

**PETITION FOR REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNANCE AT AAMFT**

We, Clinical Members of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, do hereby join together to make a formal request to:

- identify and remove those elements in the current governance policies (rev. 2006) and structure of AAMFT that grant all powers to the Board and Executive Staff, thereby disempowering the Council of Division Presidents and members;
- develop and enact new representative governance structures, policies, and practices that protect member rights to participate as stakeholders, empower divisions and the Council of Division Presidents, and promote a transparent, decentralized, staff-served, membership-driven association.

We request that these action items be discussed at the annual Town Hall/business meeting using Roberts Rules of Order Revised which allows for those making a proposal to speak first to the proposal for 10 minutes, followed by an opposing voice speaking for 10 minutes, then alternating speakers for and against until the question is called by the chair, followed by a vote on the question if a quorum is present. If said quorum is not present, if petitions with 5% of the Clinical members' signatures are presented, then we request that a special meeting of the membership be called to discuss this petition and take action on the items as described herein.

**In signing this petition, as a Clinical member I support the formal request to bring this action item to the annual business meeting/Town Hall and a possible special meeting, and I endorse the goal of creating representative governance bylaws, policies, practices and structures at AAMFT.**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Clinical member #</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
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10.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**In accordance with current AAMFT Policy and By-Laws, Clinical Members only may sign a petition. We value the support of Associate and Student members who share our concerns.**