American Academy of Periodontology

General Assembly to Vote on Constitution and Bylaws Changes at 2014 Annual Meeting in San Francisco

The AAP maintains a policy manual to facilitate governance and operational oversight. At its April 2014 meeting, the Board adopted a new policy to be included in the Manual:

- Code of Conduct for Academy Members

The current version of the AAP Constitution and Bylaws only references the American Dental Association's Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct. With the adoption of the Code of Conduct for Academy Members, the Constitution and Bylaws must now be amended to reference both the AAP and ADA codes.

Active and Life-Active members of the Academy will be asked to vote on this amendment during the General Assembly at the 2014 Annual Meeting in San Francisco on Sunday, September 21, 2014 at 5:15 p.m. Please check the meeting program for updates on time and place.

- Proposed Changes to the AAP Constitution and Bylaws
- The Code of Conduct for Academy Members
PROPOSED CONSTITUTION CHANGE - ADD REFERENCE TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ACADEMY MEMBERS

PURPOSE: To include, where appropriate, reference to the Code of Conduct for Academy Members.

Article XIII – Principle of Ethics

The Code of Conduct for Academy Members and Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct of the American Dental Association shall govern the professional conduct of the members of this Academy.

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE - ADD REFERENCE TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ACADEMY MEMBERS

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Chapter I – Membership

Section 2. Qualifications
Any person who is in default with any financial obligations to the Academy or who is in violation of the Code of Conduct for Academy Members or Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct of the American Dental Association (or analogous principles applicable to non-residents of the United States) may be denied membership in the Academy.

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Section 5. Good Standing
A member is considered to be in good standing if the member has paid all dues and met all financial obligations to the Academy when due, is in compliance with the provisions of these Bylaws concerning attendance requirements and certification of practice, is not known to be in violation of the Code of Conduct for Academy Members or Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct of the American Dental Association (or analogous principles applicable to non-residents of the United States), and the individual's membership has not been suspended or terminated.

Chapter XII – Professional Conduct and Disciplinary Process

Section 1. Professional Conduct:

Underscored text indicates an addition.
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Section 2. Conduct Subject to Discipline:

A member may be subject to disciplinary sanctions if the member is found to have:
   A. committed a felony;
   B. violated the dental practice act of the state or province in which the member practices;
   C. violated the Code of Conduct for Academy Members or Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct of the American Dental Association.
   D. violated the Academy’s Disclosure Statement Regarding Dual Commitment policy; or
   E. violated any Academy rules or policy.
CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ACADEMY MEMBERS

All members of the Academy have duties to the profession, their patients, and the public. These include the following:

1. Obey all laws governing the practice of dentistry and all laws requiring fair and honest conduct.
2. Act honestly and ethically at all times.
3. Always work in the best interests of your patients.
4. Honor all patient and professional confidences.
5. Treat colleagues and patients with integrity, respect, and fairness.
6. Seek to enhance the image of the dental profession through honest and positive personal actions.
7. Refrain from communications that are false or deceptive or that create unreasonable expectations.
8. Strive to maintain and improve knowledge and skills in your areas of practice.
9. Consider new ideas and practice techniques to determine whether they will promote the interests of patients.
10. Teach any advances in practice or technique to your periodontal colleagues so that patients will be better cared for.