

# **PROCESS FOR HANDLING PROPOSED RESIDENT ASSEMBLY ADVISORY OPINIONS**

AAOS Resident Assembly

## **Open Hearing**

The Resident Assembly Chair moderates.

The Sponsors of the proposed Advisory Opinions should be prepared to make the first remarks and address questions.

## **Report Drafting**

Anyone with a particularly strong interest in the outcome of the statement or wishing to be heard beyond the Open Hearing is strongly encouraged to attend the executive sessions of the Resident Assembly Executive Committee.

AAOS staff will duplicate copies of the Resident Assembly reports for distribution on Thursday.

## **AAOS Resident Assembly Meeting**

The Resident Assembly Chair will oversee the Advisory Opinions during the meeting. Staff will assist the Chair in determining parliamentary questions.

There is up to 30 minutes allotted for consideration of the items before the Resident Assembly – and that the following guidelines will be followed:

- There will be three microphones -- labeled #1, #2, and #3;
- After the recommendation on the proposed action is made by the Chair, the primary sponsor of the statement (if any) will be asked to concisely provide his or her view on the recommendation;
- All speakers should identify themselves, whether they are a resident or delegate, and if a delegate which program they are from, whether they are speaking on behalf of the program or themselves and whether they are speaking in favor of or against the issue on the floor;
- Speakers should be concise;

- Speakers should attempt to limit their discussion to items that have not yet been raised; and
- Speakers should not speak again until others have had the opportunity to do so.

### Presentation of Report and Recommendations

The Chair will present the report and recommendation on each action and move its adoption. No second is necessary. The discussion should focus on the report and recommendation – and speakers should be prompted to indicate whether they are for or against it.

If an amendment is made, the person presenting the amendment should identify whether they are a resident or delegate, and if a delegate which program they are from and whether they are speaking on behalf of the program or themselves. Discussion should then shift entirely to the amendment and whether it should be adopted. Members of the Resident Assembly may speak to the amendment, regardless of who initially presented the amendment.

Once all amendments have been made, the Resident Assembly will vote on the Advisory Opinion as it has been amended by that body. Resident delegates will have one vote. For all matters coming before the 2017 Annual Meeting, voters will select from among three options:

- Accept the recommendation
- Do not accept the recommendation
- Take no position (abstain)

A majority of those delegates present will vote on the recommended Advisory Opinion, with the voting results to be announced prior to the conclusion of the Resident Assembly.

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If there are any questions regarding these Procedures, please contact [residentassembly@aaos.org](mailto:residentassembly@aaos.org)