

## PALTmed House of Delegates

### Bylaws Votes

#### **Vote #1**

##### **Article III Membership**

###### **1. Removal of Membership Restrictions (51% Physician Rule):**

Removal of this paragraph under General Membership:

- a. *General membership in PALTmed shall be no less than 51% physicians. If, in the opinion of the Board, membership among clinicians who are not physicians is approaching that threshold, PALTmed shall suspend new memberships among clinicians who are not physicians, and actively recruit physician members, until such time as the physician threshold is no longer at risk of being reduced below 51%.*

- Legal Counsel Guidance - Limiting the number of clinicians, who are not physicians, that can be members involves anti-trust risks.
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#### **Vote #2**

##### **Article III Membership**

###### **1. General Membership Definition:**

- Edits to the description for General Membership to:
    - *General membership in PALTmed may be granted to physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, clinical nurse specialists, or other doctorly-prepared health care professional who has an interest in post-acute and long-term care medicine.*
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#### **Vote #3**

##### **Article III Membership**

###### **1. New Membership Dues Model:**

- Transition to a unified membership structure with national and chapter dues combined.
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#### **Vote #4**

##### **Article VI-Board Officers**

##### **Article VII-Board of Directors**

##### **Article VIII-Elections**

###### **1. New Board Structure: (yellow highlight = a change)**

- **Presidential Line:**
  - Vice President
  - President-Elect
  - President
  - Immediate Past President
- **Treasurer**
- **House of Delegates:**
  - Chair
  - **Vice Chair** (changed from Secretary position)
- **Certification Council Chair** (formerly ABPLM Chair)
- **Directors-at-Large:** 5 members
  - Changed from HOD and State Council President representatives
- **Public Member:** Optional (Board discretion)

## 2. Changes to Board Position Eligibility:

- **Presidential Line:**
  - Prior service on PALMed or PALTCM Foundation boards
- **Treasurer:**
  - Prior service on Finance Committee or PALMed/Foundation boards
- **HOD Vice Chair:**
  - 2 years served as HOD Delegate
- **Director-at-Large:**
  - General Member (good standing for 3+ years)
  - Board to set additional specifications based on needs

## 3. Change in Board Election Process:

- Election will be by vote of the full membership (instead of House of Delegates).

## 4. Renaming Nominating Committee:

- **New Name:** Leadership Development Committee
- **Responsibilities:** Cultivating leaders, expanding/diversifying Board and committee candidates.
- This Committee will still manage the nominations process with Board direction.

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## Vote #5

### 1. Article XI – Sections:

- Legal counsel recommends removing this from the bylaws and putting this into a Board Policy Manual to allow for flexibility which may be needed to deal with changing needs.
- Sections are no longer utilized in this way. Special Interest Groups now serve this purpose.

### 1. Article XIV – Representation to Other Organizations:

- This outdated policy will now be in the Board Policy Manual for easier updates.

### 2. Article XVII – Parliamentary Authority:

- This outdated policy will now be in the Board Policy Manual and Board Culture statement for easier updates.