

**PROPOSED BYLAWS REVISIONS FOR 2010**  
(text in black current bylaws; blue proposed changes)

**ARTICLE V: DUES**

Dues will be paid on a yearly basis according to category of membership; the annual amount will be determined by the Board of Directors. Membership categories include:

1. Active Members: dues payable annually, or as a Lifetime Member with dues payable once, at fifteen times the current annual rate
2. Retired Members will pay 25% of the annual active member rate
3. Associate Members will pay 75% of annual active member rate
4. Student Members will pay 25% of the annual active member rate.

**PROPOSED**

2. Retired, Associate and Student Members will pay 25% of the annual active member rate.
- 3 & 4 deleted

**ARTICLE VI: STRUCTURE: DELETED**

**RENUMBERED: ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The governance of the organization shall be vested in the Board of Directors, hereafter called "the Board."

**Section 1: COMPOSITION OF BOARD**

- a. The state shall be divided into six (6) geographical regions: New York City, Long Island, Hudson Valley, Northeast, Midstate, and Western.
- b. Active members in each district will elect representatives to the Board of Directors. Each district will elect two representatives to the Board, except New York City, which because of its greater number of licensed midwives, will elect three representatives.
- c. Elections for district representatives shall occur in the fall of alternate years. Each district will elect one representative to a two-year term in odd years and another representative to a two-year term in even years. New York City will elect two representatives in odd years and one in even years. To accomplish the transition to new regions and the new election cycle, in the fall of 2010 only, each region shall elect one representative to a one-year term of office and a second representative to a two-year term of office. New York City will elect one representative to a two-year term and two representatives to one-year terms.
- d. In the event that a regional representative resigns or is removed, the Board may appoint a new representative from the district to fulfill the term. In the event that the district representative cannot attend a Board meeting, he/she may send a non-voting alternate to represent the district at the Board meeting. In the case of chronic absence, a Board member may be removed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board.
- e. In the event that a member of the Board is serving in the capacity of an officer when the term of district representation expires, that member shall remain on the Board as an at-large representative in full capacity until such time as her/his term as officer has been completed.
- f. The Board may appoint one or more student representatives to the Board of Directors.
- g. The Board may appoint one or more at-large representatives per year as the interest or need arises in the state.

**Subsequent Articles renumbered:**

**Article VII: Fiscal Year**

**Article VIII: Parliamentary Authority**

**Article IX: Amendments**

**Article X: Dissolution**