Proposed Bylaws Changes

Original (June 2020)	Proposed (Changes in Red)	Rationale
2.1.1 Fellows. As of January 1, 2007,	2.1.1 Fellows. As of January 1, 2007,	Establishing one membership category for
applicants who graduate in 2007 or later	applicants who graduate in 2007 or later	individuals that live outside of the United
must have a doctorate in audiology or	must have a doctorate in audiology or	States and its territories (e.g., Puerto Rico,
equivalent thereof from a regionally	equivalent thereof from a regionally	Guam, Virgin Islands) streamlines the
accredited institution of higher learning to	accredited institution of higher learning to	membership join, renewal, and rejoin
be eligible for fellow membership.	be eligible for fellow membership.	processes for current and prospective
Applicants who graduated in 2006 or	Applicants who graduated in 2006 or	members. The eligibility requirements
earlier must have at least a master's	earlier must have at least a master's	would be the same for all international
degree in audiology or the equivalent	degree in audiology or the equivalent	members as well as the benefits received
thereof from a regionally accredited	thereof from a regionally accredited	thus creating a more inclusive situation
institution of higher learning to be eligible	institution of higher learning to be eligible	for individuals who are held to varying
for fellow membership. To be eligible for	for fellow membership. To be eligible for	levels of educational and professional
fellow membership, international	fellow membership, international	requirements to practice audiology and
applicants must live outside the United	applicants must live outside the United	hearing health care around the world.
States and have at least (1) a U.S	States and have at least (1) a U.S	
obtained master's degree in audiology or	obtained master's degree in audiology or	
the equivalent thereof (before January 1,	the equivalent thereof (before January 1,	
2007), (2) a doctorate in audiology or the	2007), (2) a doctorate in audiology or the	
equivalent thereof (as of January 1, 2007),	equivalent thereof (as of January 1, 2007),	
or (3) or a certificate of equivalency in	or (3) or a certificate of equivalency in	
audiology regardless of the year of	audiology regardless of the year of	
graduation. Application documentation	graduation. Application documentation	
and other criteria will be followed in	and other criteria will be followed in	
accordance with current Academy	accordance with current Academy	
requirements. Fellow is the only	requirements. Fellow is the only	
membership category with the right to	membership category with the right to	
vote and hold office.	vote and hold office.	
2.1.2 Student Members. Student	2.1.2 Student Members. Student	Establishing one membership category for
members can be distinctly defined in one	members can be distinctly defined in one	students streamlines the join, renewal, and
of two sub-categories: Graduate Student	of two sub-categories: Graduate Student	rejoin process for current and prospective
Members and Undergraduate/Post-	Members and Undergraduate/Post-	members and increases membership

Baccalaureate Students. A graduate	Baccalaureate Students. A graduate	accessibility to students interested in the
student member is one who is enrolled in	student member is one who is enrolled in	profession of audiology.
an audiology-related doctoral program at a	an audiology-related doctoral program at a	
regionally accredited institution of higher	regionally accredited institution of higher	
learning. An undergraduate/post-	learning or <u>- Aan undergraduate/post-</u>	
baccalaureate student member is one who	baccalaureate student member is one who	
is either enrolled in an undergraduate	is either enrolled in an undergraduate	
program or post-baccalaureate program at	program or post-baccalaureate program at	
a regionally accredited institution of		
higher learning. Student members hold all	a regionally accredited institution of	
rights and obligations of fellow	higher learning. Student members hold all	
membership, except they shall not vote or	rights and obligations of fellow	
hold office. The defining difference	membership, except they shall not vote or	
between these two sub-categories of the	hold office. The defining difference	
student membership is that	between these two sub-categories of the	
undergraduate/post-baccalaureate student	student membership is that	
members cannot vote or hold office for the Student Academy of Audiology (SAA)	Uundergraduate/post-baccalaureate	
Board of Directors. Undergraduate/Post-	students members cannot vote or hold	
Baccalaureate membership will terminate	office for the Student Academy of	
upon matriculation into a doctoral	Audiology (SAA) Board of Directors.	
program in audiology, while graduate	Undergraduate/Post-Baccalaureate	
student membership terminates upon	membership will terminate upon	
receipt of a doctoral degree in audiology,	matriculation into a doctoral program in	
at which point the student becomes	audiology, while graduate sStudent	
eligible to become a fellow of the	membership terminates upon receipt of a	
Academy. Student members will belong to	doctoral degree in audiology, at which	
the interdependent organization of the	point the student becomes eligible to	
Student Academy of Audiology. See	become a fellow of the Academy, or if the	
Section 7.4.	student is no longer enrolled in an	
	audiology-related doctoral program,	
	undergraduate program, or post-	
	baccalaureate program at a regionally	

	accredited institution of higher learning. Student members will belong to the interdependent organization of the Student Academy of Audiology. See Section 7.4.	
2.1.5 International Members. International members are those who possess non-U.S. formal academic training and/or clinical or research experience in the area of audiology, although there is no restriction on the type of degree held. These members may not vote or hold office but shall receive all Academy publications and materials and are entitled to all other benefits of membership.	2.1.5 International Members. International members are those who reside and practice outside of the United States and its territories and/or those who possess non-U.S. formal academic training and/or clinical or research experience in the area of audiology, although there is no restriction on the type of degree held. These members may not vote or hold office but shall receive all Academy publications and materials and are entitled to all other benefits of membership.	Establishing one membership category for individuals that live outside of the United States and its territories (e.g., Puerto Rico, Guam, Virgin Islands) streamlines the membership join, renewal, and rejoin processes for current and prospective members. The eligibility requirements would be the same for all international members as well as the benefits received thus creating a more inclusive situation for individuals who are held to varying levels of educational and professional requirements to practice audiology and hearing health care around the world.