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Pursuant to Section 4 of Article XV- Amendments that upon adoption or modification by the Board by a majority vote of all its selected members, proposed amendment(s) shall be circulated to all members of the Council at least thirty (30) days before the Annual Business Meeting or Special Council meeting called for the purpose, attached is the matrix of the amendments to the 2011 PCQACL Constitution and By Laws for ratification during the business meeting on October 10, 2024. The 2024 Amendments to the 2011 Constitution and By Laws has been voted upon and adopted during the Board of Trustees Meeting last September 11, 2024.

For perusal.

COMPARATIVE AMENDMENTS OF BY-LAWS

OF

**PHILIPPINE COUNCIL FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE IN
CLINICAL LABORATORIES, INC.**

LAST APPROVED BY LAWS BY SEC (MAY 2, 2011)	PROPOSED AMENDMENTS 2024	REMARKS
<p align="center">AMENDED BY-LAWS</p> <p align="center">OF</p> <p align="center">PHILIPPINE COUNCIL FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE IN CLINICAL LABORATORIES, INC.</p>	<p align="center">AMENDED BY-LAWS</p> <p align="center">OF</p> <p align="center">PHILIPPINE COUNCIL FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE IN CLINICAL LABORATORIES, INC</p>	<p align="center">No change</p>
<p>Article I – NAME</p> <p>Section 1. Name - The name of the organization shall be “Philippine Council for Quality Assurance in Clinical Laboratories, Inc.” and where appropriate the name may be abbreviated to PCQACL.</p>	<p>ARTICLE I – NAME</p> <p>Section 1. Name - The name of the organization shall be “Philippine Council for Quality Assurance in Clinical Laboratories, Inc. to be denominated as “PCQACL” and as used hereinafter <u>in</u> this By-Laws. It shall also be known as the “Council”.</p>	<p align="center">Minor revision</p>
<p>Article II – NATIONAL OFFICE</p> <p>Section 1. National Office – The National Office shall be at Unit C, PSP Building, 114 Malakas St., Quezon City, Philippines, as designated by the Board of Trustees. (As amended on October 23, 2009)</p>	<p>ARTICLE II – NATIONAL OFFICE</p> <p>Section 1. National Office - The National Office shall be located at Unit C, PSP Building, 114 Malakas St., Quezon City, Philippines, as designated by the Board of Trustees. (As amended on October 23, 2009)</p>	<p align="center">Minor revision on format.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Article III – OBJECTIVES</p> <p>Section 1. The objectives of the Council are:</p> <p>1.1. To promote Quality Assurance/Improvement in Clinical Laboratories, both in the public and private sectors, among political and health administrators, health professionals, educators and other laboratory workers.</p> <p>1.2. To conduct continuing professional education programs in Quality Assurance/Improvement in clinical laboratories in corporation with health professional associations.</p> <p>1.3. To publish a newsletter and other relevant publications on Quality Assurance /Improvement in Clinical Laboratories.</p> <p>1.4. To promote research in the area of quality laboratory services.</p> <p>1.5. To collaborate with government agencies and health professional organizations concerned with regulation, provision and financial of laboratory services in establishing scientifically sound and practical standards, rules and procedures in accreditation, quality assurance,</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE III – OBJECTIVES</p> <p>Section 1. The objectives of the Council are to:</p> <p>1.1. promote Quality Assurance / Improvement in Clinical Laboratories, both in the public and private sectors, among political and health administrators, health professionals, educators and other laboratory workers;</p> <p>1.2. conduct continuing professional education programs in Quality Assurance/Improvement in clinical laboratories in cooperation with health professional associations;</p> <p>1.3. publish a newsletter and other relevant publications on Quality Assurance /Improvement in Clinical Laboratories;</p> <p>1.4. promote research in the area of quality laboratory services;</p> <p>1.5. collaborate with government agencies and health professional organizations concerned including but not limited to regulation, provision and financing of laboratory services in establishing scientifically sound and practical standards, rules and procedures in</p>	<p>Minor revision on format, typo errors</p> <p>Improvement on some grammar and content</p>
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<p>performance monitoring, utilization review, technology assessment, outcome evaluation and related areas.</p> <p>1.6 To establish and maintain relationships with appropriate Asian regional and national organization and international agencies concerned with quality laboratory services such as World Health Organization, International Federation in Clinical Chemistry, International Council for Standardization in Hematology and National Committee on Clinical Laboratory Standardization.</p>	<p>accreditation, quality assurance, performance monitoring, utilization review, technology assessment, outcome evaluation and other related areas; and,</p> <p>1.6 establish and maintain relationships with appropriate Asian regional and national organization and international agencies concerned with quality laboratory services such as World Health Organization, International Federation in Clinical Chemistry, International Council for Standardization in Hematology and National Committee on Clinical Laboratory Standardization.</p>	
<p>Article IV - MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>Section 1 – Eligibility – Any health professional organization, government agency, clinical laboratory, either hospital based or free standing, or companies for laboratory diagnostic equipment or reagents concerns in Quality Assurance in clinical laboratories may be eligible for membership in the Council. (Amended on October 23, 2009)</p>	<p>ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>Section 1 – Eligibility. Health professional organizations, government agencies, clinical laboratories, either hospital based or free standing, or companies for laboratory diagnostic equipment or reagents engaged in Quality Assurance in clinical laboratories may be eligible for membership in the Council. (Amended on October 23)</p>	<p>Minor revision on format</p>
<p>Section 2. The categories of membership in the Council shall be:</p> <p>2.1. Charter members – Any health professional organization or</p>	<p>Section 2. Members. The categories of membership in the Council shall be:</p> <p>2.1. Charter members – Health professional organizations or government agencies</p>	<p>Removed the word “any”</p>

<p>government agency that joined the Council at the time of the adoption of the original By-laws.</p> <p>2.2. Regular member – Any health professional organization or government agency subsequently admitted as member after adoption of this By-Laws.</p> <p>2.3. Institutional Member – Any clinical laboratory, either hospital-based or free standing who participates in the National</p>	<p>which joined the Council at the time of the adoption of the original By-laws.</p> <p>2.2. Regular member – Health professional organization or government agency subsequently admitted as member after the adoption of this By-Laws.</p> <p>2.3. Institutional Member – Clinical laboratory, either hospital-based or free standing that participates in the National External Quality Assessment Surveys (NEQAS).</p> <p>2.4 Corporate member – Companies registered with the Food and Drug Administration of the Department of Health for at least five (5) years as a laboratory diagnostic equipment or reagent manufacturer or distributor interested in the advocacy of quality assurance in Clinical Laboratories. (As amended on October 23, 2009).</p> <p>2.5 Affiliate member – Individuals who subscribe to the mission and vision of the Council but are not eligible to be regular members and shall be entitled to all benefits as regular members without voting rights. (As amended on September 23, 2021)</p>	<p>Addition of: Corporate Member and Affiliate Member</p>
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<p>Section 3 – Admission to the Council</p> <p>1.1. Any professional health organization, government agency, or clinical laboratory, hospital-based or free standing, or laboratory diagnostic company who is interested in Quality Assurance in clinical laboratories may be invited for membership by majority vote of the Board of Trustees. (As amended on October 23, 2009)</p> <p>1.2. Upon invitation, the organization agency or clinical laboratory shall accomplish the application form showing its interest and/or involvement in quality assurance in clinical laboratories.</p> <p>1.3. The application form shall be evaluated by the Committee on Membership who shall recommend action to the Board of Trustees.</p> <p>1.4. The Board of Trustees shall approve the membership by two thirds (2/3) vote</p>	<p>Section 3 – Admission to the Council</p> <p>3.1 Professional health organizations, government agencies or clinical laboratories, hospital-based or free standing, or laboratory diagnostic companies who are interested in Quality Assurance in clinical laboratories {may be invited for membership by majority vote of the Board of Trustees. (As amended on October 23, 2009)</p> <p>3.2 Upon invitation, the organization, agency or Clinical Laboratory <u>or affiliate</u> shall accomplish the application form showing its interest and/or involvement in quality assurance in clinical laboratories and pay the proper membership fee/fees.</p> <p>3.3 The application form shall be evaluated by the Committee on Membership who shall recommend action to the Board of Trustees.</p> <p>3.4 The Board of Trustees shall approve the membership by two thirds (2/3) vote.</p> <p>3.5 The new member shall be admitted to the next Council meeting.</p> <p>3.6 The Board shall determine and provide</p>	<p>With minor revisions and added the provision wherein the Board shall determine the required qualifications for membership</p>
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	the required qualifications of an applicant for membership.	
Section 4. The Council's Secretariat shall keep a controlled record of this Official Roll of Members in each category.	The Membership Committee shall be under the Article on Different Standing Committees. Therefore, the numbering of sections will be adjusted.	Since this is a committee, it shall be transferred to the Article where all standing committees were identified.
Section 5. The Council shall be composed of duly designated representatives of the Member organization. Each member shall designate two (2) Official representatives, while each Institutional member shall designate one (1) Official representative. An alternate may be designated to take the place of the official representative when the latter is absent at a particular meeting.	Section 4. <u>Member's Representatives.</u> The Council shall be composed of duly designated representatives of the Member organization. Each <u>Charter</u> or Regular member shall designate two (2) official representatives, while each Institutional <u>or Corporate</u> member shall designate one (1) official representative. In all cases , an alternate may be designated to take the place of the official representative when the latter is absent at a particular meeting.	Minor provision on section title and update on the types of members and the respective official representatives.
Section 6. Membership in Good Standing - A member is deemed to be a member in good standing if the following are fulfilled: 6.1.Regular payment of dues and other assessments on time; 6.2. Participation in at least 75% of the	Section 5. Membership in Good Standing. A member is deemed to be a member in good standing on the basis of the following: 5.1 regular payment of dues and other assessments on time; 5.2 participation in at least 75% of the Council's scientific meetings; and	Adjustment in the numbering of section due to deletion of section on membership committee

<p>Council's scientific meetings; and</p> <p>6.3. Attendance at the Council's Annual Business Meeting.</p>	<p>5.3 attendance at the Council's Annual Business Meeting.</p>	
<p>Section 7. Inactive Member (Not in Good Standing) - A member is declared inactive if he fails to fulfill any of the requirements as provided in Section 6. All rights and privileges shall be suspended until the member is reinstated.</p>	<p>Section 6. Inactive Member. A member is declared inactive if he fails to fulfill any of the requirements as provided in Article IV Section 5. All rights and privileges shall be suspended until the reinstatement of the member as provided herein.</p>	<p>Clarified inactive members and members not in good standing.</p>
<p>Section 8. Reinstatement of Inactive Member - An inactive member may be reinstated as a member in good standing:</p> <p>8.1. By paying all its accounts in arrears;</p> <p>8.2. By attending all the Council's Scientific meetings for the year; and</p> <p>8.3. By applying for reinstatement with the Secretariat, who in turn recommends action for final approval by the Board of Trustees.</p>	<p>Section 7. Reinstatement of Inactive Member. An inactive member may be reinstated by:</p> <p>7.1 paying all its accounts in arrears;</p> <p>7.2 attending all the Council's Scientific meetings for the year; and</p> <p>7.3 submitting the application for reinstatement with the Secretariat, who shall refer the application to the Committee on Membership, who in turn shall recommend action for the final approval by the Board of Trustees.</p>	<p>Adjustment in the number of section</p> <p>Grammar improvement</p>
<p>Section 9. Dropping from the Roster of Membership – If within a period of three (3) years after a member is notified by registered mail or email of his inactive status, a member fails to apply for reinstatement without</p>	<p>Section 8. Dropping from the Roster of Membership. Within a period of three (3) years after a member is notified by registered mail or other forms of legally accepted communications of his inactive status, a</p>	<p>Updated the manner of sending the notice, to include other forms of legally accepted</p>

<p>justifiable explanation, a member shall be dropped from the roster of the Council. Notice of such action shall be communicated to the inactive member at his last registered address.</p>	<p>member fails to apply for reinstatement without justifiable reason, a member shall be dropped from the roster of the Council. Notice of such action shall be communicated to the inactive member at his last registered address or other forms of legally accepted forms of communications on record with the Secretariat.</p>	<p>communications</p>
<p>Section 10. Resignation from Membership</p> <p>10.1 A member may, for a reasonable ground submit its resignation from membership in the Council with the Committee on Membership at least sixty (60) days before the effectivity of said resignation. Such resignation shall be accompanied by a written resolution of the Governing Board of the resigning organization or the Head of the Clinical Laboratory.</p> <p>10.2 A member resigning from the Council shall secure a written clearance from the Secretariat as shown by the signature of the Council's Secretary within the period before the effectivity of the resignation. As part of the clearance amount other, the member intending to resign must settle all obligation both financial before the clearance is issued.</p>	<p>Section 9. Resignation from Membership.</p> <p>9.1 A member may for a reasonable ground submit its resignation from membership in the Council with the Committee on Membership at least sixty (60) days prior to the effectivity of said resignation. A written resolution of the Governing Board of the resigning organization or the Head of the Clinical Laboratory shall be communicated thereof.</p> <p>9.2 A member resigning from the Council shall secure a written clearance from the Secretariat attested by the Council's Secretary within the period before the effectivity of the resignation. As part of the clearance, the member intending to resign must settle all obligations, financial and other accountabilities before the clearance is issued.</p>	<p>Minor corrections only section number and grammar.</p>

<p>Article V – RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES</p>	<p>ARTICLE V – RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, SUSPENSION, TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP AND FILING OF CHARGES</p>	<p>Added the suspension, termination of membership and filing of charges to the title.</p>
<p>Section 1. Rights and privileges - Each member has the right:</p> <p>1.1. To nominate two (2) official representatives (regular member) or one (1) official representative (institutional and corporate) to the Council as provided in Article IV Section 5. Each representative shall have one (1) vote in the deliberation of the Council. An Alternate may be nominated for each representative to take his place in his absence for a particular meeting. (As amended on October 23, 2009)</p> <p>1.2. To nominate resource persons who may be appointed to committees, task forces and other panels for projects of the Council.</p> <p>1.3. To attend Council meetings.</p> <p>1.4. To participate in all Council activities.</p>	<p>Section 1. Rights and privileges. Members have the right to:</p> <p>1.1 designate in writing two (2) official representatives for Charter or Regular member; or one (1) official representative for Institutional and Corporate member to the Council as provided in Article IV Section 5. Each representative shall have one (1) vote in the deliberation of the Council. An Alternate may be nominated for each representative to take his place in his absence for a particular meeting;</p> <p>1.2 nominate appointees to committees and other panels for projects of the Council;</p> <p>1.3 attend Council meetings;</p> <p>1.4 participate in all Council activities;</p> <p>1.5 receive a newsletter relevant to Quality Assurance in clinical laboratories;</p> <p>1.6 examine all records of the Council during</p>	<p>Clarified that designation of representative shall be done in writing and clarified that Charter member.</p> <p>Grammar improvement</p>

<p>1.5. To receive a newsletter relevant to Quality Assurance in clinical laboratories</p> <p>1.6. In addition to the rights of members, he/she shall be eligible to any elective or appointive office of the association and to examine all records of the association during business hours.</p>	<p>business hours.</p>	
<p>Duties and Responsibilities of the Members – A members shall have the following duties and responsibilities:</p> <p>a. To obey and comply with the by-laws, rules and regulations that may be promulgated by the association from time to time.</p> <p>b. To attend all meetings of the association;</p> <p>c. To pay membership dues and other assessments of the <u>association</u>.</p>	<p>Section 2. Duties and Responsibilities of the Members. Members shall have the following duties and responsibilities:</p> <p>2.1 to faithfully adhere and comply with the by-laws, rules and regulations promulgated by the Council;</p> <p>2.2 to attend all meetings of the Council and participate in all its activities; and,</p> <p>2.3. to pay membership dues and other assessments of the Council.</p>	<p>The duties and responsibilities of members were separated in a new section.</p> <p>Added the responsibilities the duty to participate in all activities of the Council, which is part of the original by-laws.</p>
<p>SUSPENSION, EXPULSION AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>Suspension, expulsion and termination of membership, shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the association.</p>	<p>Section 3. Suspension, Expulsion and Termination of Membership. Suspension, expulsion and termination of membership, shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Council. (As amended on September 23, 2021)</p>	<p>Amended the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-compliance with the duties and responsibilities of

<p>Any member of the association may file charges against a member by filing a written complaint with the Secretary of association. The Board of Trustees shall call a special meeting to consider the charges. The affirmative vote of majority of all the trustees shall be necessary to suspend a member; provided that where the penalty is expulsion, the affirmative vote of all members of the association shall be necessary. (Amended on September 23, 2021)</p>	<p>Section 4. Filing of Charges. Failure to comply without sufficient reason as stated in Section 2 hereof, any member of the Council may file charges against a member by filing a written complaint with the Secretary of the Council.</p> <p>Section 5. Deliberation of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall call a special meeting to consider the charges. Subject to reinstatement upon filing for a reconsideration thereof, the affirmative vote of majority of all the trustees shall be necessary to suspend a member. In case the penalty is expulsion, the affirmative votes of the majority of the members in good standing of the Council shall be necessary.</p>	<p>the members, without sufficient reason or as may be determined by the Board shall suspend the rights and privileges of the members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The vote necessary to expel a member was changed from the vote of all members to majority vote of the members in in good standing. <p>Other minor revisions on section sequencing, format and grammar.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Article VI - MEMBERSHIP DUES AND ASSESSMENTS</p> <p>Section 1. The members shall pay an Annual Membership Dues, the amount of which shall be determined by the Board of Trustees by two-thirds vote from time to time.</p> <p>Section 2. The Annual Membership Dues</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE VI - MEMBERSHIP DUES AND ASSESSMENTS</p> <p>Section 1. <u>Annual Membership Dues.</u> The members shall pay an Annual Membership Dues, the amount of which shall be determined by the Board of Trustees by two-thirds vote—as necessary thereof. (As amended on September 23, 2021)</p>	<p>Added section titles.</p> <p>Grammar improvement</p>

<p>may be paid during the Annual Convention of the previous year and at any time on or before Annual Meeting of the current year.</p> <p>Section 3. The Board of Trustees by two-thirds vote of its members may impose assessments and other fees necessary to carry out projects or activities of the Council.</p>	<p>Section 2. <u>Time of Payment.</u> The Annual Membership Dues shall be paid up to the last day of January of the current year.</p> <p>Section 3. <u>Other Assessments and Fees.</u> The Board of Trustees by two-thirds vote may impose assessments and other fees necessary to carry out projects or activities of the Council.</p>	
<p>Section 4. A member may pay a substantial contribution to the Council, the minimum amount of which shall be determined by the Board of Trustees, and shall be recognized as a Sustaining Member for that year.</p>		<p>Deleted Section 4 to update the types of members as sustaining members is not part of membership category.</p>
<p>Article VII – BOARD OF TRUSTEES</p> <p>Section 1. There shall be a Board of Trustees which shall exercise the corporate powers of the Council, conduct its business and administer its funds and property as its highest policy-making and governing body.</p> <p>The corporate powers of the association shall be exercised, its business conducted and its property controlled by the Board of Trustees.</p> <p>The qualifications of the trustees must be of</p>	<p>ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF TRUSTEES</p> <p>Section 1. Board of Trustees. There shall be a Board of Trustees hereinafter referred to as the “Board” who is the highest policy making body which shall exercise the corporate powers of the Council, conduct its business and administer its funds and property. (As amended on September 23, 2021)</p>	<p>Re-structured the clauses in Section to 1 to different sections in accordance with the scope and content.</p> <p>Section 1 – added a title which provides a description and powers of the Board of Trustees.</p>

<p>legal age and members of the association</p> <p>Term of Office of Trustees – the trustees shall hold office for one year and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.</p>		<p>Restructuring of the different sections of Articles VII</p>
<p><i>(From Section 1, Article VII – Board of Trustees)</i></p> <p>The corporate powers of the association shall be exercised, its business conducted and its property controlled by the Board of Trustees.</p>	<p>Section 2. Powers and Delegation of Authority. All the corporate powers, except as otherwise provided for in this By-Laws and the Revised Corporation Code, shall be vested and exercised by the Board of Trustees. The Board, may, by resolution, delegate to committees or to officers of the Council such powers or authority which may lawfully be delegated.</p>	
<p>Section 7. The Functions of the Board of Trustees shall be:</p> <p>7.1 To act as the policy-making body of the Council and carry-out the provisions of the By-Laws of Council.</p> <p>7.2 To determine the activities of the Council during its tenure;</p> <p>7.3 To approve the appointment/designation of other officers, committees and other positions as submitted by the President;</p> <p>7.4 To appropriate funds for projects and other activities of the Council;</p>	<p>Section 3. The Functions of the Board of Trustees. (As amended on September 23, 2021) The Board shall:</p> <p>3.1. act as the policy-making body of the Council and carry-out the provisions of the By-Laws of Council;</p> <p>3.2. determine the activities of the Council during its tenure;</p> <p>3.3. approve the appointment/designation of other officers, committees and other positions as submitted by the President;</p> <p>3.4. appropriate funds for projects and other</p>	

<p>7.5 To accept donations, grants, bequests and other kinds of contributions on behalf of the Council.</p> <p>7.6 To manage, invest and conserve the funds and assets of the Council;</p> <p>7.7 To act on applications for membership, inactivation, reinstatement, resignation o</p>	<p>activities of the Council;</p> <p>3.5. accept donations, grants, bequests and other kinds of contributions on behalf of the Council;</p> <p>3.6. manage, invest and conserve the funds and assets of the Council;</p> <p>3.7. act on applications for membership, inactivation, reinstatement, resignation or dropping from the rolls of members;</p> <p>3.8. approve or amend proposals or recommendation of the officers and Committees;</p> <p>3.9. fill up vacancies of the Board in the event of the resignation, termination incapacity or death of any officer or member; and,</p> <p>3.10. perform any function or duty that will further the objectives of the Council.</p>	
<p><i>(From Section 1, Article VII – Board of Trustees)</i> The qualifications of the trustees must be of legal age and members of the association</p>	<p>Section 4. Qualifications of Trustees. The trustees to be elected must be the official or authorized representatives of the members of the Council and involved in laboratory practice. (As amended on September 23, 2021)</p>	<p>All members of PCQACL are already of legal age</p>

	<p>Only an authorized representative or alternate of a member in good standing of the Council is qualified to be elected to the Board, provided that at least six (6) Members of the Board are representatives of a regular member. And provided further, that a maximum of two (2) members of the Board are representatives of a corporate member. Upon his election to the Board, a representative shall serve his full term as a member of the Board regardless of his status as representative to the Council. The Immediate Past President, if eligible, shall be elected to the Board until such time that a new president is elected.</p>	
<p><i>(From Section 6, Article VII – Board of Trustees)</i> Disqualification of Trustees or Officers – No members convicted by final judgement of an offense punishable by imprisonment for a period exceeding six (6) years, or a violation of the Corporate Code of the Philippines committed within five (5) years prior to the date of his election or appointment shall qualify as a trustee or officer.</p>	<p>Section 5. Disqualifications of Trustees or Officers. No member convicted by final judgment of an offense punishable by imprisonment for a period exceeding six (6) years or a violation of the Revised Corporation Code of the Philippines committed within five (5) years prior to the date of election or appointment shall be eligible to run in the election as a trustee or officer.</p>	
<p>Section 2. The Board shall consist of Fifteen (15) members who shall be elected during the Annual Meeting of the Council for a term of three (3) years on a staggered basis such that five (5) members are elected each year.</p>	<p>Section 6. Composition. The Board shall consist of Fifteen (15) members who shall be elected during the Annual Meeting of the Council for a term of three (3) years on</p>	<p>Composition, tenure and vacancy were designated as individual sections.</p>

(As amended on October 23, 2009)	staggered basis such that five (5) members are elected each year.	Numbering of sections was therefore adjusted
<p>Section 3: Only an authorized representative or alternate of a Member in good standing of the Council is qualified to be elected to the Board, provided that at least six (6) Members of the Board are representatives of a regular member. And provided further, that a maximum of two (2) members of the Board are representatives of a corporate member. Upon his election to the Board, a representative shall serve his full term as a member of the Board regardless of his status as representative to the Council. The Immediate Past President, if eligible, shall be elected to the Board until such time that a new president is elected.</p>	<p>Section 7. Tenure. The trustees shall hold office for three (3) years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. A Member of the Board may be elected for not more than two (2) consecutive terms. After the end of his term, he shall be qualified for election after the lapse of one year following his election.</p>	<p>The content of Section 3 is moved to Section 4, with new section title.</p> <p>Furthermore, the clause for qualifications of trustees from Section of Article VII is included in Section 4</p>
	<p>Section 8. Terms of Office of Board of Trustees. On the Annual Meeting of the Council when an election is held, five (5) members who garnered the highest numbers of votes cast shall serve for a term of three (3) years. The five (5) members who garnered the next highest number of the votes cast shall serve for a term of two (2) years and the last five (5) members shall serve for a term of one (1) year.</p>	
	<p>Section 9. <u>Ex-Officio Members.</u> The Chairmen of the Standing Committees shall</p>	<p>The functions of the Board of Trustees are</p>

	<p>be ex-officio members of the Board unless he is an elected Member of the Board. As ex-officio members, they shall have a voice but shall not be entitled to vote in the deliberations of the Board. <u>The Immediate Past President shall also be an Ex-officio member of the Board with the same right as the Chairmen of the Standing Committees.</u></p>	<p>moved from Section 7 to Section 3.</p>
<p>Section 4. A Member of the Board, except the Immediate Past President, may be elected for not more than two (2) consecutive terms. After such service, at least one year should elapse before he is eligible for election to the Board.</p> <p><i>(From Section 1, Article VII – Board of Trustees)</i></p> <p>Term of Office of Trustees – the trustees shall hold office for one year and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.</p>	<p>Section 10. Non-Holding of Election. <u>The non-holding of election and the reasons therefor shall be reported to the Commission within thirty (30) days from the date of the scheduled election. The report shall specify a new date for the election, which shall not be later than sixty (60) days from the scheduled date.</u></p> <p>If no new date has been designated, or if the rescheduled election is likewise not held, the Commission may, upon the application of the member, and after verification of the unjustified holding of the election, summarily order that an election be held. The membership represented at such meeting and entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum for purpose of conducting an election under this Section.</p>	

<p>Section 5. Any vacancy in the Board shall be filled y the Board, if still constituting a quorum, within 30 days from the time of declaration of the vacancy by the Board. Such elected member of the Board shall serve only the unexpired term of the vacancy.</p>	<p>Section 11. Election of Trustees. <u>During the Annual Membership Meeting, the members constituting a quorum shall vote for the vacant positions in the Board of Trustees from among the nominees by secret ballot. The candidates garnering the highest number of votes shall be declared as elected. In case of a tie, the Board shall determine the means by which to break the tie.</u></p> <p><u>At all elections of trustees, there must be present either in person or through a representative authorized to act by written proxy, majority of the members entitled to vote. Members may also vote through remote communication.</u></p> <p><u>A member who participates through remote communication shall be deemed present for purposes of quorum.</u></p> <p><u>If no election is held, or majority of the members entitled to vote are not present in person, by proxy or through remote communication at the meeting, such meeting may be adjourned and the election shall proceed in accordance with Section 9 hereof.</u></p>	
<p>Section 6. The Chairmen of the Standing Committees shall be ex-officio members of the Board unless he is an elected Member of the Board. As ex-officio member, they shall have a voice but shall not vote in the</p>	<p>Section 12. Submission of the Elected Trustees and Officers. <u>Within thirty (30) days after the election/appointment of trustees and officers of the Council, the Secretary shall submit to the Commission the</u></p>	<p>New provision</p>

<p>deliberations of the Board.</p>	<p><u>names, nationalities, residence addresses of the trustees and officers elected.</u></p>	
	<p><u>Section 13. Vacancies in the Board.</u> <u>Any vacancy in the Board, other than by removal or expiration of term, may be filled by the vote of at least a majority of the remaining trustees, if still constituting a quorum; otherwise, vacancies must be filled by members in a regular or special meeting for the purpose.</u></p> <p><u>When the vacancy is due to term expiration, the election shall be held not later than the day of such expiration at a meeting called for that purpose. When the vacancy arises as a result of removal by the members, the election may be held on the same day of the meeting authorizing the removal and this fact must be so stated in the agenda and notice of said meeting. In all other cases, the election must be held not later than forty-five (45) days from the time the vacancy arose. A Trustee elected to fill a vacancy shall serve only for the unexpired term of the predecessor in office.</u></p>	<p>Moved to Section 4, Article VIII.</p>
	<p><u>Section 14. Lack of Quorum in Case of a Vacancy.</u> <u>In case when the vacancy prevents the remaining trustees from constituting a quorum and emergency action is required to prevent grave, substantial, and irreparable loss or damage to the Council,</u></p>	

	<p><u>such vacancy may be temporarily filled from among the officers of the Council by unanimous vote of the remaining trustees. The action by the designated trustee shall be limited to emergency action necessary, and the term shall cease within a reasonable time from the termination of the emergency or upon election of the replacement trustee, whichever comes earlier. The Council shall notify the Securities and Exchange Commission within three (3) days from the creation of the emergency board, stating therein the reason for its creation.</u></p>	
<p>Section 8 – Meetings</p> <p>Annual Meetings - The annual meetings of the members shall be held at the principal office of the association or any date in March of each year. The President shall render his annual report to the members regarding the Activities of the Council. The election of the directors shall also be held during this regular meeting.</p> <p>8.1. The Board shall meet monthly as such date, time, and place as the President may designate.</p> <p>8.2. A Special meeting of the Board may be recalled by the President or upon the written request of at least (3) Regular Members of the Board.</p>	<p>Section 15. Meetings</p> <p>15.1 Annual Meetings - The annual meetings of the members shall be held at the principal office of the <u>Council</u> or any date not later than <u>November</u> of each year. The President shall render his annual report to the members regarding the activities of the Council. The election of the Trustees shall likewise be held during this regular meeting.</p> <p>15.2 Regular Board Meetings - The Board of Trustees shall meet every month at such date, time and place as the President may designate.</p>	<p>Numbering of sections were adjusted.</p>

<p>8.3 Special meetings of the members shall also be called as the need thereof arises, by the Board of Trustees or the President or upon petition of 1/3 of the general membership.</p> <p>8.4 The presence of the majority of the elected Members of the Board provided that at least One (1) Executive Officer is present shall constitute a quorum.</p>	<p>15.3 Special Meetings of the Board may be <u>called by the President or upon the written request of at least three (3) Regular Members of the Board for a specified purpose(s).</u></p>	
<p><i>(From Section 8, Article VII – Board of Trustees)</i></p> <p>Notices of Meetings – Notices of the time and place of annual and special meetings of the members shall be given either personally or by special delivery mail, at least two (2) weeks before the date of such meeting. The notice of special meeting shall state briefly the purpose or purposes of the meeting.</p>	<p>Section 16. Notices of Meetings. Notices of the time and place of annual and special meetings of the members shall be given either personally or by special delivery mail or the <u>registered electronic mail</u> at least two (2) weeks before the date of such meeting. The notice of every special meeting shall state briefly the purpose or purposes of the meeting. <u>Trustees who cannot physically attend or vote at board meetings can participate and vote through remote communication such as videoconferencing, teleconferencing, or other alternative modes of communication.</u></p>	<p>Adjustment in the section numbering</p>
<p><i>(From Section 8, Article VII – Board of Trustees)</i></p> <p>Quorum – A quorum for any meeting of the members shall consist of a majority of the members and a majority of such quorum may</p>	<p>Section 17. Quorum. <u>In all meetings of the Board, eight (8) trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Any action or decision by a majority of those present constituting a quorum, save for the election of officers which shall require the</u></p>	

<p>decide any question at the meeting, except those matters where the Corporate Code requires the affirmative vote of a greater proportion.</p>	<p><u>vote of a majority of all the members of the Board, shall be valid as a corporate act. A Trustee cannot attend or vote by proxy at Board meetings.</u></p>	
	<p><u>Section 18. Absences from Board Meetings.</u> <u>A trustee, without a valid cause, as determined by the Board, fails to attend fifty percent (50%) of the regular meetings in a year or a Trustee who is absent for three consecutive meetings of the Board, may be removed at the discretion of the two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the Trustees.</u></p>	<p>New provision</p>
	<p><u>Section 19 Removal of the Member of the Board.</u> The Board by a vote of a least three-fourths (3/4) of all its elected members may remove from office any elected or appointed Board Member or Executive Officer of the Council for deliberate failure to comply with his duties and responsibilities including attendance at meetings of the Board, or due to incapacity to serve after due notice.</p>	
<p>Section 9. The Members of the Board may receive financial compensation for attending Board Meetings and other services rendered to the Council as shall be determined by the Board by two-thirds vote. Further, they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in relation to their official duties such as travel, meal, formulation of plans or reports, and production of newsletter, brochures,</p>		

<p>monographs, books and audiovisual materials for the Council.</p>		
<p>Article VII – EXECUTIVE OFFICERS</p>	<p>ARTICLE VIII - EXECUTIVE OFFICERS</p>	<p>Corrected the sequence number of Article on Executive Officers.</p>
<p>The officers of the association shall be elected by the Board of Trustees from among themselves. The Board may combine compatible officers in a single person.</p> <p>Section 1 The Executive Officers of the Council shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be elected by the Board from among its members for a term of one year. They may be re-elected to the same position for a second term. After such consecutive service, one year should elapse before he shall be eligible for election to the same position.</p>	<p>Section 1. The Executive Officers. The officers of the <u>Council</u> shall be elected by the Board of Trustees from among themselves. The Board may merge a compatible office to a single person.</p> <p>The Executive Officers of the Council shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be elected by the Board from among its members for a term of <u>one year and shall be eligible for reelection for another year</u> to the same position for a second term. Thereafter, one year should elapse before he shall be eligible for election to the same position.</p> <p>Other officers as may be deemed necessary shall be appointed by the President subject to the approval of the Board. Such officers shall be co-terminus with the appointing President.</p> <p><u>Officers shall be elected/appointed within seven (7) days after the election of the trustees.</u> The Board, may, from time to time,</p>	<p>Note:</p> <p>Other positions in the Board appointed by the President like the assistant secretary, assistant treasurer, PRO and auditor are now being implemented but no stipulated duties and responsibilities in the by laws</p>

	<p>appoint such other officers as it may deemed to be necessary or proper. Any two (2) or more compatible positions may be held concurrently by the same person, except that no one shall act as President and Treasurer or President and Secretary at the same time.</p>	
<p>Section 2 Other officers as may be deemed necessary shall be appointed by the President subject to the approval of the Board. Such officers shall be co-terminus with the appointing President.</p>	<p>Section 2. Term of Office- All executive officers will hold office for one (1) year until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The term of office of the newly elected officers shall commence on the first day of January following the Annual Meeting or as soon as they qualify thereafter and ends on the last day of December of the succeeding year or until their successors shall be elected and duly qualified.</p>	
<p>Section 3 The term of office of the newly elected officers shall commence on the First day of January following the Annual Meeting or as soon as they qualify thereafter and terminate on the last day of December of the succeeding year or until their successors shall be elected and qualify.</p>	<p>Section 3. Termination of Official Relations. Official relations in the PCQACL shall be terminated by death, permanent incapacity, removal and resignation of the incumbent.</p>	New provision
<p>Section 4 An office may be permanently vacated by resignation, removal or death of the incumbent. In case of prolonged absence, illness or incapacity of the President, the Board may, by two-third (2/3) vote of qualified elected Board Members declare the Office vacant, in which case, the Vice-President</p>	<p>Section 4. Vacancy. In case of death, permanent incapacity, removal and resignation of the incumbent and a vacancy is created, such vacancy shall be filled for unexpired term as provided herein.</p>	

<p>shall assume the Presidency until such time that the President may resume his duties. In case the Offices of the President and Vice-President become vacant, the Secretary shall act as President until such time that the Board can meet for the purpose of electing a new President until the President or Vice-President can resume his duties or until the next regular election.</p>		
<p>Disqualification of Trustees or Officers – No member convicted by final judgment of an offense punishable by imprisonment for a period exceeding six (6) years, or a violation of the Corporation Code of the Philippines committed within five (5) years prior to the date of election or appointment shall qualify as a trustee or officer.</p>	<p>Section 5. Vacancy in the Office of the President. In case of prolonged absence, illness or incapacity of the President, the Board may, by two-thirds (2/3) vote of qualified elected Board Members declare the Office of the President vacant, in which case, the Vice-President shall assume the Presidency until such time that the President can resume his duties. In case the Offices of the President and Vice-President become vacant, the Secretary shall act as President until such time that the Board can meet for the purpose of electing a new President until the President or Vice-President can resume his duties or until the next regular election.</p>	
<p>Term of Office of Trustees - The Trustees shall hold office for one year and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.</p>	<p>Section 6. Disqualification of Trustees or Officers. The provisions of Section 5 Article VII shall be applicable <i>mutatis mutandis</i> in this Section.</p> <p>Stipulated already in Article VII Section 5</p>	

<p>Section 5. The duties of the President shall be:</p> <p>5.1. To act as the Chief Executive Officer of the Council;</p> <p>5.2. To preside over all meetings of the Board and of the Council;</p> <p>5.3. To officially represent the Council in all official functions, meetings and other related activities;</p> <p>5.4. To appoint or designate other officers and members of the Committees with the approval of the Board;</p> <p>5.5. To sign all certificates, reports, communications, checks, contracts, deeds and other instruments;</p> <p>5.6. To carry out or cause to be carried out all orders and resolutions of the Board; and</p> <p>5.7. To perform all duties incident to the Office of the President and</p>	<p>Section 7. Duties of the President. The duties of the President shall be to:</p> <p>7.1 act as the Chief Executive Officer of the Council;</p> <p>7.2 preside over in all meetings of the Board and of the Council;</p> <p>7.3 officially represent the Council in all official functions, meetings and other related activities;</p> <p>7.4 appoint or designate other officers and members of the Committees with the approval of the Board;</p> <p>7.5 sign all certificates, reports, communications, contracts, deeds, checks, and other instruments;</p> <p>7.6 carry out or cause to be carried out all orders and resolutions of the Board; and</p> <p>7.7 perform all duties incident to the Office of the President and such other duties as may be assigned by the Board.</p> <p>He shall execute all resolutions of the Board of Trustees . He shall be charged with directing and overseeing the activities of the</p>	

<p>such other duties as may be assigned by the Board.</p> <p>He shall execute all resolutions of the Board of Trustees. He shall be charged with directing and overseeing the activities of the association. He shall submit to the Board as soon as possible after the close of each fiscal year, and to the members of each annual meeting, a complete report of the activities and operations of the association for the fiscal year under his term.</p>	<p><u>Council</u> and shall submit to the Board as well as to the members as soon as possible, after the close of each fiscal year, complete report of the activities and operations of the <u>Council</u> for the fiscal year under his term.</p>	
<p>Section 6. The duties of the Vice-President shall be:</p> <p>6.1. To discharge the duties and responsibilities of the President in case of his absence or incapacity;</p> <p>6.2. To perform such other functions as may be assigned by the President or the Board</p>	<p>Section 8. Duties of the Vice President. The duties of the Vice-President shall be to:</p> <p>8.1 discharge the duties and responsibilities of the President in case of his absence or incapacity;</p> <p>8.2 <u>assist the President in all of his functions and responsibilities;</u></p> <p>8.3 perform such other functions as may be assigned by the President.</p>	
<p>Section 7. The duties of the Secretary shall be:</p>	<p>Section 9. Duties of the Secretary. The duties of the Secretary shall be to:</p>	

<p>7.1. To keep the minutes the meetings of the Council, the Board of Trustees and the Standing and Special Committees;</p> <p>7.2. To act as the custodian of the records and the seal of the Council;</p> <p>7.3. To take charge of the correspondence of the Council, and the Board, including notices of the meetings, notification of appointments and other communications;</p> <p>7.4. To issue and sign with the President certificates of membership, awards, communications and similar instruments;</p> <p>7.5. To render annual reports in behalf of the President and the Board;</p> <p>7.6. To keep a list of all members showing addresses, telephone numbers, and other pertinent date; and</p>	<p>9.1 keep the minutes the meetings of the Council, the Board of Trustees and the Standing and Special Committees;</p> <p>9.2 act as the custodian of the records and the seal of the Council;</p> <p>9.3 take charge of the correspondence of the Council, the Board <u>and the Committees</u> including notices of the meetings, notification of appointments and other communications; (As amended on September 23, 2021)</p> <p>9.4 issue and sign with the President certificates of membership, awards, communications and similar instruments;</p> <p>9.5 render annual reports in behalf of the President and the Board;</p> <p>9.6 <u>maintain the Official Roll of Members showing the names, addresses, contact numbers, electronic mail, and other relevant data; and,</u> (As amended on September 23, 2021)</p> <p>9.7 perform other duties assigned by the President or the Board.</p>	
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<p>7.7. To perform other duties assigned by the President or the Board.</p>		
<p>Section 8. The duties of the Treasurer shall be:</p> <p>The Treasurer shall have the charge of the funds, receipts and disbursements of the association. He shall keep all moneys and other valuables of the Council in such banks as the Board of Trustees may designate. He shall keep and have charge of the books of accounts. He shall also perform such other duties and functions as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Board of Trustees.</p> <p>8.1. To collect all dues and other fees from members and receive grants, donations, bequests and contributions from any source;</p> <p>8.2. To deposit all moneys, checks and other funds of the Council in a bank or banks designated by the Board;</p> <p>8.3. To pay all expenses approved by the Board of President;</p>	<p>Section 10. Duties of the Treasurer. <u>The duties of the Treasurer shall be to:</u></p> <p>10.1 collect all dues and other fees from members and receive grants, donations, bequests and contributions from any source;</p> <p>10.2 deposit all moneys, checks and other funds of the Council in a bank or banks designated by the Board;</p> <p>10.3 pay all expenses approved by the Board;</p> <p>10.4 prepare a balance sheet and statement of financial condition of the Council and report the same at the monthly Board meetings and at the annual Business meetings;</p> <p>10.5 take charge of the Payroll of the employees of the Council;</p> <p>10.6 sign with the President all checks,</p>	

<p>8.4. To prepare a balance sheet and statement of financial condition of the Council and report the same at the monthly Board meetings and at the annual Business meetings;</p> <p>8.5. To sign with the President all checks, vouchers, accounts and similar instruments of the Council; and</p> <p>8.6. Perform other duties assigned by the President or the Board.</p>	<p>vouchers, accounts and similar instruments of the Council; and</p> <p>10.7 perform other duties assigned by the President or the Board.</p> <p>Note: No stipulated duties and responsibilities for appointed positions like assistant secretary, assistant treasurer, PRO and auditor (internal and external)</p>	
<p>Article IX COMMITTEES</p>	<p>ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES</p>	
<p>Section 1. Standing Committees – Standing Committees shall be organized for the purpose of planning and implementing the activities of the Council:</p> <p>1.1. Committee on Membership</p> <p>1.2. Committee on Quality Assessment and Certification</p> <p>1.3. Committee on Continuing Education and Research</p>	<p>Section 1. Standing Committees. Standing Committees shall be organized for the purpose of planning and implementing the activities of the Council:</p> <p>1.1. Committee on Membership</p> <p>1.2. <u>Committee on Awards</u></p> <p>1.3. Committee on Education, Training and Research</p>	<p>Added:</p> <p>1. Committee on Training in QMS Standings for Clinical Laboratories</p> <p>2. Committee on By-Laws and Legislation</p> <p>3. Committee on</p>

<p>1.4. Committee on Accreditation</p> <p>1.5. Committee on Publications and Public Relations</p> <p>1.6. Committee on Advocacy and External Relations</p> <p>1.7. Committee on Finance</p> <p>1.8. Committee on Annual Convention</p> <p>1.9. Committee on Election and Nomination</p>	<p>1.4. Committee on Accreditation</p> <p>1.5. <u>Committee on Training to Improve Performance in National External quality Assessment Scheme (NEQAS)</u></p> <p>1.6. <u>Committee on Standard in QMS Standings for Clinical Laboratories</u></p> <p>1.7. Committee on Publications and Public Relations</p> <p>1.8. Committee on Advocacy and External Relations</p> <p>1.9. Committee on Finance</p> <p>1.10. <u>Committee on By-Laws and Legislation</u></p> <p>1.11. Committee on Annual Convention</p> <p>1.12. Committee on <u>Nomination and Election</u></p> <p>1.13. <u>Committee on Special Projects</u></p>	<p>Special Projects</p> <p>4. Information, Communication and Technology System Committee (ICTS)</p> <p>Modified:</p> <p>1. Committee on Membership and Awards were split into two different committees.</p> <p>2. Committee on Quality Assessment and Certification is modified to Committee on Training to Improve Performance in NEQAS</p> <p>3. Committee on Election and</p>
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	1.14. Committee on Information, Communication and Technology System	Nomination to Committee on Nomination and Election
Section 2. Each standing committee shall be composed of six (6) who shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Trustees for a term of three (3) years on a staggered basis, two being appointed each year. No member may serve for more than two consecutive terms in the same committee. At least two years should elapse before he may be reappointed to the same committee.	Section 2. Members of the Committees. Each standing committee pursuant to the preceding Section shall be composed of <u>at least three (3) members</u> who shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Trustees for a term of three (3) years on a staggered basis, <u>at least one (1) being appointed each year.</u> No member may serve for more than two consecutive terms in the same committee. A member may be reappointed to the same committee after the lapse of one year as provided herein.	
Section 3. Chairman of the Committee - The Chairman of each committee shall be appointed from among the committee members for a term of one (1) year without prejudice to re-appointment.	Section 3. <u>Chairman of the Committee.</u> The Chairman of each committee shall be appointed from among the committee members for a term of one (1) year without prejudice to re-appointment <u>provided he is a member of the committee.</u> <u>The Chairman shall attend the monthly meetings of the Board or as may be required by the President to render reports on his committee's plans and activities.</u>	
Section 4. The President and the Secretary shall be ex-officio members of all committees. Section 5. Each committee shall meet at	Section 4. <u>Ex-Officio Committee Members.</u> The President and the Secretary shall be ex-officio members of all the committees.	

least four (4) times a year or as needed to accomplish its functions.

Section 6. The presence of a majority of the committee members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 7. Each committee shall render a progress report of its plans, activities, and accomplishments to the Board as required an annual report at the Annual Business Meeting.

Section 8. A special committee may be created for a particular purpose by the Board of Trustees. It shall cease to exist upon accomplishment of such purpose and the submission of the final report to the Board.

Section 5. Frequency of Meetings. Each committee shall meet at least four (4) times a year or as **necessary** to accomplish its functions.

Section 6. Quorum on Committee Meetings. The presence of a majority of the committee members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 7. Committee Reports. Each committee shall render a progress report of its plans, activities and accomplishments to the Board as required **through an** annual report at the Annual Business Meeting. (As amended on September 23, 2021)

Section 8. Special Committee. A special committee may be created for a particular purpose by the Board of Trustees. It shall cease to exist upon accomplishment of such purpose and the submission of the final report to the Board.

Section 9. Functions of the Standings Committees - The function of the Standing Committees is hereby provided. Further, other tasks, duties or functions may be assigned by the President or the Board.

<p>Section 9. The functions of the Committee on the Membership and Awards shall be:</p> <p>9.1 To recommend policies and procedures for admission, inactivation, reinstatement, termination and resignation of members;</p> <p>9.2 To screen and recommend to the Board qualified prospective members to be invited;</p> <p>9.3 To maintain the roster of members documenting their current status to screen and recommend recipients of such awards to the Board for approval.</p>	<p>9.1 Committee on Membership. The functions of the Committee on the Membership shall be to:</p> <p>9.1.1 recommend policies and procedures for admission, inactivation, reinstatement, termination and resignation of members;</p> <p>9.1.2 screen and recommend to the Board qualified prospective members to be invited;</p> <p>9.1.3 maintain the <u>Rolls of Membership recording their names, addresses, current status and other relevant data; and</u></p> <p>9.1.4 <u>recommend actions to increase the number of members.</u></p> <p>9.2 Committee on Awards. <u>The functions of the Committee on Awards shall be to:</u></p> <p>9.2.1 <u>recommend to the Board the categories of Awards to be given by the Council;</u></p> <p>9.2.2 <u>recommend for the Board's approval the policies, criteria</u></p>	
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>and procedures for the Awards to be given by the Council; and</u></p> <p><u>9.2.3 screen candidates and recommend the recipients of such awards to the Board for approval.</u></p>	
<p>Section 10 The functions of the Committee on Continuing Education and Research shall be:</p> <p>10.1 To promote the establishment of an Internal Quality Control Program in Clinical Laboratories.</p> <p>10.2 In collaboration with health professional organizations, hospitals and other concerned agencies, seminars, workshops and post graduate courses in Quality Assurance and Improvement in Clinical Laboratories.</p> <p>10.3 To publish relevant printed, audiovisual, electronic and other educational materials on Quality Assurance in Clinical Laboratories.</p> <p>10.4 To promote or conduct research on Quality in Clinical Laboratories.</p>	<p>9.3 Committee on Continuing Education, Training and Research. The functions of the Committee on Continuing Education, Training and Research shall be to:</p> <p>9.3.1 <u>promote the establishment of an Internal Quality Control Program, Quality Assurance Program in the External Quality Assessment Program for Clinical Laboratories;</u></p> <p>9.3.2 <u>plan and conduct seminars, workshop and post graduate courses in Quality Control, Assurance and Improvement in Laboratory Diagnosis and Management;</u></p> <p>9.3.3 <u>collaborate with health professional organizations, hospitals and other concerned and agencies in strategies updates in continuing education, training and research in Quality Laboratory services;</u></p> <p>9.3.4 publish relevant printed, audiovisual, electronic and other educational</p>	

	<p>materials on Quality Assurance in Clinical Laboratory and other topics relevant to the Clinical Laboratory; and</p> <p>9.3.5 promote or conduct research on Quality, <u>Control</u>, Assurance and Improvement in Clinical <u>Laboratory and other topics relevant to the Clinical Laboratory</u></p>	
<p>Section 11. The functions of the Committee on Accreditation shall be:</p> <p>12.1 To collaborate with other agencies and organizations in the accreditation of clinical laboratories utilizing the results of the National External Quality Assessment Scheme;</p> <p>12.2 To formulation standards for the accreditation of clinical laboratories in cooperation with health professional organizations and concerned government agencies.</p>	<p>9.4 Committee on Accreditation. The functions of the Committee on Accreditation shall be to:</p> <p>9.4.1 collaborate with other agencies and organizations in the accreditation of clinical laboratories utilizing the results of the National External Quality Assessment Scheme; and</p> <p>9.4.2 formulate standards for the accreditation of clinical laboratories in cooperation with health professional organizations and concerned government agencies.</p>	
<p>Section 13 The functions of the Committee on Quality Assessment and Certification shall be:</p> <p>13.1 To plan, conduct and evaluate a National External Quality Assessment</p>	<p>9.5 <u>Committee on Training to Improve Performance in NEQAS.</u> The function of the <u>Committee on Training to Improve Performance in NEQAS shall be to:</u></p>	

<p>Scheme among participating laboratories;</p> <p>13.2 To issue appropriate certification based on the results of the Quality Assessment Scheme</p>	<p><u>9.5.1 plan in collaboration with National Reference Laboratories, training courses, seminars and workshops for the purpose of improving the performance of Clinical Laboratories in the National External Quality Assessment Schemes; and</u></p> <p><u>9.5.2 organize and conduct in collaboration with Philippine Society of Pathologist, Philippine Association of Medical Technologists, and other interested Health professional associations and institutions, training courses, seminars and workshops for the purpose of improving the performance of clinical laboratories in the National External Quality Assessment Schemes.</u></p>	
	<p><u>9.6</u> Committee on Standard for QMS in Clinical Laboratory. The function of the Committee on Training on Standard for QMS in Clinical Laboratory shall be to:</p> <p>9.6 1 formulate, review and revise periodically the Standard and Criteria, Assessment Tools, Training Manual for QI Plan and Workshop Guidelines for Standard for Quality Management System in Clinical System;</p>	

	<p>9.6.2 receive from Clinical Laboratories application for Training in Standard for QMS for Clinical Lab, payment of fees and recommend the clinical laboratories for training for approval of the Board;</p> <p>9.6.3 conduct training for the staff of Clinical Laboratories which have been approved including the Initial and Final Assessments;</p> <p>9.6.4 issue a certificate of Training in the Standard for QMS in Clinical Laboratory after the Final Assessment; and</p> <p>9.6.5 maintain a list of clinical laboratories whose staff have been trained in the Standard for QMS in Clinical Laboratory.</p>	
<p>Section 13. The functions of the Committee on Publications and Public Relations shall be:</p> <p>13.1 To publish the official newsletter, journal and other publications of the Council;</p> <p>13.2 To publish in coordination with the Committee on Continuing Education and Research and other relevant Committees educational and information materials;</p>	<p>9.7 <u>Committee on Publications and Public Relations.</u> The functions of the Committee on Publications and Public Relations shall be to: (As amended on September 23, 2021)</p> <p>9.7.1 publish the official newsletter, journal and other publications of the Council;</p> <p>9.7.2 publish in coordination with the Committee on Continuing Education and Research and other relevant Committees educational and</p>	

<p>13.3 To inform the public through media news regarding the programs and activities of the Council.</p>	<p>information materials; <u>and and</u> 9.7.3 inform the public through multi-media and social networking news the updates on the programs and activities of the Council.</p>	
<p>Section 14. The functions of the Committee on Advocacy and External Relations shall be:</p> <p>14.1. To advocate and promote interest in Quality Control, Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement in clinical laboratories;</p> <p>14.2. To coordinate and plan collaborative activities on promotion of Quality Laboratory services with health professionals and non-health government and private organizations;</p> <p>14.3. To serve as a liaison with other agencies and organizations concerned with and involved in Quality Control, Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement in clinical laboratories; and</p> <p>14.4. To maintain a continuous exchange of information with related national and international organizations</p>	<p>9.8 <u>Committee on Advocacy and External Relations.</u> The functions of the Committee on Advocacy and External Relations shall be to:</p> <p>9.8.1 advocate and promote interest in Quality Control, Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement in clinical laboratories;</p> <p>9.8.2 coordinate and plan collaborative activities on promotion of Quality Laboratory services with health professionals and non-health government and private organizations;</p> <p>9.8.3 serve as a liaison with other agencies and organizations concerned with and involved in Quality Control, Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement in clinical laboratories; and</p> <p>9.8.4 maintain a continuous exchange of information with related national and international organizations.</p>	

<p>Section 15. The functions of the Committee on Finance shall be:</p> <p>15.1. To plan the implement strategies and projects for raising funds for the Council; and</p> <p>To take charge of the various fund-raising projects and activities approved by the Board</p>	<p>9.9 <u>Committee on Finance.</u> The functions of the Committee on Finance shall be to: (As amended on September 23, 2021)</p> <p>9.9.1 plan the implement strategies and projects for raising funds for the Council; and,</p> <p>9.9.2 take charge of the various fund-raising projects and activities approved by the Board.</p>	
<p>Section 16. The functions of the Committee on By-Laws and Legislation shall be:</p> <p>16.1. To receive, act and recommend to the Board of Trustees proposals for the amendment of the By-Laws;</p> <p>16.2. To circularize to the members the proposed amendment(s) to the By-Laws approved by the Board at least 30 days before the Annual Business meeting or special Council meeting called for that purpose; <u>and</u></p> <p>16.3. To study and make recommendations to the Board make recommendations to the</p>	<p>9.10 <u>Committee on By-Laws and Legislation.</u> The functions of the Committee on By-Laws and Legislation shall be to: (As amended on September 23, 2021)</p> <p>9.10.1 receive, act and recommend to the Board of Trustees proposals for the amendment of the By-Laws;</p> <p>9.10.2 circularize to the members proposed amendment(s) to the By-Laws approved by the Board at least 30 days before the Annual Business meeting or special Council meeting called for that purpose; <u>and,</u></p> <p>9.10.3 study <u>and recommend to the Board the position of the</u></p>	

<p>Board on proposed or approved legislation, ordinances, executive orders, rules and regulations and similar issuances by competent authorities affecting Quality Assurance and Improvement in clinical laboratories</p>	<p><u>Council</u> on the proposed or approved legislation and make recommendations to the Board on proposed or approved legislation, ordinances, executive orders, rules and regulations and similar issuances by competent authorities affecting Quality Assurance and Improvement in clinical laboratories</p>	
<p>Section 17 Committee on Annual Convention - The functions of the Committee on Annual Convention shall be:</p> <p>17.1. To plan, organize and conduct the Annual Convention which shall include scientific sessions such as seminars, symposia, workshops which present concepts, activities, experiences and research in Quality Assurance, Standards, Procedures and Best Practices in the Clinical Laboratories;</p> <p>17.2. To plan and hold the Opening and Closing Ceremonies</p> <p>17.3. To obtain financial support for the conduct of the Annual Convention in collaboration with the Committee on Finance; and</p>	<p>9.11 <u>Committee on Annual Convention.</u> The functions of the Committee on Annual Convention shall be to:</p> <p>9.11.1 plan, organize and conduct the Annual Convention which shall include scientific sessions such as seminars, symposia, workshops which present concepts, activities, experiences and research in Quality Assurance, Standards, Procedures and Best Practices in the Clinical Laboratories;</p> <p>9.11.2 plan and hold the Opening and Closing Ceremonies;</p> <p>9.11.3 obtain financial support for the conduct of the Annual Convention in collaboration with the Committee on Finance; and,</p>	

<p>17.4.To facilitate the conduct of the election of the members of the Board by the Committee on Nomination and Election.</p>	<p>9.11.4 facilitate the conduct of the election of the members of the Board by the Committee on Nomination and Election.</p>	
<p>Section 18. The functions of the Committee on Election and Nomination shall be:</p> <p>6.4.To conduct the election of members of the Board during the Annual Business meeting in accordance with the rules and procedures for nomination and elections approved by the Board; and</p> <p>6.5.To screen candidates nominated for election to the Board and to present qualified candidates during the election proceedings at the Annual Business Meeting.</p>	<p>9.12 Committee on <u>Nomination and Election</u>. The functions of the Committee on Nomination and Election shall be to:</p> <p>9.12.1 conduct the election of members of the Board during the Annual Business meeting in accordance with the rules and procedures for nomination and elections approved by the Board; and</p> <p>9.12.2 screen candidates nominated for election to the Board and to present qualified candidates during the election proceedings at the Annual Business Meeting.</p>	
	<p>9.13 Committee on Special Projects. The functions of the Committee on Special Projects shall be:</p> <p>9.13.1 plan the activities necessary to accomplish the goal and objectives of the project assigned to them;</p>	

	<p>9.13.2 submit their action plan to the Board for approval;</p> <p>9.13.3 implement the approved action plan for their project; and</p> <p>9.13.4 render a report of their activities and accomplishments to the Board periodically and to the Council at the Annual Business meeting.</p>	
	<p>9.14 Committee on Information, Communication and Technology System (ICTS). The functions of the Committee on ICTS shall be to:</p> <p>9.14.1 set policies on information storage, access, sharing, software certification and accreditation;</p> <p>9.14.2 establish standard operating procedures for the use and adoption of health/clinical laboratory standards;</p> <p>9.14.3 adopt operating procedures in establishing secure health/laboratory information exchange;</p> <p>9.14.4 facilitate migration from</p>	

	<p>conventional methods to the latest technologies; and</p> <p>9.14.5 assess and evaluate interactive technologies.</p>	
Article X - ANNUAL CONVENTION AND COUNCIL MEETINGS	ARTICLE X - ANNUAL CONVENTION AND COUNCIL MEETINGS	
<p>Section 1. Annual Convention</p> <p>1.1. The Council shall hold an Annual Convention at such date, time and place as the Board may determine but not later than November of each year.</p> <p>1.2. The Annual Convention shall consist of seminars, symposia, workshops, round table discussion and other educational programs that will promote Quality Services in the Clinical Laboratories.</p> <p>1.3. The Convention shall be open to any health professional or person interested in Quality in Clinical Laboratories.</p> <p>Section 2. Annual Meeting</p> <p>2.1. At the Annual Convention, there shall be an Annual Business</p>	<p>Section 1. Annual Convention.</p> <p>1.1. The Council shall hold an Annual Convention at such date, time and place as the Board may determine but not later than November of each year.</p> <p>1.2. The Annual Convention shall consist of seminars, symposia, workshops, round table discussions, and other educational programs that will promote Quality Services in the Clinical Laboratories.</p> <p>1.3. The Convention shall be open to any health professional or person interested in Quality in Clinical Laboratories.</p> <p>Section 2. Annual Meeting.</p> <p>2.1. At the Annual Convention, there shall be an Annual Business Meeting which</p>	

<p>Meeting, the agenda of the meeting shall include the reports of the President, Treasurer, and the Standing and Special committees;</p> <p>2.2. The election of the members of the Board of Trustees shall be held at this meeting. The election of Executive Officers shall be conducted after the Board Members have been elected;</p> <p>2.3. The presence of majority of the members of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business provided that at least one Executive officer is present.</p>	<p>shall include the reports of the President, Treasurer and the Standing and Special committees.</p> <p>2.2. The election of the members of the Board of Trustees shall be held at this meeting. The election of Executive Officers shall be conducted after the Board have been elected and qualified.</p>	
<p>Section 3. Special Meeting of the Council – The President or the Board of Trustees may call a Special Meeting of the Council when necessary to act on urgent matters.</p>	<p>Section 3. Special Meeting of the Council. The President or the Board of Trustees or upon petition of one-third (1/3) of its members may call a Special Meeting of the Council when necessary to act on urgent matters. Due notice specifying the purpose(s) or reason(s) of the special meeting shall be communicated to all authorized representatives of regular, institutions and corporate members. At such meetings, only business specified in the notice shall be considered</p>	<p>Modified to add that special meetings may be called upon petition of one-third (1/3) of the members.</p> <p>Further amended is the specification of the due notice and business to be conducted within a special meeting.</p>

	<p>Section 4. Notices. Notices of the time and place of annual and special meetings of the members shall be given personally, by special delivery mail, by electronic mail or such other manner as the Board may determine under its guidelines at least two (2) weeks before the date set for such meeting. The notice of every special meeting shall state briefly the purpose or purposes as well as the date and place of the meeting.</p>	<p>Modified the manner of sending the notice.</p>
	<p>Section 5. Quorum. A quorum for any meeting of the members shall consist of a majority of the members entitled to vote and a majority thereof may decide any question at the meeting except those matters where the Revised Corporation Code requires the affirmative votes of greater proportion.</p> <p>For meetings whose purpose is the election of the members of the Board of Trustees, the presence of seventy (70) duly authorized representatives of members in good standing of the Council shall constitute a quorum and a majority of such quorum shall be sufficient to transact business except in those matters in which the Revised Corporate Code requires affirmative votes of a greater proportion.</p>	<p>Amended the quorum to majority of the members entitled to vote, who are members in good standing.</p> <p>Further amended the quorum for purposes of election</p>
<p><i>(From Section 8, Article VII – Board of Trustees)</i></p>	<p>Section 6. Order of Business. The order of business at the annual meeting of the members shall be: (As amended on</p>	

<p><u>Order of Business – The order of business at the annual meeting of the members shall be as follows:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Proof of service or the required notice of the meeting. b. Proof of presence of a quorum. c. Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous annual meeting. d. Unfinished business. e. Report of the President. f. Election of the Trustees for the ensuing year. g. Other matters. 	<p>September 23, 2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.1. Proof of service or the required notice of the meeting. 6.2. Proof of presence of a quorum. 6.3. Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous annual meeting. 6.4. Ratification of all acts of the Board. 6.5. Unfinished business. .6.6 Report of the President. 6.7. Election of the Trustees for the ensuing year. 6.8. Other matters. 	
<p><i>(From Section 8, Article VII – Board of Trustees)</i></p> <p>Voting Proxy – Each member shall be entitled to one vote, and he may vote either in person or by proxy which shall be in writing and filed with the Secretary of the association before a scheduled meeting.</p>	<p><u>Section 7. Voting Proxy</u> – Each member <u>in good standing</u> shall be entitled to one vote, and he may vote either in person or by proxy, which shall be in writing and filed with the Secretary of the <u>Council</u> before the scheduled meeting, or through remote communication or <i>in absentia</i>.</p> <p>Proxies shall be in writing, signed and filed, by the member, in any form authorized in the bylaws and received by the corporate secretary within fourteen (14) days before</p>	<p>Modified the members with right to vote to the members in good standing; also added that attendance and voting may be done through remote communication or in absentia.</p>

	<p>the scheduled meeting. Unless otherwise provided in the proxy form, it shall be valid only for the meeting for which it is intended. No proxy shall be valid and effective for a period longer</p>	
	<p><u>Section 8. Participation in Member's Meeting Through Remote Communication</u> – Members who cannot physically attend at the members' meetings may participate through remote communications or other alternative modes of communications. A member must notify in advance the Presiding Officer and the Corporate Secretary of the intention to avail of remote communications as well as his or her email address.</p>	<p>New provision for participation in meeting through online platforms or remote communications.</p>
<p>Article XI - SECRETARIAT</p>	<p>ARTICLE XI - SECRETARIAT</p>	
<p>Section 1. Functions of the Secretariat – There shall be Secretariat which shall assist the <u>Council</u>, the Board of Trustees and the Committees in the planning and implementation of projects and activities. The Secretariat shall be responsible for the communications, correspondence and record keeping of the Council.</p> <p>Section 2. Supervision of Secretariat – The Secretary shall supervise the activities of the</p>	<p>Section 1. Functions of the Secretariat – There shall be Secretariat which shall assist the Council, the Board of Trustees and the Committees in the planning and implementation of projects and activities. The Secretariat shall be responsible for the communications, correspondence and record keeping of the Council. (As amended on September 23, 2021)</p> <p>Section 2. Supervision of Secretariat. The</p>	<p>Minor revisions/corrections.</p>

<p>Secretariat except those involving collection, deposits and disbursements of funds and financial record keeping which shall be supervised by the Treasurer.</p> <p>Section 3. Personnel – The Board, upon recommendation of the President and Secretary, shall employ qualified and competent personnel or staff as may be deemed necessary to ensure effective and efficient operation of the Council, the Board, the Committees and the Secretariat.</p> <p>Section 4. Compensation – The salaries or compensation of the staff of the Secretariat shall be recommended by the President and the Secretary, subject to the approval of the Board.</p>	<p>Secretary shall supervise the activities of the Secretariat as provided in the preceding section. Those involving collection, deposits and disbursements of funds and financial records keeping which shall be supervised by the Treasurer.</p> <p>Section 3. Personnel – The Board, upon the recommendation of the President and Secretary, shall employ qualified and competent personnel or staff as may be deemed necessary to ensure effective and efficient operation of the Council, the Board, the Committees and the Secretariat.</p> <p>Section 4. Compensation. The salaries or compensation, as provided for by law, of the staff of the Secretariat shall be recommended by the President and the Secretary subject to the approval of the Board.</p>	
<p>Article XII – FUNDS AND PROPERTIES</p>	<p>ARTICLE XII – FUNDS AND PROPERTIES</p>	
<p>Section 1. The funds of the Council may come from, but not limited to the following sources:</p> <p>1.1. Dues and assessments from members;</p>	<p>Section 1. Source of Funds. The funds of the Council may come from, but not limited to the following sources:</p> <p>1.1. dues and assessments from members;</p> <p>1.2. donations, grants, bequests and other</p>	

<p>1.2. Donations, grants, bequest and other contributions;</p> <p>1.3. Interest from deposits and investments;</p> <p>1.4. Earning from fund raising activities;</p> <p>1.5. Sale of assets; and</p> <p>1.6. Other sources</p>	<p>contributions;</p> <p>1.3. interests from deposits and investments;</p> <p>1.4. earnings from fund raising activities;</p> <p>1.5. sale of assets; and</p> <p>1.6. Other sources</p>	
<p>Withdrawal from the funds of the association, whether by check or any other instrument, shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President. If necessary, the Board may designate other signatories.</p> <p>Fiscal Year – The fiscal year of the association shall be from January 1st to December 31 of each year.</p> <p><u>Section 2.</u> The funds of the Council shall be deposited in a reputable bank or banks as may be designated by the Board under the name of the Council. A portion of the funds may be invested in such manner as determined by the Board with the view of safeguarding the assets of the Council.</p>	<p><u>Section 2. Withdrawal of Funds.</u> Withdrawal from the funds of the <u>Council</u>, whether by check or any other negotiable instrument, shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President. When necessary, the Board may designate other signatories.</p> <p><u>Section 3. Depository of the Funds.</u> Funds of the Council shall be deposited in a reputable bank or banks as may be designated by the Board under the name of the Council. A portion of the funds may be invested in such manner as determined by the Board with the paramount consideration of safeguarding the assets of the Council.</p>	<p>Inclusion of the title of each section</p>

<p>Section 3. Funds of the Council shall be appropriated by the Board for projects and activities pursuant to the objectives and goals of the Council. In case of emergency however, the President may authorize the disbursement of funds for such purpose subject to the approval of the Board at the next Board meeting.</p> <p>Section 5. Calendar Year – The calendar year of the Council shall be from January 1st to December 31 of each year.</p>	<p>Section 4. Appropriation. Funds of the Council shall be appropriated by the Board for projects and activities pursuant to the objectives and goals of the Council. In case of emergency, the President may authorize the disbursement of funds for such purpose subject to the approval of the Board called for the purpose.</p> <p>Section 5. Calendar Year – The calendar year of the Council shall be from January 1st to December 31 of each year.</p>	
<p>Article XIII - PUBLICATIONS</p>	<p>ARTICLE XIII - PUBLICATIONS</p>	
<p>CORPORATE SEAL – The corporate seal of the association shall be in such form and design as may be determined by the Board.</p>		<p>Moved to Article XIV – Section 1.</p>
<p>Section 1. There shall be a Newsletter which shall be published regularly and distributed to the members of the Council.</p> <p>Section 2. The name of the Newsletter shall be determined by the Board. The Newsletter shall contain the highlights of the activities, as well as other significant information of interest to the Council members.</p> <p>Section 3. Technical educational publications relevant to Quality Assurance/Improvement in clinical laboratories such as standards, policies, guidelines, charts, etc., shall be</p>	<p>Section 1. Newsletter. The Council shall <u>publish a Newsletter, in hard copy or digital media format as may be deemed appropriate by the Board</u> on a regular basis to be distributed to the members of the Council.</p> <p>Section 2. Name and Content. The name of the Newsletter shall be determined by the Board. The Newsletter shall contain the highlights of the activities as well as other significant information of interest to the Council members.</p>	<p>Minor revisions.</p>

<p>published as deemed appropriate by the Board.</p>	<p><u>Section 3. Technical, Educational and Training Content</u> . Technical educational publications relevant to Quality Assurance/Improvement in clinical laboratories such as standards, policies, guidelines, charts, <i>inter alia</i>, shall be published as deemed appropriate by the Board. <u>Suitable technical publication from national or international organization may be procured and circulated to clinical laboratories.</u></p>	
<p><i>(No separate Article. Included in the first paragraph of Article XIII)</i> CORPORATE SEAL – The corporate seal of the association shall be in such form and design as may be determined by the Board.</p>	<p><u>ARTICLE XIV - CORPORATE SEAL</u> <u>Section 1. Form</u> – The corporate seal of the Council shall be in such form and design as may be determined and approved by the Board.</p>	<p>Segregated the provision on Corporate Seal to a new Article number.</p>
<p>ARTICLE XV - AMENDMENTS</p> <p>Section 1. A member in good standing of the Council may propose on amendment(s) to the By-Laws.</p> <p>Section 2. The proposed amendment(s) shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Trustees and forwarded to the Committee on By-Laws and Legislation for deliberation.</p> <p>Section 3. The Committee may approve, modify or disapprove such proposed amendment(s) by majority vote, submitting its</p>	<p>ARTICLE XV - AMENDMENTS</p> <p>Section 1. Proposal. A member in good standing of the Council may propose an amendment(s) to the By-Laws.</p> <p>Section 2. Submission of the Proposed Amendment. Proposed amendment(s) shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Trustees and forwarded to the Committee on By-Laws and Legislation for deliberation.</p> <p>Section 3. Approval, Modification and Disapproval. The Committee may approve,</p>	<p>Inclusion of the title of each section</p>

<p>recommendation to the Board.</p> <p>Section 4. Upon adoption or modification by the Board by a majority vote of all its elected members, the proposed amendment(s) shall be circulated to all members of the Council at least thirty (30) days before the Annual Business Meeting or Special Council meeting called for that purpose.</p> <p>Section 5. At the Annual Business or Special Council Meeting, the Council members shall discuss and vote upon the proposed amendments(s). An affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of the Council shall be required for the adoption of the amendments.</p> <p>Section 6. These by-laws, or any provision thereof, may be amended, repealed or new by-laws adopted by a majority vote of the members and by a majority vote of the <u>trustees</u> at a regular meeting duly held for the purpose.</p>	<p>modify or disapprove such proposed amendment(s) by a majority vote submitting its recommendation to the Board.</p> <p>Section 4. Adoption or Modification. Upon adoption or modification by the Board by a majority vote of all its elected members, the proposed amendment(s) shall be circulated to all members of the Council at least thirty (30) days before the Annual Business Meeting or Special Council meeting called for the purpose.</p> <p>Section 5. Voting. At the Annual Business or Special Council Meeting, the Council members shall discuss and vote upon the proposed amendments(s). An affirmative vote of a <u>majority of members in good standing</u> of the Council shall be required for the adoption of the amendments.</p> <p>Section 6. Amendment, Repeal and New By laws. These by-laws, or any provision thereof, may be amended, repealed or new by-laws adopted by a majority vote of the <u>members in good standing</u> and by a majority vote of the <u>members of the Board of Trustees</u> at a meeting duly held for the purpose.</p>	<p>Modified the vote requirement for amendment of By Laws.</p>
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