

**LIMB LENGTHENING AND RECONSTRUCTION SOCIETY:  
ASAMI-North America**



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## ARTICLE I

### *Society Name and Objectives*

*Section 1.* The name of the Society shall be:

**“The Limb Lengthening and Reconstruction Society–  
ASAMI–NA”**

*Section 2.* The mission (objectives) of The Limb Lengthening and Reconstruction Society: ASAMI–NA, herein after referred to as “the Society,” shall be:

- A. To serve as the primary authority in the United States and Canada (and as a recognized leader internationally) on the Ilizarov Method and its proper application to promote patient safety and guide innovation.
- B. To furnish leadership, foster advances, and enhance the study of distraction histogenesis and limb reconstruction as applied to diseases and disorders of the musculoskeletal system.
- C. To function as an educational body responsible for the development of scientific programs, for the organization of current knowledge, for the standardization of nomenclature, and for the publication of scientific materials.
- D. To act as a stimulant to research by providing a forum for presentation of new scientific advances and offering awards for special achievement.
- E. To conduct meetings that will serve as a place where persons interested in this field of medicine can meet, discuss new ideas, and present scientific material.
- F. To become a point of origin for individuals interested in obtaining post–graduate training in the clinical and scientific aspects of distraction histogenesis and limb reconstruction.
- G. To mentor trainees interested in the ASAMI ways both in the USA, Canada, and abroad through traveling fellowships, mentorships, educational courses, and scientific meetings.
- H. To identify those who have contributed to the field of distraction histogenesis and limb reconstruction by inviting them to join the Society.
- I. To encourage LLRS member representatives to educate other subspecialties and all AAOS fellows in the ASAMI techniques through academic promotion–collaborative projects, BOS membership, and service on other AAOS committees.

## ARTICLE II

### *Membership*

#### *Section 1.* Classes of Membership

There shall be six classes of the Society membership:

Active, Associate, Senior/Emeritus, Corresponding, Honorary, and Candidate.

- A. An Active member is an orthopedic surgeon (MD or DO) who demonstrates a proven interest in distraction histogenesis and limb reconstruction by either documenting surgical cases involving bone regeneration by distraction, or shows evidence of active ongoing research in the field of mechanically induced osteoneogenesis and limb reconstruction. The members shall reside and practice in the United States or Canada and be a Fellow, in good standing, of either the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), or the Canadian Orthopaedic Association (COA).
- An active member may vote, hold office, and serve on the committees of the Society. They shall be required to pay dues of the Society and may be required to pay a fee for attending meetings.
  - Active duty military personnel can qualify for Active Membership.
- B. An Associate member is an orthopaedic surgeon (MD or DO) who is not a Fellow of the AAOS or COA (not certified or eligible by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgeons (ABOS), the American Osteopathic Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (AOBOS), or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC)), plastic surgeon, physiatrist, podiatrist, oral surgeon, veterinarian or research scientist with a doctoral degree (MD, DO, DPM, DDS, DVM or PhD) with a proven interest in distraction histogenesis and limb reconstruction. An associate member shall reside in the United States or Canada. The person with DPM, DDS and DVM degrees should be trained in musculoskeletal surgery or the equivalent in their disciplines and Board certified by their own respective discipline.
- An associate member may serve on Society committees, but cannot vote or hold office. This category includes foreign medical graduates practicing the United States who are not ABOS Board eligible.
- C. Senior/Emeritus membership. An Active or Associate member may, upon reaching the age of 65 or retired from active medical or other scientific practice, apply to the President or Membership Chairman for transfer to Senior/Emeritus membership. This application must be approved by a majority of the Executive Board. Senior members

cannot vote or hold office of the Society. Senior members need not attend meetings or pay dues but may be required to fees for the meetings they attend. Senior members may be reinstated to active or associate membership upon application and approval of the Executive Board.

- D. Corresponding members are individuals who would be considered for active or associate membership but who reside and practice outside the United States or Canada. If applicable, a corresponding member shall be a member of a major specialty society of the member's country. A corresponding member may not vote or hold office but may serve on the committees of the Society and shall be required to pay dues and are required to pay a fee for attending meetings. A corresponding member may request active membership status upon the relocation of the member's practice to the United States or Canada, and meeting all the requirements for the Active or Associate membership classes.
- E. Honorary members shall be people who the Executive Board feels are worthy of special honor because of notable contributions to the field of distraction histogenesis and limb reconstruction or because of long-term activity in the interests of the Society. They are not required to attend meetings but are required to pay meeting registration. They cannot vote or hold office. See Section 2.C.
- F. A Candidate member is an orthopaedic resident physician or orthopaedic fellow physician. This membership is limited to those orthopaedic surgeons who reside and practice within the United States or Canada, and who will meet the eligibility requirements of the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgeons (ABOS), the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC), or the American Osteopathic Board of Orthopedic Surgery (AMBOS). An individual may apply for Candidate membership during residency training. Candidate membership will consist of a single non-renewable six (6) year term of membership with no guarantee of advancement to active membership. Advancement to active membership is considered once they pass their respective orthopaedic boards and become a Fellow of the AAOS or COA; see Section 2.B. A Candidate member may not vote or hold office but may serve on the committees of the Society, are not required to pay dues, and may be required to pay a fee for attending meetings.

## *Section 2.* Election of Members

- A. Membership in the Society shall be considered a privilege. Applicants will be asked to list two active LLRS members who are aware of the applicant's character, credentials and interest in distraction histogenesis and limb reconstruction. In lieu of listing members, attendance at annual meetings can be provided, with each meeting

attended substituting for one name. A list of operative procedures or a personal interview may be required.

- B. The Membership Committee Chairman/Executive Director will send an application to any individual interested in joining the Society which then must be returned to the Membership Committee by a date decided upon by that committee.

The Membership Committee, after due deliberation, will recommend to the Executive Board those individuals who should be considered for Active, Associate, Senior/Emeritus, Corresponding or Candidate membership. The Executive Board, at their business meeting, may agree or not agree to recommend an individual to the Society for membership in these categories. A two-thirds affirmative vote by the Executive Board is required to qualify the applicant for LLRS membership. New members will receive a certificate of membership in the Society and a copy of the Society Bylaws.

- C. Honorary membership may be recommended by the Membership Committee or the Executive Board. The Executive Board by two-thirds agreement of the voting members in attendance will then recommend these individuals to the Society for membership.

### *Section 3.* Dues and Fees

- A. Annual dues shall be determined by the Executive Board. Active, Associate, and Corresponding members are required to pay dues to the Treasurer or the Executive Director. These dues may cover the Registration fee for the annual meeting. Active duty military personnel are not required to pay dues.
- B. Registration fees for each annual or interim meeting shall be paid by all nonmember registrants. Members who do not pay dues by the due date and/or do not register by the deadline, pay a nominal registration fee in addition to dues. The amount shall be determined by the Executive Board.
- C. Senior/Emeritus, Candidate and Honorary members are not required to pay dues but may need to pay for registration when attending the annual meeting.
- D. Any request for exemption from dues or fees shall be directed to the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall have the power to request a special assessment to be paid by the membership or any one or more categories of membership.
- E. Membership is considered in good standing for Active, Associate, and Corresponding members when there is prompt payment of dues. The first year of non-payment will be considered as delinquent, the second

year of non-payment of delinquent dues will incur possible dismissal from the Society. After dismissal a member can be reinstated after payment of dues if recommended by the membership chair and approved by a two-thirds affirmative vote by the Executive Board

*Section 4.* Ethics and Discipline

- A. Each member shall be expected to comply with the principles of Medical Ethics of the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, and with the Bylaws and amendments to the Bylaws of this Society. The Executive Board has the right to censure, suspend, or expel any member based on a two-thirds affirmative vote.
- B. Any recognized violation of these rules should be directed in writing to the President of the Society. Upon receipt of a complaint, the President shall forward a copy of the complaint, anonymized if deemed appropriate, to the member in question for his or her response.
- C. The complaint and member's response, if available, will be considered at the next Executive Board meeting. If the Board feels that the complaint should not be pursued further, the member in question and the member initiating the complaint shall be notified. If two-thirds of the Board voting members present believe the alleged violation merits further investigation, the President shall so inform the member and further inform the member that he or she has the right to appear before the Executive Board on a specified date or submit further evidence or rebuttal to demonstrate why disciplinary action should not be taken against the member.
- D. If further action by the Executive Board is deemed to be necessary, the notified member in question shall respond by a registered or certified letter to the President within 30 days of receipt of the notice.
- E. The Executive Board shall then formally consider this complaint and the arguments in support of the defendant. Before disciplinary action can be taken against a member of the Society, a two-thirds majority of the voting members of the Executive Board present at the meeting must be convinced that action is warranted. If discipline is deemed to be necessary, the Secretary of the society Executive Board will notify the member as to the type of discipline and the reason for it within 15 days of the Executive Board decision.

## ARTICLE III

### *Executive Board*

#### *Section 1.* Composition of the Executive Board.

- A. The Executive Board shall be composed of the following members:  
The President, the First Vice–President, the Second Vice–President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the two immediate past–presidents and three members–at–large and the chairs of the membership, research, education, and specialty training committee. Up to two additional ad–hoc members can be assigned by the President, if supported by a two–thirds majority of the board, including a BOS committee chair if appropriate (See Article IV Section 6).
- B. Standing Committees (Committee Chairs are voting members):  
Nominating Committee  
Membership Committee  
Research Committee  
Education Committee  
Board of Specialty Societies (BOS) Committee  
Specialty Training Committee  
Communications Committee  
~~Investment Fund Committee~~
- C. Non–Voting Board members  
Executive Director  
Treasurer–elect  
Secretary–elect  
Ad–Hoc board members

#### *Section 2.* Duties of the Executive Board

The Executive Board shall be the administrative authority of the Society.

- A. The Board will conduct an Executive Board business meeting during the Annual meetings of the Society and the AAOS annual meetings. Special meetings may be called by the President or a majority of the voting members of the Executive Board. Notice of any special meetings must be given to each Board member.
- B. The Board shall be responsible for membership selection and for the discipline of members.
- C. The Board shall receive and consider the reports of all committees and review their activities.

- D. The Board, by request, shall invite who it wishes to attend the selected meetings. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members of the Executive Board.
- E. Vacancies in the Committees may be filled by the Executive Board should they so select.
- F. The Society shall indemnify every member of the Executive Board or other administrator against expenses reasonably incurred by that person in connection with any action to which he or she may be a party by means of his or her being an administrator of the Society.
- G. Nominations or appointments made by the Executive Board shall include & non inclusive of:
  - AAOS Specialty Day Program Chairs
  - Committees and Committee Chairmen
  - Ad-Hoc Committees



## ARTICLE IV

### *Officers*

The officers of the Society shall be the President, First Vice–President, Second Vice–President, the two current Past– Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. This may include a Secretary–Elect or Treasurer–Elect.

The President shall serve a one–year term of office. The First Vice–President, the Second Vice–President in presidential line will follow the same. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall serve a three–year term and may be elected for successive full terms of office.

If the Board elects to fill or not fill, renew or not renew an officer’s position it will require a three quarters vote by the voting members of the Executive Board.

#### *Section 1.* President

The President shall be the principal executive officer. During the term of office with the following duties:

- A. Preside at all meetings of the Society and Executive Board.
- B. Preside over the location of the Annual Meeting.
- C. Appoint all committees not otherwise provided for in the Bylaws and fill all vacancies which occur on committees between annual meetings.
- D. Serve as an ex–officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee
- E. Sign documents as directed by the Executive Board.
- F. Act in the event of any contingency or emergency not covered by the Bylaws and in general perform all duties incident to the office of President or such other duties as may be prescribed by the Executive Board from time to time.

#### *Section 2.* First Vice–President

A. The First Vice–President is in service for one year then assumes the duties of President. During the term as First Vice–President he or she shall act as the President in the President’s absence and shall perform other duties (e.g. Co–program chair of annual meeting) as may be assigned by the Executive Board or President. The First Vice–President shall advance to the President of the Society at the end of a one–year term at the annual Scientific Meeting.

*Section 3.* Second Vice-President

A. The Second Vice-President is in service for one year then assumes the duties of First Vice-President. During the term as Second Vice-President he or she shall act as the First Vice-President in the First Vice-President's absence and shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Board or President. (e.g. part of the program committee). The Second Vice-President shall advance to the First Vice-President of the Society at the end of a one-year term at the annual Scientific Meeting.

Each past-President shall serve a two-year term. (sec.2)

Although not a strict BOS requirement, one member of the presidential line should serve a three-year term as BOS Presidential Line representative. The LLRS will comply with any strict BOS requirements for representation.

*Section 4.* Secretary

The Secretary shall be elected for a three-year term. During the term of office duties include:

- A. Maintain a membership roster.
- B. Record and keep minutes of meetings of all members and the Executive Committee.
- C. Keep records of Board and Business meetings, membership, preside over meetings in the absence of the Presidential line. Assist in the function of the meetings, governance, and agenda of the Board with business meetings.
- D. Duly give notices with the Executive Director in accordance with the provision of the Bylaws, including notification of candidates elected into the Society, nominees of their election, members of their appointment to committees, and members of any disciplinary action against them.
- E. Perform all duties incidental to the office of Secretary and such duties as assigned by the President or by the Executive Board.

*Section 5.* Treasurer

- A. The Treasurer shall be elected for a three-year term and will be responsible for collection of all funds, dues, or other properties of the Society and endorse all financial statements. Receive funds due to the Society and deposit them as may be designated by the Executive Board.

- B. Collect all funds and dues with the Executive Director. Pay all expenses of the Society.
- C. Maintain an itemized account of receipts and expenditures and present an annual financial report to the Executive Board. This report shall include verification, auditing and taxes as reported by a Certified Public Accountant.
- D. Perform all duties incidental to the office of Treasurer and those duties assigned by the President or by the Executive Board.

#### Treasurer-Elect

The Treasurer Elect shall be elected for a one-year term prior to the termination of office of the incumbent Treasurer. He or she shall then assume the office of Treasurer. During the year as Treasurer-Elect, he or she shall serve as ex-officio member of the Executive Board and serve as assistant to the Treasurer.

#### *Section 6.* Members-at-Large

Three members-at-large shall serve a three-year term with staggered appointments to maintain continuity. One of the three can serve as the BOS representative, also a three-year term.

## ARTICLE V

### *Executive Director & Standing Committees*

#### *Section 1.* Executive Director:

Is a salaried, contracted, non-voting position of the Society. He/She shall have the following duties and responsibilities to the Society:

(The Executive Board is in charge of hiring, firing, contracting and all duties of the Executive Director.)

- A. The Executive Director shall communicate with the Executive Board Members, committees, AAOS Board of Specialties, other orthopaedic societies, Membership, and any assignments as designated in previous Articles.
- B. Shall report to, meet, and assist the Executive Board.
  - i. Facilitates and coordinates with the President, First and Second-Vice President, Program Chairman, on any meetings including the Executive Board, Annual Scientific and Specialty Day AAOS meetings.
  - ii. Coordinates the meeting with the timetables, materials, program, abstracts, corporate partners, site and any other needed requests.
- C. Maintains and communicates timetables, deadlines, and matters of concern regarding the Society; and shall keep data base records of all the aforesaid duties.
- D. Coordinates with all staff and ancillary personnel as required.
- E. The Executive Director attends the required AAOS meetings which *may* include the Fall Meeting, Annual Meeting, and NOLC. The required meetings will be determined by the PL BOS representative each year.

#### *Section 2.* Research Committee

The Research Committee shall consist of a Chairman who is an active member and will be appointed by the President of the Executive Board and approved by the Executive Board as vacancies arise. The initial appointment will be for three years and will be approved by the Executive Board. Additional members will be appointed to the committee by the executive board for one year, but members may serve three successive full terms. The committee will encourage research in the field of distraction histogenesis and limb reconstruction, which may include establishment of funds for grants and setting up a grant review process. The committee

Chairman will report to the Executive Board and the Society members at the annual meeting of the Society. The chair is not an officer but is a voting member of the Executive Board. The research committee chair will be the Society's primary contact between the LLRS and our official journals.

*Section 3.* Nominating Committee

- A. The Nominating Committee shall consist of:
  - The most recent two past presidents.
  - The immediate past President will serve as Chairman of this Committee.
- B. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a list of nominees for the positions which have become vacant.
  - a. Second Vice-President
  - b. *Secretary-Elect or Treasurer-Elect as required*
  - c. Members-at-large
- C. If circumstances deem that a candidate is not available, the Nominating committee and the Executive Board reserves the right to delay a nomination, request a second term of the incumbent, or leave the position unfilled.
- D. These candidates' names shall be distributed and submitted to the Executive Board members no less than two weeks prior to the Executive Board annual business meeting.

*Section 4.* Elections/Voting

The Nominations Committee Chair shall present the candidates to eligible voting members of the Society who are in attendance at the annual Society Scientific Business Meeting.

Any Election requires a quorum (51%) of eligible voting members of the Society who are in attendance at the annual Society Scientific Business Meeting. Each eligible voting member of the Society in attendance shall have one vote for each position being considered. There shall be no cumulative voting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor by Robert's Rules.

Positions shall be elected by a majority of the Voting members of the Society in attendance at the annual Society Scientific Business Meeting.

The term of office for those selected shall commence at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

## E-voting

Electronic voting via email will be recognized as a formal form of membership voting on applicable Society issues *other than* the above described Executive Board member positions (second vice president, treasurer-elect, secretary-elect, and members at large). An e-vote will require that a quorum of >50% of voting members respond to the email vote, and a majority vote will prevail.

“Board Meetings” refers to the biannual meetings that occur in person at the AAOS and the LLRS annual scientific meeting. Board meetings also include Conference Calls. If a meeting of the executive board occurs over a conference call, and a quorum of members are present then voting is allowable during that call.

### *Section 5.* Membership Committee

The Membership Committee shall consist of a Chairman, who is an active member, and will be appointed by the President of the Executive Board and approved by the Executive Board as vacancies arise. The initial appointment will be for three years and will be approved by the Executive Board. The Chair may appoint active or associate members to the committee. The Membership committee shall receive, review, and consider applications for Active, Associate, Senior/Emeritus, Corresponding, and Candidate memberships. The Membership Committee will present the applicants to the Executive Board at one of the Board meetings where they will be voted upon. The committee may elect to recommend, not recommend, or defer decision on an application pending more full investigation of the applicant’s qualifications. The chair of the membership committee is a voting member of the Executive Board.

### *Section 6.* Annual Scientific and Specialty Day Program Committees

1. Annual Meeting: Presidential line, current President and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President as co-chairs.
2. AAOS Specialty Day: appointed Chairman and Junior Chairman

The assignments of the Program Committees are as follows:

#### A. ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING of the Society

Under the guidance of the Executive Board, cooperation, and communication with the Executive Director. Expenditures shall be approved by the President or Treasurer

1. The First Vice-President shall Chair the Program Committee of the Annual Scientific Society Meeting. Invite if approved by the Executive Board, responsible for the review of abstracts with the

presidential line, selection of moderators, organization and conduct of the meeting program.

2. The current President is responsible for the Invited Presidential Guest Lecturer, the Alessandro Codivilla Guest Speaker, program organization, events and abstract reviews. The President shall make necessary introductions.

Both the First Vice-President and President shall duly inform the Society membership of the venue and maintain communication with the Executive Director during planning.

B. AAOS Annual Specialty Day

Two Chairmen shall be appointed by the Executive Board and will serve one year as a Junior Chairman and become the Chairman the following year. The appointment will be for two years. The Program committee shall be responsible for all organization and conduct of the AAOS Specialty Day. The agenda of this meeting shall be authorized by the Executive Board. Theme, purpose, collaborations, and speakers are discussed during the two years prior to the Specialty Day during the Executive Board Business meetings.

*Section 7.* Education Committee

The Education Committee Chairman, who is an active member, will be appointed by the President of the Executive Board and approved by the Executive Board as vacancies arise. The initial appointment will be for three years and will be approved by the Executive Board. The Education Committee may consist of two or more active or associate members appointed by the Education Chair and approved by the Executive Board. The initial appointment will be for up to two years. The Education Committee shall further and improve the Society's educational offerings and represent the Society at the AAOS annual meetings. A report will be presented at each Executive Board meeting, where the chairman is a voting member.

*Section 8.* AAOS Board of Specialty Societies (BOS) Committee

The presidential line will appoint – and the board approve – a member to serve the three-year term as the LLRS Member representative to the BOS. This member will be the BOS committee Chairman. A member-at-large can also serve as the BOS representative and Chairman. A member of the LLRS presidential line (PL) will also make every effort to serve a three-year term as the LLRS PL representative. This service requires participation at all AAOS-BOS meetings including the Fall meeting, Annual Meeting, and NOLC. The BOS representative is a voting executive board member. The structure of the BOS committee currently includes the PL and member representatives as well as the executive director, however, this is subject to change as the AAOS/BOS changes society requirements.

*Section 9.* Specialty Training Committee

The Specialty Training Committee Chairman, who is an active member, will be appointed by the President of the Executive Board and approved by the Executive Board as vacancies arise. The initial appointment will be for three years and will be approved by the Executive Board. Specialty Training Committee positions include: Committee Chair and Traveling Fellowship Committee Members. The Specialty Training Committee (STC) will be tasked with: Reviewing the traveling fellowship applicants, Run the conference call to review the applicants with the group and chose the fellows; Determining which four adult and pediatric sites the fellows will visit and the schedule; Reviewing feedback from past fellows and modifying the fellowship as necessary; Aiding in marketing traveling fellowship program to potential fellows and in fundraising; Coordinating with SIGN Fracture Care International for 1–2 fellows from low and middle income countries if applicable. The Committee Chair will be appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Board. The other committee members will be appointed by the STC Committee Chair. The Committee Chair will present a full update to the Executive Board at



the biannual Board Meetings and is a voting member of the Executive Board.

*Section 10.* Communications Committee

The Communications Committee Chairman, who is an active member, will be appointed by the President of the Executive Board and approved by the Executive Board as vacancies arise. The initial appointment will be for three years and will be approved by the Executive Board. The Communications Committee may consist of two or more active or associate members appointed by the Communications Chair and approved by the Executive Board. The initial appointment will be for up to two years. The Communications Committee shall oversee the website, social media, newsletters, podcasts, and any other communications by the society. A report will be presented at each Executive Board meeting, where the chairman is a voting member.

~~*Section 11.* Investment Fund Committee~~

~~The Investment Fund Committee Chairman, who is an active member, will be appointed by the Executive Board. The initial appointment will be for three years and will be approved by the Executive Board. The Communications Committee may consist of two or more active or associate members appointed by the Executive Board. The initial appointment will be for up to two years. The Investment Fund Committee shall oversee the management of the Society's Vanguard investment account. A report will be presented at each Executive Board meeting, where the chairman is a voting member.~~

*Section 12.* Ad-Hoc Committees

Ad-Hoc Committees shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board. These committees will report to the Executive Board during the AAOS and or Annual Executive Board Meetings.

## ARTICLE VI

### *Vacancy and Removal*

- A. A vacancy in any office of the Executive Board or in the two elected positions of the nominating committee may be filled by the Executive Board for the unexpired portion of the term or until the next annual meeting.
- B. Any officer, committee member or agent of the Society may be removed by the Executive Board when in its judgment the best interests of the Society would be served thereby.
- C. Any unexpected vacancy in the presidential line, President or First vice president, will be filled by advancing the presidential line members to the next level. If the First vice president takes over the presidency during the term of another president, he/she should be allowed to stay in this position for an additional full term if they desire. If the second vice president vacates unexpectedly, the nominating committee will need to propose a new member to fill the position. This member will need to be approved by the board and ratified at the Annual Scientific Meeting or via electronic voting.
- D. A Force Majeure (such as an act of nature, pandemic, war or similar unforeseen circumstance of similar magnitude) that necessitates cancellation of the in-person Society Annual Scientific Meeting, will be grounds for the Executive Board to consider placing a freeze on any changes in the Board positions and Presidential Line. This decision to extend all current board positions for an additional 12 months will require a motion from the president and a 75% majority vote of the Executive Board. Less than 75% agreement will signify a normal advancement of board positions as set forth in Articles III–V. Any board member that does not wish to extend their service beyond the terms of the original commitment can terminate their position at the prescribed time, and the normal mechanisms to fill that position will be followed. The Board should be able to present compelling reasons to the membership to freeze position advancement. Circumstances unique to the LLRS ASAMI North America include a small membership, that relies heavily on the annual scientific meeting, and a finite number of presidential line candidates. The President would need to specifically address why the Force Majeure has limited the Presidential Line from carrying out its stated goals for the year, and provide an argument that the Presidential Line could achieve those goals with the additional year. The extension of Board positions would be limited to a maximum of one year.

## ARTICLE VII

### *Amendments*

*Section 1.* All proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the Society must be signed by five active members and submitted to the Secretary three months prior to the annual scientific meeting of the Society. The amendment shall be accepted if a two-thirds affirmative vote is obtained by the voting members present at the annual business meeting of the members of the Society. A virtual business meeting may be called for this purpose.

## ARTICLE VIII

### *Seal*

*Section 1.* The Executive Board provides a seal for the Society to be approved by a majority of the members present at an annual business meeting.

### *MISSION STATEMENT*

*“THE LIMB LENGTHENING AND RECONSTRUCTION SOCIETY–ASAMI NA IS DEVOTED TO THE CONTINUUM STUDY AND EVOLUTION OF KNOWLEDGE BASED ON THE UNDERSTANDING OF BONE BIOLOGY, OSTEOGENESIS REGENERATION AND MUSCULOSKELETAL APPLICATIONS.*

*OUR PURPOSE IS TO RESOLVE ACUTE AND CHRONIC MUSCULOSKELETAL PROBLEMS OF PEDIATRIC AND ADULT PATIENTS.*

*WE STRIVE TO MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST COMPETENCY IN THE FIELD OF MUSCULOSKELETAL DEFICIENCIES AND RECONSTRUCTION: LIMB LENGTH AND EXTREMITY DEFECTS, LONG BONE AND JOINT DEFORMITY, LIMB SALVAGE, TRAUMA, INFECTION AND COMPLEX LIMB RECONSTRUCTION.*

*AS AN AAOS SPECIALTY SOCIETY; WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE PROVISION OF EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, RESEARCH, CLINICAL EXCELLANCE AND COLLEGIAL COOPERATION.”*