

2025 Proposed Resolutions

Resolution 1-25: *Former OSHP Executive Vice President, OPA Parliamentarian, and Chair of OPA Resolutions & Bylaws Committee, Bob Parsons, Appreciation*

Resolved, that the Ohio Pharmacists Association in the Annual Conference:

Expresses appreciation to Bob Parsons for his exemplary dedication as OSHP Executive Vice President, OPA Parliamentarian and Chair of OPA Resolutions & Bylaws Committee, demonstrating unwavering commitment to the advancement of the profession of pharmacy. During his tenures, Bob contributed significantly to the success of the association and collaboration between OSHP and OPA. His effective leadership has garnered immense respect not only within both associations but also among his former student pharmacists, pharmacy residents, and colleagues in the pharmacy community.

Conveys appreciation for their service on behalf of the entire membership.

Resolution 2-25: *Expressions of Appreciation*

Resolved, that the Ohio Pharmacists Association in the Annual Conference:

Expresses to retiring President Jen Rodis the sincere gratitude and appreciation of the entire OPA membership for her efforts made during her term of office and for the work she has done for the Association and the profession; her professional leadership will provide inspiration and guidance to those who will serve the profession for many years to come;

Conveys on behalf of the entire membership, appreciation to all Ohio Pharmacists Association officers, trustees, committee, task force, and SIG chairs and members, Executive Director Dave Burke and staff, and other friends of the Association who have so unselfishly devoted their efforts to the continuing progress of the profession;

Expresses thanks and sincere appreciation to all contributors, sponsors, and exhibitors at this 147th Annual Conference; the donations of their time and money have added to the success of the meeting; members are urged to support the contributors, sponsors, and exhibitors in expression of our appreciation; and

Expresses special thanks to the advertisers in the *Ohio Pharmacist*, our official publication, to the OPA website, to the *Ohio Pharmacy Newsline*, and to the Annual Conference program, whose loyalty and dedication have made possible the production and distribution of the journal/web to Association members for their continued education and information; members are urged to continue their support of these Ohio Pharmacists Association advertisers.

2025 Bylaws Amendments

The Resolutions & Bylaws Committee approved the following Bylaws amendment to be considered at the 2025 OPA House of Delegates meeting, April 12, 3:00 p.m. in Columbus, OH. Sections of the Bylaws with proposed changes are underlined and stricken through are included below. The Committee voted to recommend adoption.

ARTICLE I. Name, Mission, and Goals

Section 2. The Goals of the Association shall be:

- A. To be the voice of pharmacists and pharmacy personnel to protect and advance the profession;
- B. To cultivate passion and foster professional fulfillment for pharmacists and pharmacy personnel;
- C. To strengthen pharmacy practice to optimize medication use;
- D. To inspire pharmacists and pharmacy personnel to be valued and connected members; and
- E. To align operational resources to facilitate the mission and vision of the Association.

ARTICLE III. Membership

Section 1. The categories of membership in the Association shall consist of Active, Associate, Student, Life, Honorary, and Retired members. The membership qualifications and membership rights of each category are as follows:

A. Active Members

- i. Qualifications: All persons of good professional standing who have graduated from an accredited college/school of pharmacy and whose dues are paid in full.
- ii. Rights: Every Active Member shall be entitled to hold office and to participate in and vote in any election and at all meetings of the members of the Association.

B. Associate Members

- i. Qualifications: All persons interested in and supporting pharmacy who are not eligible to be Active Members.
- ii. Rights: Every Associate Member shall be entitled to participate in all meetings of the members of the Association but shall not be eligible to vote or hold office in the Association except as provided in Article IX, Section 1.

C. Student Members

- i. Qualifications: All students enrolled in any college/school of pharmacy.
- ii. Rights: Every Student Member shall be entitled to participate in all meetings of the members of the Association but shall not be eligible to vote or hold office in the Association, except as specifically provided in Article VI, Section 1B.

D. Technician Members

- a. Qualifications: All persons who are a trainee, registered, or certified pharmacy technician or state specified equivalent.

- b. Rights: Every Technician Member shall be entitled to participate in all meetings of the members of the Association but shall not be eligible to vote or hold office in the Association except as provided in Article IX, Section 1.

E. Life Members

- i. Qualifications: All Active Members who have been recommended to and approved by the Board of Trustees for Life Membership because of distinguished and long-term service to pharmacy and the Association.
- ii. Rights: Life Members shall not pay dues and shall have the same rights as Active Members.

F. Honorary Members

- i. Qualifications: All persons who have been recommended to and approved by the Board of Trustees for honorary membership because of exemplary service to pharmacy.
- ii. Rights: Honorary Members shall be entitled to participate in all meetings of the Association but shall not be eligible to vote or hold office in the Association.

G. Retired Members

- i. Qualifications: Any Active Member who has reached the age of 65 years and has retired from the full-time practice of pharmacy may request to be designated as a Retired Member.
- ii. Rights: Retired Members shall have the same rights as Active Members.

ARTICLE V. Election of Officers and Trustees

Section 3. Nominations. The Member ~~Services and Development~~ Engagement and Experience Committee shall present a slate of at least one, but not more than three, nominees for each office to be filled. This slate shall be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval.

ARTICLE VI. Meetings of Members

Section 1. House of Delegates.

There shall be a House of Delegates as specified in these Bylaws.

- A. **Composition.** The House of Delegates shall be composed of district delegates, members of the Board of Trustees including student trustees, Past Presidents of the Association, and the Chair of each standing committee and SIG group. All members of the House of Delegates shall be members of the Association.
- B. **Seating and Tenure.**
 - i. One Delegate shall be seated for each twenty (20) active members or major fraction thereof from each Trustee District.
 - ii. Each district will be allowed an equal number of Alternate Delegates who shall serve in the absence of the Delegate(s).
 - iii. Each Delegate shall be entitled to one vote.
 - iv. Any Active, Student, Technician, Life, or Retired member may petition to serve as a Delegate.

Section 2. Meetings of Members.

- A. **Annual Meeting.** The Annual Meeting of the members of the Association shall be held once a year at a time and place determined by the Board of Trustees.
- B. **Notice of Annual Meeting.** The Executive Director shall cause notice of the time and place of the Annual Meeting of the members in a method deemed appropriate by the Executive Director.
- C. **Special Meetings.** A special meeting of the members of the Association may be called by the President and shall be called upon written request of twenty-five (25) or more active members to the Executive Director or by an action of the Board of Trustees.
- D. **Notice of Special Meetings.** The Executive Director shall cause notice of the time, place, and purpose of special meetings of the members to be issued, by any ~~method authorized by law~~ authorized communication method, to all members of the Association not less than seven (7) nor more than thirty (30) days prior to such meeting.

ARTICLE VII. Board of Trustees

Section 3. Meetings of the Board of Trustees.

- A. **Annual Meeting.** The first meeting of the Board of Trustees held following the Annual Meeting of the members shall be designated the Annual Meeting of the Board.
- B. **Regular Meetings.** In addition to the Annual Meeting, the Board of Trustees shall hold at least three (3) other meetings annually which shall be called by the President.
- C. **Special Meetings.** A special meeting of the Board of Trustees may be called by the President and shall be called upon the written request of four (4) members of the Board of Trustees to the Executive Director.
- D. **Notice of Meetings.** The Executive Director shall issue notice, by any ~~method authorized by law~~ authorized communication method, of the time and place of the Annual Meeting and the Regular Meetings, and the time, place, and purpose of each special meeting to each Trustee not less than seven (7) nor more than thirty (30) days prior to such meeting. Trustees may waive notice of the meeting in writing at or before the meeting. Attendance at the meeting shall constitute waiver of notice of the meeting.
- E. **Place of Meetings.** Meetings shall be held in person or virtually by the use of authorized communication equipment.
- F. **Quorum.** A simple majority of the voting members of the Board of Trustees present in person and/or virtually by the use of authorized communication equipment shall constitute a quorum.
- G. **Voting.** Unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws, all actions of the Board of Trustees shall be approved by an affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members of the Board of Trustees present and voting at a meeting at which a quorum has been established.

ARTICLE VIII. Executive Committee

Section 2. Duties. The Executive Committee shall assist in the management of the Association between Board of Trustee Meetings and shall report to the Board of Trustees on its activities. It shall pass on and approve all bills and shall audit or direct the audit of all ~~books-finances~~ and accounts of the Association and report to the Board of Trustees and to the membership at the Annual Meeting. The Executive Committee shall support, defend, and implement decisions of the Board of Trustees and the House of Delegates.

Section 3. Meetings of the Executive Committee.

- A. **Regular Meetings.** The Executive Committee shall have at least four (4) meetings annually which shall be called by the President.
- B. **Notice of Meetings.** The Executive Director shall issue notice, by any ~~method authorized by law~~ authorized communication method, of the time and place of each regular meeting to each member of the Executive Committee not less than seven (7) nor more than thirty (30) days prior to such meetings. Members of the Executive Committee may waive notice of the meeting in writing at or before the meeting. Attendance at the meeting shall constitute waiver of notice of the meeting.
- C. **Place of Meetings.** Meetings shall be held in person or virtually by the use of authorized communication equipment.
- D. **Quorum.** A simple majority of the voting members of the Executive Committee present in person and/or virtually by the use of authorized communication equipment shall constitute a quorum.
- E. **Voting.** All actions of the Executive Committee shall be approved by a majority vote of the members eligible to vote.

ARTICLE IX. Committees

Section 1. Appointment and Charges. The President shall appoint ~~the Chair/Co-Chairs,~~ Chair, Co-Chair, ~~as well as and the~~ members of Standing Committees annually ~~in the summer~~ after the OPA Annual Meeting and before committee meetings begin. All Association members shall be eligible to serve as voting committee members. Charges for committees will be assigned by the Executive Committee and communicated by the President to committee chairs annually after the Annual Meeting and before committee meetings begin ~~in the summer~~.

Section 2. Standing Committees. The Standing Committees of the Association shall be:

- A. Finance and Planning
- B. Legal and Regulatory
- C. ~~Member Services and Development~~ Engagement and Experience
- D. Resolutions and Bylaws
- E. Practice Advancement and Innovation
- F. Communications
- G. New Practitioner eXperience (NPX)

Section 3. Duties of Standing Committees.

- A. **Finance and Planning.** ~~The Executive Committee and one other active member of the Association appointed by the President shall constitute the Finance and Planning Committee. The President Elect shall serve as chair. This committee oversees and makes recommendations on issues of the Associations' finances and long range plans. Each year the President shall convene an ad hoc committee, representative of the Association's membership, to address long range plans. The Immediate Past President shall serve as chair of this ad hoc committee. This committee oversees and provides recommendations on the finances and strategic plan/annual goals for the Association. It is comprised of the Executive Committee and one other active member of the Association appointed by the President with the President-Elect serving as the Chair and the Immediate Past President as the Co-Chair.~~
- B. **Legal and Regulatory.** ~~This committee reviews and recommends legislative action and support or opposition to proposed legislation, rules, or regulations to the Board of Trustees. It provides input on strategy with respect to proposals which occur during each legislative session between meetings of the Board of Trustees. This committee shall solicit the Association's nominations for vacancies on the Board of Pharmacy as provided in Section 4729.02 of the Ohio Revised Code. This committee shall submit a list of not more than five (5) names for each Board of Pharmacy appointment. Vacancies occurring on the list of nominations shall be filled by the Board of Trustees before being presented to the Office of the Governor. This committee guides the development and implementation of advocacy strategies for the Association and reviews and advises legislative action and support or opposition to proposed legislation, rules, or regulations impacting the practice of pharmacy. Special duties shall include soliciting the Association's nominations for vacancies on the Board of Pharmacy and recommending a list of not more than five (5) names for each Board of Pharmacy appointment to the Board of Trustees for approval before being presented to the Office of the Governor.~~
- C. **~~Member Services and Development~~ Engagement and Experience.** ~~This committee shall include at least one past president of the Association and one previous award recipient. This committee develops the ways and means of the member experience and strategies for building Association membership. This committee solicits nominations for Association awards and recommends the names of recipients, subject to approval by the Board of Trustees. This committee presents a slate of candidates for the elected offices of the Association in accordance with Article V of these Bylaws. This committee promotes growth and engagement of membership within the Association. Special duties shall include soliciting nominations for Association awards and recommending recipients to the Board of Trustees for approval and presenting a slate of candidates for the elected offices of the Association in accordance with Article V of these Bylaws.~~
- D. **Resolutions and Bylaws.** ~~This committee reviews all resolutions, revising, and rewriting them as necessary to ensure their compliance with these Bylaws. Proposed resolutions shall be presented to this committee no later than sixty five (65) days prior to the Annual Meeting. The results of the committee's deliberations shall be communicated to the past presidents of the Association, and members of the Board of Trustees for the Association, not later than thirty (30)~~

~~days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Association. A resolution submitted later than this sixty-five (65) day deadline may be considered by the House of Delegates only with the 2/3 approval of this committee in attendance at the Annual Meeting. This committee shall present a report to the House of Delegates at the Annual Meeting. This committee is charged with reviewing all proposed changes in the Bylaws and other governing documents of the Association and recommending adoption or rejection of such proposals. This committee shall be authorized to correct article and section designations, punctuation, and cross-references, and to make such technical and editorial changes as may be necessary to assure accuracy and readability of the Bylaws. This committee reviews all proposed resolutions and proposed amendments to the Bylaws in addition to previously adopted resolutions and the current Bylaws and shall present a report to the House of Delegates at the Annual Meeting which outlines the committee's recommendations. Proposed resolutions shall be presented to this committee no later than sixty-five (65) days prior to the Annual Meeting. The results of the committee's deliberations, including revision and rewriting to ensure compliance with these Bylaws, shall be communicated to the past presidents of the Association and members of the Board of Trustees for the Association, not later than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting. A resolution submitted later than this sixty-five (65) day deadline may be considered by the House of Delegates only with approval of House leadership and the Committee Chair if submitted at least 24 hours in advance of the House of Delegates at the Annual Meeting. All resolutions shall be adopted by a simple majority vote of the Delegates present and voting at a meeting of the House of Delegates. Proposed amendments to the Bylaws shall follow Article XIII of these Bylaws. This committee shall be authorized to correct article and section designations, punctuation, and cross-references, and to make technical and editorial changes as necessary to ensure accuracy and readability of all resolutions and of the Bylaws.~~

- E. **Practice Advancement and Innovation.** ~~This committee works to advance the pharmacy profession through patient-centered, pharmacist-driven innovation focused pharmacist-provided care to improve health outcomes. This committee advances the pharmacy profession by driving, facilitating, and promoting innovation in pharmacist provided care.~~
- F. **Communications.** ~~This committee enhances member connection and promotes the role of pharmacists, technicians, and the Association by delivering strategic messaging to members, external stakeholders, and the general public.~~
- G. **New Practitioner Experience (NPX).** ~~The New Practitioner Experience (NPX) Committee provides leadership, advocacy, networking, and practice development opportunities to pharmacists in their first seven years of practice. All current Ohio Pharmacists Association pharmacist members practicing seven years or less from graduation are members of this committee. This committee serves as a catalyst for the transition from student to pharmacist by providing new practitioners the opportunity to achieve personal and professional growth through leadership, advocacy, networking, and practice development opportunities. It is comprised of all Active members of the Association practicing seven (7) years or less from graduation with a Chair, Co-Chair and advisory team appointed by the President.~~

Section 4. Special Interest Groups, Workgroups, or Task Forces. ~~The Board of Trustees may establish Special Interest Groups (SIGs) or Task Forces as necessary to discuss concerns of specialty areas of pharmacy practice or to address specific issues or opportunities in the profession of pharmacy. The Board of Trustees may establish Special Interest Groups (SIGs), Workgroups, or Task Forces as necessary to discuss/address specific issues or opportunities in specialty areas of pharmacy practice or the profession of pharmacy.~~