

Feb 12, 2025

## Notice to Membership

### Re: Proposed Amendments to Constitution

#### Article 5.1.1 b.

#### Article 6.1.1

Please note proposed amendments are highlighted yellow.

### Current Text

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- c. **Student Associates** - Registered Nurses enrolled in a university graduate program leading to eligibility for entry-to-practice as a NP in Alberta. Student associates shall not be entitled to vote or to hold office. Student associates may serve on committees. Student associates are entitled to receive all correspondence and publications of the NPAA.
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### **Rationale for Proposed Amendment**

To align terminology to provide all members the opportunity to upgrade to membership plus.

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### **Rationale for Proposed Amendment**

Current workload for NPAA board members exceeds capabilities of a volunteer board. Additional Directors at Large will be able to disperse demand. Furthermore, additional Directors are needed to provide representation in all MAPS pillars (Acute Care, Primary Care, Mental Health and Additions, Continuing Care).

Any voting member of the NPAA shall be afforded the opportunity to make representation on the proposed amendments at the meeting at which the proposal is to be voted on (March 15,2025).

Please contact [vicepresident@albertanps.com](mailto:vicepresident@albertanps.com) to submit feedback and/or request for representation at the board meeting March 15, 2025.