

## Summary of the 2019 Proposed Changes to the AMP Bylaws

1. Limits Regular membership restriction to sponsor abstracts to only AMP's Annual Meeting. This would enable Associate Members (trainees) and non-members to submit abstracts to all other AMP meetings, e.g., international congresses, without a Regular Member sponsor.
2. Changes the terms of appointed committee members from one year, renewable by the Board, to "terms as determined by the Board."
  - This change will provide the Board with flexibility to determine the appointed term length for chairs and members through policy. It could also reduce the administrative work currently imposed on committee chairs and staff to conduct reappointments every year.
3. Creates the International Affairs Committee as a Standing Committee. As a Standing Committee, its chair would be a voting member of the AMP Board of Directors. The chair would be a non-U.S. resident, appointed by the Board to that position; the committee would be comprised of at least three additional non-U.S. resident members, all appointed by the Board.
  - The International Affairs Committee (IAC) began as a working group of the Membership & Professional Affairs Committee (now the Membership Affairs Committee) in 2010. In 2015, the Board established the International Affairs Committee (IAC) as an *ad hoc* committee. As a Standing Committee, the IAC Chair would be a voting member of the AMP Board of Directors (currently the IAC Chair attends board meetings as a non-voting guest). The IAC accomplishments have been laudable such as the significant number of non-U.S. affiliates, membership growth, a pocket card resource specific to non-US labs, assistance with two successful international conferences, and a popular International Luncheon at the Annual Meeting. The other committees with appointed chairs are the Professional Relations (PRC) and Economic Affairs (EAC) Committees. Currently, the IAC Chair is selected from committee members, same as the PRC and EAC, and the Board wishes to continue this as the knowledge necessary to chair these committees well is not inherent in the general AMP membership.
4. Changes the name of the Publication and Communication Committee to simply "Publications Committee."
  - This provides the Board with needed flexibility to provide oversight of AMP's various associated functions, i.e., not forcing them via bylaws into a single committee. It also enables the Board to provide for appropriate oversight of *The Journal of Molecular Diagnostics (JMD)*.
5. Other changes and corrections for clarity and improved administrative function.