 60 days in advance of the assembly meeting.

ARTICLE VII

The association shall function under the auspices of the International Society of Surgery/Société Internationale de Chirurgie (ISS/SIC), which shall be responsible for collection of annual dues, selection of the biennial meeting site, and the principal arrangements ~~thereof~~. The ISS/SIC shall have no authority regarding the contents of the scientific program of the IAES. All members of the IAES are required to be members of the ISS/SIC. The IAES shall have representation on the Executive Council of the ISS/SIC, as well as on the Editorial Board of the WORLD JOURNAL OF SURGERY (WJS).

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