

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS RE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

1. Why is there a need to amend the PSUOG By-Laws?

The Society has existed for 26 years and has evolved in those years. The original 1994 SEC-registered By-Laws is no longer sufficient to meet the needs of the Society, it has to adapt to changing times and it has to answer all the affairs of the society in the past.

There were attempts to amend these by-laws in 2014 and in 2019. However, the amendments were not ratified by the members and were not duly registered in SEC.

2. Where did the “2 years” requirement as training for fellow come from?

The original By-laws already stated that a Member is a graduate of a 2-year fellowship program. However, in truth and in practice, there were no existing 2-year fellowship program in 1994 and non throughout the 26 years. Majority of members of PSUOG went through a one-year program.

However, the practice of OB-GYN ultrasound has expanded tremendously in those 26 years. Advances in both obstetric and gynecologic ultrasound abound and the practice of ultrasound is climbing up in the technology ladder. However, the training being given to our fellows is basic OB-GYN ultrasound. Advanced OB-GYN ultrasound will now require another year.

By adapting the “two-year fellowship program” we will be able to train our future members in advanced OB-GYN ultrasound. This will also give all members the opportunity to update and upgrade their knowledge and skills.

3. Will the two-year program be effectively immediately after ratification?

If ratified, the By-Laws will be registered in SEC. Thereafter, the new By-Laws will apply. However, shifting from a one-year to a two-year program will entail changes in curriculum, logistics, training of trainers. Hence, the shift will take all the necessary steps and processes before its full implementation and we need to consider the fortuitous change and the challenge that the pandemic has posed.

4. What are the sections added?

These sections deal with the programs of the society, addition of the functions of the assistant secretary, the maximum number of years an officer may serve consecutively, and committees, to name a few.