

**AMERICAN ACADEMY OF
ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY**

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Section I. The name of this organization shall be the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology.

ARTICLE II

Definition of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology

Section I. Oral and maxillofacial pathology is the specialty of dentistry and pathology which deals with the nature, identification, and management of diseases affecting the oral and maxillofacial regions. It is a science that investigates the causes, processes and effects of these diseases. The practice of oral and maxillofacial pathology includes research, diagnosis of diseases using clinical, radiographic, microscopic, biochemical or other examinations, and management of patients.

ARTICLE III

Objectives

Section I. The objectives of this Academy shall be:

1. To promote the highest standards in education, research and the practice of oral and maxillofacial pathology.
2. To elevate the scientific and professional status of those practicing this specialty of dentistry.
3. To advance the science of oral and maxillofacial pathology and to improve laboratory service to dentists, to hospitals and to the public through study and education.
4. To encourage closer cooperation of oral and maxillofacial pathologists with other dentists, with physicians, and with other pathology organizations.
5. To aid in establishing standards for the performance of various laboratory procedures and to monitor and assist regulatory agencies in the establishment of standards for the operation of oral and maxillofacial pathology laboratories.
6. To aid in maintaining and strengthening the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology.

7. To aid in the maintenance of the Registry of Dental and Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology of the American Registry of Pathology at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, D.C.
8. To recognize and support the practice of forensic odontology as part of the practice of oral and maxillofacial pathology.
9. To promote oral and maxillofacial pathology as a career.
10. To represent and promote the value of oral and maxillofacial pathology to other medical and dental organizations, legislative bodies and governmental agencies.

ARTICLE IV

Corporate Status

Section I. The Academy is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Elected officers of the Academy as listed in Article VI of this constitution are the officers of the corporation. The Executive Council of the Academy is the Board of Directors of the Corporation. If the corporation is dissolved, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation to such organizations operating exclusively for educational or scientific purposes as the Board of Directors shall direct.

ARTICLE V

Membership

Section I. The membership of this Academy shall be elective and shall consist of:

1. Members
2. Fellows
3. Honorary Fellows
4. Emeritus Fellows or Life Members

Section II. Members shall be dentists, physicians, nurses, dental hygienists, biomedical scientists, or veterinarians actively interested in the field of oral and maxillofacial pathology who have been recommended by the Fellowship Committee and approved by the Executive Council.

Section III. Fellows shall be Members who have passed an examination given by the Fellowship Committee or the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. Names of successful examinees shall be forwarded to the Executive Council for approval. Only Fellows shall have the right to vote, hold elective offices or serve on standing committees in this Academy.

- Section IV. Honorary Fellows shall be those individuals who have made outstanding contributions in the field of oral and maxillofacial pathology. Such Honorary Fellows shall be elected by unanimous vote of the Executive Council. They shall pay no dues, shall not have the right to vote or hold elective offices, but may be appointed to committees.
- Section V. A member of 25 years' standing who is retired from professional practice may be classified as a Life Member upon application to the Secretary-Treasurer not later than February 1st of any year and upon election by the Executive Council in the same year. A Fellow who has been a Member and/or Fellow for 25 years and is retired from professional practice may be elected to Emeritus Fellowship by vote of the Executive Council. Life Members and Emeritus Fellows shall pay no dues but shall retain all the privileges of membership heretofore enjoyed. They may continue to receive the official journal by paying the block subscription rate to the Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE VI

Officers

- Section I. The officers of this Academy shall consist of:
1. President
 2. President-Elect
 3. Vice President
 4. Secretary-Treasurer
 5. Editor
 6. Director of Education
- Section II. Each officer shall serve only one year unless otherwise elected for an additional year or until a successor has been duly elected with the exception of the Secretary-Treasurer, Editor, and Director of Education, each of whom shall serve one term of three (3) years and each of whom may succeed to office only once.
- Section III. Election of these officers and their duties shall be as provided for in the Bylaws.
- Section IV. Officers shall begin their terms of service immediately at the close of the annual meeting and continue until their successors are qualified. An appropriate ceremony of installation shall inaugurate the term of each officer.
- Section V. A member of the Academy will be elected to the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology each year to replace the position that is being vacated. The nominee(s) shall be a diplomate of the Board. A member of the Board may not serve for more than a total of seven years.

ARTICLE VII

Executive Council

- Section I. The Executive Council of the Academy shall consist of the officers, the immediate Past President, six Councilors elected at large and a non-voting advisory member who is a Director of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and designated by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology.
- Section II. The six Councilors elected at large shall be elected by the Fellowship for a term of three years in staggered terms, two being elected each year. The initial terms shall be one, two, or three years respectively as determined by lot.
- Section III. The Executive Council shall be the managing body of the Academy, vested with full power to conduct all business of the Academy subject to the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Acts of Incorporation, the Constitution and Bylaws and the mandate of the Fellowship.

It shall have the power to establish rules and regulations consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws to govern the Executive Council's organization and procedures. Any decision of policy, not previously approved by the Fellowship or covered in the Constitution and Bylaws, shall be submitted to the Fellowship for approval.

It may censure, suspend or expel any Fellow or Member for cause.
(Article X, Section I)

It shall receive and review all complaints concerning the conduct of Fellows or Members. (Article X, Section II)

It shall determine the date and place of the annual meetings of the Academy three (3) years in advance and may call additional meetings. (Article XI, Section I)

It shall fill vacancies in the Office of Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Editor, Director of Education or Councilor by a majority vote at any regular or special meeting or by mail ballot if no Executive Council meeting is scheduled within 30 days of such vacancy. (Article V, Section I, Bylaws)

It shall determine the assessment of dues and fees upon recommendation of the Finance Committee and subject to approval by the Fellowship. (Article VII, Bylaws)

It shall cause to be bonded by a surety company all officers and employees of the Academy entrusted with Academy funds. It shall approve a budget for carrying out the activities of the academy for the ensuing year.

It shall nominate, by unanimous vote, to Honorary Fellowship distinguished individuals who have made significant contributions to oral and maxillofacial pathology. (Article V, Section IV)

It shall nominate Life Members and Emeritus Fellows in accordance with the Constitution. (Article V, Section V)

It shall nominate to the Commission on Dental Accreditation advisory members

who shall be Diplomates of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. (Article IX, Bylaws)

It shall, under the times of financial stress or national emergency, have the power to act in any manner necessary for the welfare of the Academy. (Article IX, Bylaws)

ARTICLE VIII

Fellowship

Section I. The Fellowship shall consist of the Fellows of the Academy. It shall be the authoritative body of the Academy.

The Fellowship shall possess the legislative powers of the Academy. It shall determine the policies, which shall govern this Academy and its activities. It shall have the power to enact, amend and repeal the Constitution and Bylaws.

The President of the Academy shall be the presiding officer of the Fellowship and the Secretary-Treasurer shall be its Secretary.

It shall have a parliamentarian appointed by the President and who shall serve in an advisory capacity.

ARTICLE IX

Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

Section I. The standing committees of the Academy shall be:

1. Fellowship
2. Program
3. Nomination
4. Education
5. Professional and Public Relations
6. Laboratory Service
7. Finance
8. Constitution and Bylaws
9. Long Range Planning
10. Research and Scientific Affairs

Section II. Members of the standing committees shall be Fellows of the Academy. The members of all new standing committees shall be appointed by the President. The President shall appoint members to fill vacancies on all standing committees.

Section III. The Fellowship Committee shall consist of five Fellows, each serving a term of five years, in staggered terms, one being appointed each year by the President. The member with the longest service on the Committee shall be chair. The Committee shall review applicants for Membership and Fellowship to determine eligibility of

the applicants in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws. This Committee shall give a Fellowship examination approved by the Executive Council to those eligible and shall report its findings to the Executive Council for action.

- Section IV. The Program Committee shall consist of the President, who shall serve as chair, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Director of Education and Local Arrangements chair. This Committee shall coordinate and be responsible for all programs sponsored by the Academy. This Committee shall recommend to the Executive Council sites for future Academy meetings.
- Section V. The Nomination Committee shall consist of the two most recent Past Presidents and three Fellows elected by the Executive Council for terms of one year from those within the Fellowship who have not been Officers of the Academy, as defined in Article VI, Section I. The member with the longest service on the Committee shall be chair. This committee shall prepare a list of nominees for all elective offices for balloting by the Fellowship, in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws.
- Section VI. The Education Committee shall consist of four Fellows and the Director of Education. The Director of Education shall be Committee chair. The Fellows will each serve for a term of four years in staggered terms, one being appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Director of Education each year. This committee shall develop educational programs consistent with the objectives of the Academy for Fellows, Members of the Academy, other dental specialties, dentistry, and allied health professions.
- Section VII. The Professional and Public Relations Committee shall consist of three Fellows. The Fellows shall be appointed to terms of three years in staggered terms. The member with the longest service on the Committee shall be chair. The Immediate Past President shall serve on the committee as an ex-officio member. This committee shall establish and maintain contacts and relations with professional organizations that have an interest in or are concerned with the field of oral and maxillofacial pathology. It shall investigate, recommend, and carry out programs to assure dissemination of information with regard to oral and maxillofacial pathology to the general public and to the health professions, including schools, societies, hospitals, and other professional organizations. The committee shall make its services available regarding policies and opinions of the Academy as to oral and maxillofacial pathologist-dentist, oral and maxillofacial pathologist-hospital, and oral and maxillofacial pathologist-school relations. It shall also serve as an arbitration committee in case of disputes or misunderstandings of concern to oral and maxillofacial pathologists.
- Section VIII. The Laboratory Service Committee shall consist of three Fellows, each serving for a term of three years in staggered terms, one being appointed each year. The member with the longest service on the committee shall be chair of the Laboratory Service Committee. The member who is representing the Academy to the Intersociety Pathology Executive Council will serve as an ex-officio member. This committee shall collect and maintain current information on qualified laboratories

which provide oral pathology service. This information shall be provided to individual dentists or professional organizations as requested. It shall recommend standards for laboratory tests and for the operation of oral and maxillofacial pathology laboratories. The committee shall also offer its service in an advisory capacity to dental schools, hospitals, and other organizations as requested. As part of its annual report this committee will report on the status of Federal Laboratory Regulations and how they pertain to oral and maxillofacial pathology laboratories.

- Section IX. The Finance Committee shall consist of five Fellows, two of whom shall be the Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer. The remaining three members shall be appointed by the President to terms of three years in staggered terms. The appointed member with the longest service on the committee shall be chair. This committee shall be responsible for preparing the annual budget and advising the Secretary-Treasurer as to the investment of the Academy's surplus funds.
- Section X. The Constitution and Bylaws committee shall consist of three Fellows, each serving for a term of three years in staggered terms, one being appointed by the President each year. The member with the longest service on the committee shall be chair. The committee will review all proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws to determine whether they are in compliance with Constitution and Bylaws and parliamentary procedure. It will make appropriate recommendations if changes are necessary in the amendments. The parliamentarian shall be appointed by the President of the Academy and shall be approved by the Executive Council and will serve on the committee as an ex-officio member.
- Section XI. The Long Range Planning Committee shall consist of the two most recent Past Presidents and three Fellows appointed by the President for terms of three years. The initial terms shall be staggered in 1-2-3 years as determined by lot. The more senior Past President shall serve as chair. The committee shall consider how changing trends in our profession and society will impact on the specialty of oral and maxillofacial pathology and recommend a course of action to the Executive Council.
- Section XII. The Research and Scientific Affairs Committee shall consist of a Chair, Secretary, and three additional members, with the committee having expertise in Histopathology, Clinical Oral Pathology and Experimental Pathology. Each Member shall be a Fellow in the Academy and shall be appointed by the Executive Council. Each member shall serve a term of five years in staggered terms, one new member being appointed each year. The member with the longest service on the committee shall be Secretary. The committee shall promote the scientific basis for the practice of oral and maxillofacial pathology through criterion-and evidence-based research and analysis. Position papers and reviews on subjects pertaining to oral and maxillofacial pathology will be within the purview of this committee.
- Section XIII. Ad hoc committees may be established by the President or the Executive Council to address specific issues or activities of interest to the Academy that may not fall within the charge of standing committees. The charge, scope, membership and

funding source of ad hoc committees shall be specified at the time of committee formation. The Chair and members of ad hoc committees shall be Fellows and shall be appointed by the President. Ad hoc committees shall have terms of one year following establishment at which time the committee will report findings and recommendations to the President and Executive Council. When necessary, the terms of ad hoc committees may be extended for periods of one year or less by the President or the Executive Council.

ARTICLE X

Discipline

- Section I. The Executive Council may censure, suspend or expel any Fellow or member for cause.
- Section II. The Executive Council shall receive and consider all complaints concerning the conduct of Fellows or Members.
- Section III. Disciplinary action against a Fellow or Member can be taken only after having given the Fellow or Member at least 30 days written notice by registered or certified mail, that such action is contemplated and that he/she is entitled to a hearing by the Executive Council.
- Section IV. A vote of three-fourths of the Executive Council shall be necessary to censure, suspend, or expel any Fellow or Member.

ARTICLE XI

Meetings

- Section I. There shall be an annual meeting of the Academy. The date and place of this meeting shall be determined by the Executive Council three years in advance. The Secretary will forward this information to all Fellows and Members at least six months in advance of each meeting.
- Section II. Additional meetings may be called by the Executive Council or by the signed request of one-third of the Fellowship.

ARTICLE XII

Quorum

- Section I. A quorum for conduct of business shall be one-fourth of the non Emeritus Fellows registered for each AAOMP annual meeting, provided that this number does not amount to less than one-fifth of the Fellowship.

ARTICLE XIII

Amendments

- Section I. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Fellows present and voting. Voting may be at any annual meeting, providing that notice of the proposed amendments, endorsed by five Fellows, has been given to the Executive Council sixty days previous to the annual meeting and circulated by the Secretary to the voting membership thirty days previous to the annual meeting.
- Section II. Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted with the reason(s) for the proposed change and the names of the Fellows who endorsed the amendment.

ARTICLE XIV

AAOMP Auxiliary

- Section I. The Academy shall sponsor an Auxiliary whose membership will consist of the spouses of the Academy members. The Auxiliary will have its own Constitution and Bylaws to conduct the business of the group.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

Membership Qualification

- Section I. Any dentist, physician, nurse, dental hygienist, veterinarian, or biomedical scientist may request membership. Applicants may address the Secretary-Treasurer of the Academy who will furnish the necessary application blank.
- Section II. In order to qualify for membership, the applicant shall supply evidence of active interest in the field of oral and maxillofacial pathology.

ARTICLE II

Fellowship Qualification

- Section I. Fellowship may be conferred upon Members qualified according to Article V, Section III of the Constitution.
- Section II. Candidates for Fellowship shall be required to pass an examination conducted by the Fellowship Committee.
- Section III. To be eligible for examination, a candidate must be a graduate of an accredited dental school in any jurisdiction, have completed at least 18 months training in an oral and maxillofacial pathology training program accredited by the American Dental Association or the Canadian Dental Association and have been a member of the Academy for at least one year prior to the examination.

- Section IV. Candidates for Fellowship shall submit a curriculum vitae and have the Director of their oral and maxillofacial pathology training program send a letter of endorsement, including a statement acknowledging that the candidate has satisfactorily completed at least 18 months of training.
- Section V. The results of the action on each applicant by the Fellowship Committee shall be referred to the Executive Council for its action.
- Section VI. Recommendations for Fellowship made by the Fellowship Committee shall be subject to approval by the Executive Council.
- Section VII. The Executive Council of the Academy shall have the sole power to revoke any certificate issued.

ARTICLE III

Acceptance of Fellowship and Membership

- Section I. Members upon formal notification of acceptance into the Academy shall be required to affirm by letter the Constitution and Bylaws and the Code of Ethics of the Academy in token of his or her assent and agreement to be bound by them.
- Section II. Members elevated to Fellowship, shall maintain the status of Fellow throughout the duration of their membership in the Academy.

ARTICLE IV

Elections

- Section I. The Officers and Executive Council of the Academy and a member of the Board of Directors of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology shall be elected by mail ballot during the month of January. At the expiration of the term, the President-Elect shall immediately assume the office of the President. The new officers shall assume their respective offices at the close of the annual meeting at which they have been elected. There shall be one or more candidates for the office of President-Elect. There shall be one or more candidates for the offices of Secretary-Treasurer, Editor, and Director of Education for the election preceding the expiration of their terms of office. There shall be two or more candidates for all other offices of the Academy and for the Board of Directors of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. There shall be a minimum of four (4) candidates for Councilor vacancies.
- Section II. The Nominations Committee shall forward to the Secretary-Treasurer the names of all candidates for office of the Academy and Board of Directors of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology not later than October 1 of the year preceding the election. This report shall be circulated to the Fellowship on or before October 15. Additional nominations may be made in writing by any five (5) Fellows on or before December 1. After the Secretary-Treasurer has ascertained

that the write-in nominee consents to being a candidate(s), the Secretary-Treasurer shall notify all other candidates for that position about the identity of the additional candidate(s). All candidates at that time shall have 5 working days to reconsider their acceptance of the nomination before their names are placed on the ballot.

- Section III. By December 31, the Secretary-Treasurer shall have printed and mailed to each Fellow in good standing a ballot containing the names of all candidates, the names being arranged in alphabetical order for each office. With each ballot there shall be included two envelopes one of which is numbered and self-addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer, who shall keep a list of the Fellows to whom the ballots have been sent, with numbers corresponding to the ballots sent each member against which list returned envelopes shall be checked to guard against illegal voting. The marked ballot shall be enclosed and sealed within the second envelope which shall be without identification and returned to the Secretary-Treasurer in the self-addressed envelope as indicated above.
- Section IV. Sixty days shall be allowed for return of ballots following the mailing date. The returned ballots shall be counted at the next meeting of Executive Council, held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Academy. The ballots shall be counted by two or more persons, not Executive Council members, appointed by the Executive Council for that purpose. Under the supervision of Executive Council, they shall first remove the unidentified ballot envelopes from the other envelopes, open and count the ballots. A plurality of votes cast for each officer shall determine who is elected. The two candidates for Executive Council receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected Councilors-at-Large.
- Section V. In the event of a tie vote for any office, the candidate to be elected will be determined from among the candidates receiving the tie votes for that office, by the Fellows present at the current Fellowship meeting.

ARTICLE V

Vacancies

- Section I. In the event that the office of President becomes vacant, the Vice President shall become President for the unexpired portion of the term. In the event that the office of President-Elect becomes vacant, the office of President for the ensuing year shall be filled at the next annual meeting of the Fellowship except that the ballot for this position shall read "President for the Ensuing Year." A vacancy in the office of Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Editor, Director of Education, or Councilor shall be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Council at any regular or special meeting or by mail ballot if no Executive Council meeting is scheduled within 30 days of such vacancy.

ARTICLE VI

Duties of Officers

- Section I. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Academy. The President shall

be chair of the Executive Council and ex-officio member of all committees. The President shall appoint members and chairs of all committees of the Academy except as otherwise provided in the Constitution and Bylaws.

- Section II. The President-Elect shall become President when office of the President is vacated by the expiration of the term. The President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President prior to the expiration of the term in the event of absence of the President and Vice President.
- Section III. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President.
- Section IV. The Secretary-Treasurer shall collect dues and initiation fees, shall arrange for safekeeping of Academy funds and investments subject to the approval of the Executive Council; and the funds of the Academy shall be withdrawn only upon the check or order of the Secretary-Treasurer, countersigned by the President-Elect. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep books on all transactions, shall submit an annual statement of financial affairs to the Executive Council and the Fellowship. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a record of the Academy meetings as well as minutes of the meetings of the Executive Council. The Secretary-Treasurer may have an expense account as determined annually by the Executive Council for expenses of the office. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be bonded at the expense of the Academy.
- Section V. The Editor shall prepare the proceedings of the annual meetings and shall represent the Academy on the official journal.
- Section VI. The Director of Education shall be chair of the Education Committee, shall develop and maintain an education program consonant with the objectives of the Academy (Constitution Article III, Section I) and shall represent the Academy on matters related to education.
- Section VII. The Academy shall indemnify and hold harmless each Academy officer, each member of Executive Council, and each member of the standing committees from and against any and all claims and liabilities to which such persons may be, or become, subject by reason of having been or hereafter being, an officer, a Councilor, or a member of a standing committee, or by reason of alleged acts or omissions as an officer, a Councilor, or a member of a standing committee. The Academy shall reimburse each of the aforementioned officers, Councilors, or members of standing committees for all legal and other expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with the defending against any such claims or liabilities, provided, however, that no officer, Councilor, or member of a standing committee shall be indemnified against, or reimbursed for, an expense incurred in defending a claim or liability arising out of personal negligence or willful misconduct. The foregoing rights of the officers, Councilors, or members of standing committees shall not be exclusive of other rights to which they may be lawfully entitled.

ARTICLE VII

Fees and Dues

Assessment of fees and dues shall be determined by Executive Council upon recommendation by the Finance Committee, and approved by the Fellowship.

- Section I. There shall be an initiation fee for Membership which must be remitted with the application. This amount shall serve as the dues for the initial year.
- Section II. There shall be a Fellowship examination fee assessed, payable to the Academy upon approval of the candidate's credentials.
- Section III. There shall be an assessment for annual dues for Members and Fellows.
- Section IV. The operating year shall commence on January 1 of each year and the annual dues are payable at this time.
- Section V. The first statement for annual dues, and all other indebtedness to the Academy will be forwarded on or before December 1 and be payable by January 1. A second statement, if necessary, will be forwarded by February 1 and the member considered delinquent if the total amount of the statement is not remitted to the Secretary-Treasurer by April 1. A third and final notice will be sent to delinquent members on June 1 and they will be dropped from the Academy roll on July 1 if they have not remitted full payment by this date. Delinquent members can attend the Annual Meeting and participate in any Academy programs or courses at the non-member rate. The subscription to the Journal will be canceled when a member becomes delinquent.

ARTICLE VIII

Reinstatement and Resignation

- Section I. A member may be reinstated by payment of all indebtedness to the Academy before December 31 of the same year that membership was dropped. During the second year membership may be reinstated by payment of all indebtedness and a reinstatement fee of ten (\$10) dollars. After two years an individual must resubmit an application for membership and pay the initiation fee (\$50) and all other indebtedness before membership is granted.
- Section II. Resignation may be effected at any time by submission of such request to the Secretary-Treasurer for transmission to the Executive Council.

ARTICLE IX

Emergency Powers of the Executive Council

- Section I. Under times of financial stress or national emergency, the Executive Council shall have the power to act in any manner necessary for the welfare of the Academy.

ARTICLE X

Parliamentary Procedure

- Section I. All parliamentary procedures at meetings of this Academy and its Executive Council shall be governed by the latest edition of Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure except where otherwise provided in the Constitution and Bylaws.
- Section II. A parliamentarian may be appointed by the President of the Academy and shall serve in an advisory capacity.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments

- Section I. These Bylaws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the Fellows present and voting at any annual meeting of the Academy, provided said amendments have been endorsed by five Fellows and submitted to the Fellowship by publication at least thirty days prior to the meeting. The proposed amendments shall be submitted with the reasons for the proposed change and the names of the Fellows who endorsed the amendment.
- Section II. Without prior notification, amendments of the Bylaws may also be effected by unanimous consent of Fellows voting at a regular meeting of the Academy.

ARTICLE XII

Ethics

- Section I. The ethical and professional conduct of the Members or Fellows shall be governed by the Codes of Ethics of the American Dental Association and of the Academy.
- Section II. A Code of Ethics, prepared by the Executive Council and adopted by the Fellowship, shall additionally apply to the Members and Fellows as follows:

CODE OF ETHICS

I affirm my adherence to the "Principles of Ethics" of the American Dental Association and my determination to practice the profession of dentistry and the specialty of oral and maxillofacial pathology in accord with them. In order that my services may be of maximum benefit to all patients and to achieve the greatest cooperation and rapport with my colleagues, I agree to practice in accordance with the following principles:

Laboratory reports should not be issued to patients without permission of the attending dentist or physician.

Competition for laboratory services should not be based on fees.

There should be no division of fees for laboratory services with referring clinicians.

Laboratories subsidized by institutions should not compete with private laboratories in the area on the basis of fees resulting from such subsidy.

Reports on material from the laboratory of another pathologist should be issued only if that pathologist is informed of the results of the examination.

Diagnostic material should not be solicited nor accepted directly from the laity.

The position occupied by another oral and maxillofacial pathologist can be solicited or accepted only after first consulting with that oral and maxillofacial pathologist.