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Greetings,

We are thrilled to share some fantastic news with you! The CNS membership has officially endorsed the updated bylaws, marking a significant milestone in our organization's continued growth and development.

Our deepest gratitude goes out to the dedicated members of the **Bylaws Committee** and the valuable input from the **CNS Board**, **Membership Committee**, and other key stakeholders. Their collaborative efforts have resulted in the successful revision of our organization's bylaws.

These changes were carefully crafted to modernize and simplify the language within our bylaws, recognizing the complexities often associated with reviewing such documents. To facilitate your understanding, we have outlined the key changes below.

Key Changes Include:

Article II

- Six classes of members (Active, Junior, Honorary, Emeritus, Affiliate, and Medical Student).
- Added D.O. accredited medical schools for medical student membership.
- Resignation is simpler, noting that resignation "shall not relieve the member so resigning of the obligation to pay any dues," but there is no longer the language of "reinstatement" after payment of arrears and no longer the complicating language of termination for non-payment of dues for two successive years "shall be ipso facto suspended." Rather, if dues are not paid for the year, then membership goes inactive. Rejoining later can happen upon payment of any outstanding dues or other debts owed. It no longer adds up year after year.

Article IV

- The Secretary-Treasurer has a term of three years vs. at least three years but not more than five years as determined by the Board.

Article V

- Committees: The only committees that are enshrined in the bylaws are the Executive Committee and the Nominating Committee, and then the Board of Directors can establish other committees.

Article VI

- Any action that could be taken at a meeting of Active members may be taken by mail ballot without a meeting of the members, provided that at least ten percent (10%) vs. twenty percent (20%) of the total membership entitled to vote actually votes by such mail ballot.

These changes underscore our unwavering commitment to modernizing and enhancing the functionality of our organization, ensuring that our bylaws align with the evolving needs of our membership.

Your vote was a pivotal step in shaping the future of our organization. We look forward to implementing these updated bylaws for the benefit of our entire community.

To access the updated bylaws, please visit: <https://www.childneurologysociety.org>

Warm Regards,
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