

The April 2016 ISRNM Bylaws Amendments

This 5-section amendment was reviewed and approved by the ISRNM Council, followed by presentation and approval by membership at large during the ISRNM business meeting on Friday 22-Apr-2016 from 12 noon to 12:20 PM, in Okinawa, Japan, during the 18th International Congress in Renal Nutrition and Metabolism.

Amendment I: ISRNM Chapters

The ISRNM may approve autonomous affiliates known as “ISRNM chapters” in different countries and regions throughout the world. The autonomous chapters are to adhere to ISRNM bylaws and general policies and regulations of the ISRNM but may have additional bylaws and regulations for local and/or regional operations as long as they are not incompatible with those of the parent ISRNM. The ISRNM president and executive committee shall review and approve the proposed affiliation of a seeking chapter and propose the affiliation to the general council for final approval. The parent ISRNM shall bear no liability as a result of chapter operation or affiliation. The chapter may use ISRNM logo with a clear disclosure that this is an “autonomously affiliated ISRNM chapter without liability”. In case of delinquencies or other violations, the ISRNM president, under direction of the ISRNM executive committee or Council, can end the affiliation within 30 days of decision announcement, during which time the chapter can submit an appeal for review. A disconnected chapter may re-apply upon meeting the criteria and regulations for chapter affiliation, and these regulations will be set forth and updated according to ISRNM executive committee or council. **Chapters or affiliates or courses may not announce or publish statements on behalf of the ISRNM or use ISRNM logo without prior ISRNM approval.**

Amendment II: Ex-Officio Council Members (in addition to the current two life-long ex-officio members)

Executive Committee or Council may nominate up to 2 time-limited ex-officio members, each for 2 year terms, but no longer than 4 consecutive years in case of a second 2-year term. These ex-officio members can be from among past presidents or past council members. In rare circumstances one of the 2 ex-officio members may be a non-ex-council member, in which case it requires justification by the president and review and approval of the Council. President may veto the nominations for ex-officio or may end ex-officio membership with clear justification within 30 days, during which time the ended ex-officio member may appeal. In such a case the final decision will be based on the council majority voting or consensus. Every 10 years or upon departure of one of the previous Ex-Officio members, the ISRNM president can nominate a life-long ex-officio member, this require written justification and unanimous support of all executive committee members, as well as other life-long ex-officio members, along with at least 2/3 of the council members. No more than 4 Ex-Officio members can serve at any given point in time.

Amendment III: co-Editor-in-Chief (EIC) of the Journal of Renal Nutrition (JReN) and other ISRNM journals and publications

The ISRNM President, upon direction and deliberations of the Executive Committee, appoints a co-EIC for JReN and other ISRNM publications for a 3-year term. A second 3-year term can be approved upon review of the activities of the EIC during his/her first term. No person may serve as current or future EIC for longer than total duration of 6 years upon implementation of this amendment. If one or more of the executive committee members are candidates for the EIC position, the President is to seek temporary replacement by one or more past ISRNM presidents. The formed committee will then review and appoint the next EIC for the upcoming term.

Amendment IV: Clarification of the Infrastructure of the Executive Committee

The ISRNM Executive Committee consists of at least 5 persons but not more than 7 persons including the President, President Elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The President has the discretion to appoint up to 2 more persons from among current council members or past presidents as executive committee members during her/his presidency term. The executive committee is in charge of day-to-day operation of the organization, while during the annual council meeting, the president, on behalf of the executive committee, reports to council.

Amendment V: ISRNM Courses and Conferences

The ISRNM President under direction of the Executive Committee may designate courses and conferences as affiliated or endorsed by ISRNM.