

2021 PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

Face-to-Face Annual Meetings

The AORN Bylaws Committee, at the request of AORN 2020-21 President David Wyatt and President Holly Ervine, recommends the following changes to the AORN bylaws to allow for virtual annual membership meetings in extenuating circumstances. The proposal also deletes “annual” in front of Congress as an editorial change.

Article VIII (Meetings), Section 1: House of Delegates

A. ~~The Congress is the annual business meeting of the Association, which shall be held in person unless circumstances beyond the Association’s control, a face-to-face meeting and is designated as the annual Congress, and the time and place is as~~ determined by the Board of Directors, **require a virtual meeting.**

B. The voting body of ~~the annual~~ Congress is the House of Delegates constituted as follows:

1. Chapter designated delegates.
2. Any member in good standing with voting rights as defined in Article III, who is attending ~~the annual~~ Congress.

C. Special meetings of the House of Delegates may be called during ~~the annual~~ Congress by the national President, or upon request of one-third (1/3) of the total number of members of the House of Delegates, or by written request of five (5) members of the Board of Directors.

D. Delegates shall not vote by proxy at meetings of the House of Delegates held during ~~the annual~~ Congress.

E. A quorum consists of all delegates present at a meeting of the House of Delegates but shall not be fewer than 100 delegates.

Special Business Meetings Held Between Congresses

The Bylaws Committee is recommending a change to the quorum requirement for special business meetings held between Congresses to mirror the current quorum requirement for the annual House of Delegates meetings.

Article VIII (Meetings), Section 2: Special business meetings held between Congresses

A. Special business meetings of the Association may be held between the annual Congresses on the written request of five (5) members of the Board of Directors.

B. The voting body of special business meetings held between Congresses shall be:

1. Chapter designated delegates.
2. Any member in good standing with voting rights as defined in Article III.

- C. There shall be no voting by proxy at the special business meetings held between Congresses.
- D. ~~The A~~ quorum **consists of all** ~~for any special business meetings held between Congresses~~ shall be at least 100 delegates **present at a special meeting but shall not be fewer than 100 delegates**, with a minimum number of ten (10) delegates from each of AORN's five (5) national legislative regions.

Standing Elected Bylaws Committee

Members will vote on a member-submitted proposal for a bylaws amendment that would create a standing elected bylaws committee. If the proposal is adopted by the membership during the August 2021 House of Delegates, the AORN President will appoint a bylaws committee that will be authorized to present the necessary changes for the House of Delegates to fully effectuate the change.