

RESOLUTION

Subject: Bylaws Amendment to Update KMA's Parliamentary Authority

Submitted by: KMA Board of Trustees

Referred to: Reference Committee

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WHEREAS, Chapter X of the KMA Bylaws states that the deliberations of the Association are governed by parliamentary usage as contained in the latest edition of Sturgis' *The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure* (Sturgis) unless otherwise determined by a vote of its respective bodies; and

WHEREAS, the latest edition of *The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure* by Alice Sturgis was released in 2001 and is no longer being revised for the modern era; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, KMA has made changes to its governance structure to modernize the Association and the way it conducts business; and

WHEREAS, many similar organizations, such as the American Medical Association, the Texas Medical Association, and the American Dental Association have adopted the use of the *American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure* (AIPSC) as their parliamentary authority due to its more current and updated approach; and

WHEREAS, the AIPSC is based upon the same principles of simplification, modernization, and ease of comprehension as Sturgis and is very similar in substance; and

WHEREAS, the American Institute of Parliamentarians offers resources and education on parliamentary procedure that may be beneficial to KMA officers, Board members, and staff; and

WHEREAS, delaying the implementation of a new parliamentary authority until after the conclusion 2023 Annual Meeting would allow time for the Speakers and members of the House to become familiar with the procedures outlined in the AIPSC; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Chapter X of the KMA Bylaws be amended after the conclusion of the 2023 KMA Annual Meeting to state: "The deliberations of this Association shall be governed by parliamentary usage as contained in the latest edition of the American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure~~Sturgis's Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure~~, unless otherwise determined by a vote of its respective bodies."