

Professional Sections of the Association

- A. The Association will be organized into several sections that reflect the general professional specialties of its members**
- B. Chartering Professional Sections**
 - 1. Charters are to be issued by the Board of Directors to professional sections in recognition of their pursuit of the stated professional, philanthropic and service objectives of the Association.**
 - 2. Bylaws of all professional sections must be structured to conform to the Association bylaws and must be reviewed by the bylaws committee and approved by the Association Board of Directors. In case of a dispute between the professional section bylaws and the Association bylaws, the Association bylaws have precedence and will prevail.**
 - 3. An active professional section is characterized as having elections for Board of Directors and Executive Officers according to its bylaws as well as yearly general membership meetings.**
 - 4. The Association shall act as the administrative coordinating body for all professional sections.**
 - 5. Professional sections shall channel their activities and plans through the Association's National Office. This shall also apply to all matters wherein the Association is the program sponsoring body.**
 - 6. The Association shall be kept informed of all activities, with copies of correspondence sent to the National Office.**
 - 7. Specifically, NAAMA Chapters are responsible to report in a timely fashion:**
 - a. All CME activities**
 - b. All fund-raising activities,**
 - c. All governance activities and changes including annual meetings and election results.**
 - 8. All professional sections of this Association shall be called National Arab American Medical Association - (Professional Section), i.e., NAAMA – (Professional Section).**
 - 9. Terms of office for all officers in all professional sections will commence on January 1st each year to coincide with the terms of the National officers.**
 - 10. Local professional sections may apply for and utilize the National Association's 501(c) 3 Federal tax exemption by adhering to National Association and IRS guidelines.**
 - 11. All Professional sections of the Association should adhere to the Association's Bylaws and guidelines.**
- C. Organizational Structure**
 - 1. Each Professional Section will have a Board of Directors as outlined in its bylaws**
 - 2. Elections of the Professional Section Board of Directors will occur at the site of and in Conjunction with the National Convention**
 - 3. The National Office will make arrangements at the national Convention for Professional Sections to meet and elect members to fill open positions**
 - 4. Terms in office for all Board of Directors will be two years, renewable for one term, after which a one-year leave of absence is required.**
- D. Members of the association will choose or be assigned to a section based on their professional affiliation**
- E. The various Professional Sections of the association are listed in Appendix A. The Board of Directors will periodically review this list and make additions or deletions as deemed necessary by the Board.**
- F. All professional sections will be represented on the Board of Directors.**