

Revised AABIP Bylaws

Rationale for revision

The Bylaws of the AABIP were created at the inception of our organization and over the years, they have undergone only very minor changes. However, the last decade has seen a significant growth in membership, development of new committees, a successful implementation of a standalone annual meeting and modern communication channels with members. There is a need to update sections of the Bylaws to assure alignment with the current standard operating procedures.

Summary of changes

1. *Article II: Classes of Membership*- clarified terms for each class and operating procedures
2. *Article III: Election meetings and rights of members*: defined role of Membership Committee; adjusted communication strategies with membership
3. *Article IV: Membership Dues and Fees*: introduced discounts to international members from low-income countries
4. *Article V: Ethics and Discipline*: refer to AABIP COI policy and change the \$ amount requested to be disclosed
5. *Article VI: Board of Directors*: modernized text regarding current processes for renewal, voting and cadence of BOD meetings; removed BOD position for Industry Liaison representatives
6. *Article VII: Journal of Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology*: modernized text to reflect current roles and responsibilities
7. *Article VIII: Officers*: adjusted President's stipend and clarified its use for AABIP projects
8. *Article IX: Revised the Nominating Committee structure to strengthen institutional memory while further advancing our well-established, transparent nomination process.*
9. *Article IX*: added the following committees (Certification Committee, Advocacy Committee, Communication and Social Media Committee, Annual Conference Program Organizing Committee, and Diversity, Inclusion and Unity Committee) and modernized structure, roles and responsibilities of all committees