



# World Association of Societies of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (WASPALM)

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### Report – WASPALM By Laws Committee

Following several meetings over the course of the last few months, the WASPALM By Laws Committee has completed the edits to the By Laws.

The highlighted changes to the By Laws are as noted below. At the upcoming World Congress in November, the House of Representatives will have an opportunity to discuss and comment on these changes. Emailed comments from our Constituent Societies are also welcomed.

After review at the World Congress, the By Laws will be forwarded to the lawyers for final edits and revisions.

The articles that have changed significantly are noted below.

### Changes to the WASPALM Membership – Article 3, Section 2

The Association shall have two classes of members. The Corresponding Society will no longer exist.

- (1) Constituent Societies (Dues paying) – defined as *a majority of whose voting members are lawfully qualified physicians specializing in the practice of pathology and/or laboratory medicine.*
- (2) Associate Societies – defined as *societies of pathology and/or laboratory medicine the majority of whom are not physicians.*

Bureau will have the right to waive the fees of a Constituent Society, if they have financial hardships, dues can be waived.

### Changes to House of Representatives (Proxy)– Article 4, Section 7

Addition to the By Laws: Voting by proxy vote will be allowed.

The details of which will be determined by the lawyer and outlined in the WASPALM Policy Manual.

### Changes to Officers and Directors – Article 5, Section 1

The Officers of the Association shall be:

President

President-elect

Secretary-Treasurer

7 Directors

- Directors are elected from WASPALM Regions
- WASPALM Regions will correspond to the WHO regions by Constituent Societies located in those regions with the addition of Northern and Latin American Regions
  - Regions
    - African Region
    - South-East Asia Region
    - European Region
    - Eastern Mediterranean Region
    - Western Pacific Region
    - Northern American region – Additional WASPALM region
    - Latin American region – Additional WASPALM
- Directors shall be the elected Constituent Societies, not individuals. Constituent Society leadership will nominate a representative their region on the Bureau.

## **Report – WASPaLM By Laws Committee – August 2015**

### **Changes to the election process – Article 5 – Section 3**

The election process will begin 6 months prior to the World Congress with the Call for Nominations to Constituent Societies by the Secretary-Treasurer.

The nomination deadline will be 60 days hence.

Not less than 4 months prior to the World Congress and list of nominations will be compiled and, if required, will be forwarded to Constituent Societies for election.

If needed, Constituent Societies will have 30 days to reply to the election ballot.

Final election results will be forwarded to Bureau and Constituent Societies 4 months prior to the World Congress.

In the event of the regional directorship is not filled by election; the Bureau will have the ability to appoint a Regional Director.

### **Changes to Term of Office – Article 5, Section 4**

The Immediate Past President of the Association will not hold a position on the WASPaLM Bureau following their term but will be available for consultation, if needed and may serve on any of the core committees, if invited.