

**Bylaws of the American Medical Association  
Pertaining to MEDICAL STUDENT MEMBERSHIP and the MEDICAL STUDENT SECTION**

**1.00 Membership**

**1.10 Categories.**

Categories of membership are: 1. Active Constituent; 2. Active Direct; 3. Affiliate; 4. Honorary.

**1.11 Active Constituent.**

Active Constituent members are members of constituent associations who are entitled to exercise the rights of membership in their constituent associations, including the right to vote and hold office, as determined by their respective constituent associations and who fulfill at least one of the following requirements.

- A. Possess the degree of Doctor of Medicine or its equivalent.
- B. Possess an unrestricted license to practice medicine and surgery.
- C. Are Residents serving in training programs approved by the Association, or serving in osteopathic training programs approved by an appropriate accrediting agency.
- D. Are Medical Students enrolled in a Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) or American Osteopathic Association (AOA) accredited program.

**1.111 Admission.**

A person eligible for Active Constituent membership in the American Medical Association becomes a member of the Association upon certification by the secretary of the constituent association to the Executive Vice President of the American Medical Association, provided there is no disapproval by the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs. Said Council may consider information pertaining to the character, ethics, professional status and professional activities of the applicant. The Council shall provide by rule for an appropriate hearing procedure to be provided to the applicant.

**1.12 Active Direct.**

Active Direct members are those who apply for membership in the American Medical Association directly rather than through a constituent association. Applicants residing in states where the constituent medical association requires all of its members to be members of AMA are not eligible for this category of membership unless the applicant is serving full time in the United States Army, the United States Navy, the United States Air Force, the United States Public Health Service or the Veterans Administration. Active Direct members must fulfill at least one of the following requirements.

- A. Possess the degree of Doctor of Medicine or its equivalent.
- B. Possess an unrestricted license to practice medicine and surgery.
- C. Are Residents serving in training programs approved by the Association, or serving in osteopathic training programs approved by an appropriate accrediting agency.
- D. Are Medical Students enrolled in a Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) accredited allopathic or American Osteopathic Association (AOA) accredited osteopathic medical school.

**1.121 Admission.**

Active Direct members are admitted to membership upon application to the Executive Vice President of the American Medical Association, provided that there is no disapproval by the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs. Said Council may consider information pertaining to the character, ethics, professional status and professional activities of the applicant. The Council shall provide by rule for an appropriate hearing procedure to be provided to the applicant.

**1.1211 Notice.**

AMA shall immediately notify each constituent association of the name and address of those applicants for Active Direct membership residing within its jurisdiction.

**1.1212 Objections.**

Objections to applicants for Active Direct membership must be received by the Executive Vice President of AMA within 45 days of receipt by the constituent association of the notice of the application for such membership. All objections will immediately be referred to the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs for prompt disposition pursuant to the rules of the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs.

**1.126 Rights and Privileges.**

Active Constituent and Active Direct members are entitled to receive the Journal of the American Medical Association, American Medical News and such other publications as the Board of Trustees may authorize.

**1.127 Dues and Assessments.**

Active Constituent and Active Direct members are liable for such dues and assessments as are determined and fixed by the House of Delegates.

**1.1271 Active Constituent Members.**

Active Constituent members shall pay their annual dues to the constituent associations for transmittal to the Executive Vice President of the American Medical Association, except as may be otherwise arranged by the Board of Trustees.

**1.1272 Active Direct Members.**

Active Direct members shall pay their annual dues directly to the Executive Vice President of the Association.

**1.1273 Exemptions.**

Upon request, Active Constituent and Active Direct members may be exempt from the payment of dues on January 1 following their sixty-fifth birthday, provided that they are fully retired from the practice of medicine. Additionally, the Board of Trustees may excuse members from payment of dues to alleviate financial hardship or because of forced retirement from medical practice due to physical disability. The Board of Trustees shall establish appropriate standards and procedures for granting all dues exemptions. Members who were exempt from payment of dues based on age and retirement under bylaw provisions applicable in prior years shall be entitled to maintain their dues-exempt status in all subsequent years. Dues exemptions for financial hardship or disability shall be reviewed annually.

**1.1274 Delinquency.**

Members are delinquent if their dues and assessments are not received by the American Medical Association by April 30 of the year for which they are prescribed, or by such other date as the House of Delegates may specifically prescribe, and shall forfeit their membership in the American Medical Association if such delinquent dues and assessments are not received by the Association within thirty days after notice of delinquency has been mailed to the member's last known address by the Executive Vice President of the American Medical Association.

**1.14 Affiliate Members.**

Persons who belong to one of the following classes may become affiliate members.

A. Physicians in foreign countries who have attained distinction in medicine and who are members of their National Medical Society or such other medical organization as will verify their professional credentials.

B. American physicians located in foreign countries or in possessions of the United States who are engaged in medical missionary, educational or philanthropic endeavors.

C. Dentists who hold the degree of D.M.D. or D.D.S. who are members of the American Dental Association and their state and local dental societies.

D. Pharmacists who are Active members of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

E. Teachers of medicine or of the sciences allied to medicine who are citizens of the United States and are ineligible for Active membership.

F. Individuals engaged in scientific endeavors allied to medicine and others who have attained distinction in their fields of endeavor but who are not eligible for other categories of membership.

#### **1.141 Admission.**

By majority vote of the House of Delegates following nomination by the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs. Nominations for D, E, and F must also be approved by the appropriate component and constituent medical society. The election of Affiliate members shall take place at a time recommended by the Convention Committee on Rules and Credentials and approved by the House.

#### **1.142 Rights and Privileges.**

Affiliate Members may attend AMA meetings but may not vote, hold office or receive publications of the Association except by subscription.

#### **1.143 Dues and Assessments.**

Affiliate members are not subject to dues or assessments.

#### **1.15 Honorary Members.**

Physicians of foreign countries who have achieved pre-eminence in the profession of medicine and who attend a convention of the American Medical Association.

#### **1.151 Admission.**

Elected at that convention by the House of Delegates upon nomination by the Board of Trustees. The election of Honorary members shall take place at a time recommended by the Convention Committee on Rules and Credentials and approved by the House. Not more than three Honorary members shall be elected at any convention except on special recommendation of the Board of Trustees and the unanimous vote of House.

#### **1.152 Rights and Privileges.**

Honorary Members may attend AMA meetings but may not vote, hold office or receive publications of the Association except by subscription.

#### **1.153 Dues and Assessments.**

Honorary members are not subject to dues or assessments.

#### **1.20 Maintenance of Membership.**

A member may hold only one type of membership in the American Medical Association at any one time. Membership may be retained only as long as the member complies with the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws and Principles of Medical Ethics of the American Medical Association.

### **1.30 Transfer of Membership.**

Members of the American Medical Association, except members serving full time in the United States Army, the United States Navy, the United States Air Force, the United States Public Health Service or the Veterans Administration, who move to a jurisdiction in which the constituent medical association requires that all members of the constituent association be members of the American Medical Association must apply for membership in the constituent association within one year after moving into the jurisdiction in order to continue membership in the American Medical Association. Unless membership in the constituent association has been granted within two years after application, membership in the American Medical Association shall cease.

### **1.40 Termination of Membership.**

Upon official notification to the American Medical Association that an Active Constituent member is not in good standing in a constituent association, such member shall cease to be a member of the AMA, subject to the member's right of appeal as provided in B-1.613.

### **1.50 Discrimination.**

Membership in any category of the American Medical Association or in any of its constituent associations shall not be denied or abridged because of sex, color, creed, race, religion, disability, ethnic origin, national origin, sexual orientation or age, or for any other reason unrelated to character or competence. Nor shall membership in any category of the American Medical Association or in any of its constituent associations be denied to any person who meets the requirements for membership as set forth in these bylaws and in the bylaws of the applicant's respective constituent association. In considering applicants for membership, information as to the character, ethics, professional status and professional activities of the individual may be considered.

### **1.60 Discipline.**

#### **1.61 Active Constituent Members.**

**1.611** The Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs, after due notice and hearing may censure, suspend or expel such member from AMA membership for an infraction of the Constitution or these Bylaws for a violation of the Principles of Medical Ethics, or for unethical or illegal conduct.

**1.612** In addition to the disciplinary action referred to in B-1.611, Active Constituent members may be subject to the following disciplinary actions.

**1.6121** Actions under the constitution and bylaws of the component society and constituent association to which the member belongs.

**1.6122** A request from the constituent association to which a member belongs for the AMA to take disciplinary action.

**1.6123** A request by the AMA to the constituent association to which the member belongs to consent to disciplinary proceedings by the AMA.

#### **1.613 Appeals.**

**1.6131** All disciplinary actions by a component society or a constituent association against a member may be appealed to the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs of the American Medical Association on questions of law and procedure only but not on questions of fact.

**1.6132** Notice of appeal shall be filed with the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs within thirty (30) days of the date of the decision of the constituent association, and the appeal shall be perfected within sixty (60) days thereof.

**1.6133** The Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs, for what it deems good and sufficient cause, may grant an additional thirty (30) days for perfecting the appeal.

**1.62 All Other Members.**

**1.621** The Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs, after due notice and hearing, may censure, suspend or expel any Active Direct, Affiliate or Honorary Member of the Association for an infraction of the Constitution or these Bylaws, for a violation of the Principles of Medical Ethics, or for unethical or illegal conduct.

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**2.0 House of Delegates**

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**2.10 Composition and Representation.** The House of Delegates is composed of delegates selected by constituent associations and other delegates as defined in 2.12 and 2.13.

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**2.12 Other Delegates.** Each of the following is eligible to select one delegate and one alternate delegate: Sections as provided in 7.00; the Surgeons General of the United States Army, United States Navy, United States Air Force and United States Public Health Service; the Chief Medical Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs; the National Medical Association; the American Medical Women's Association; the American Osteopathic Association; and professional interest medical associations. Specialty organizations, as provided in 8.00 and in accordance with 2.124, are eligible to select at least one delegate and alternate delegate. The Medical Student Section shall also elect delegates and alternate delegates from Medical Student Regions as provided in 2.16.

**2.121 Certification.** The president or secretary of each specialty organization as provided in 8.00, each Section as provided in 7.00, the Surgeons General of the United States Army, United States Navy, United States Air Force and United States Public Health Service, the Chief Medical Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the National Medical Association, the American Medical Women's Association, and the American Osteopathic Association shall certify to the Executive Vice President of the AMA their respective delegate and alternate delegate. Delegates and alternate delegates from Medical Student Regions shall be certified in accordance with 2.164.

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**2.14 Alternate Delegates.** Each constituent association, the specialty organizations, as provided in 8.00, the Sections as provided in 7.00, the Medical Student Regions as provided in 2.16, the National Medical Association, the American Medical Women's Association, the American Osteopathic Association, the Surgeons General of the United States Army, United States Navy, United States Air Force, United States Public Health Service, and the Chief Medical Director of the Department of

Veterans Affairs may select an alternate delegate for each delegate entitled to be seated in the American Medical Association House of Delegates.

**2.16 Delegates from Medical Student Regions.** In addition to the delegate and alternate delegate representing the Medical Student Section, medical student delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected utilizing a regional structure. The regional structure consists of seven Medical Student Regions defined as follows:

**Region 1:** Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Idaho, Wyoming, Alaska, Hawaii.

**Region 2:** Minnesota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois.

**Region 3:** Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi.

**Region 4:** Florida, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Puerto Rico.

**Region 5:** Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia.

**Region 6:** Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania.

**Region 7:** Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York.

Each Region is entitled to delegate and alternate delegate representation based on the number of seats allocated to it by apportionment.

**2.161 Qualifications.** Delegates from Medical Student Regions must be active medical student members of the American Medical Association.

**2.162 Apportionment.** The apportionment of delegates for each Medical Student Region is one delegate for each two thousand (2,000) active medical student members of the American Medical Association enrolled in a Liaison Committee on Medical Education or American Osteopathic Association accredited program located within the jurisdiction of each Medical Student Region, as recorded in the office of the Executive Vice President of the AMA on December 31 of each year.

**2.1621 Effective Date.** In January of each year the Executive Vice President of the American Medical Association shall notify the Medical Student Section Governing Council of the number of seats in the House of Delegates to which each Medical Student Region is entitled. Such apportionment shall take effect on January 1 of the following year and shall remain effective for one year.

**2.163 Election.** To be eligible for election, a medical student member must receive the written endorsement of the constituent association representing the jurisdiction within which such medical student's Liaison Committee on Medical Education or American Osteopathic Association accredited program is located. Delegates and alternate delegates for each Medical Student Region shall be elected by the Medical Student Section in accordance with procedures adopted by said Section. Delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected at the Business Meeting of the Medical Student Section prior to the Interim Meeting of the House of Delegates. Delegates and alternate delegates shall be seated at the Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates.

**2.164 Certification.** The Chair of the Medical Student Section Governing Council shall certify, to the Executive Vice President of the AMA, the delegates and alternate delegates for each Medical Student Region.

**2.165 Evaluation.** The regional structure for adding medical student delegates to the House of Delegates shall be evaluated five years after adoption of these Bylaws.

## **2.20 Terms of Delegates.**

### **2.21 Delegates from Constituent Associations.**

**2.211** Delegates and alternate delegates from constituent associations shall be selected for two-year terms and assume office on the date set by the constituent association, provided that such seats are authorized pursuant to these Bylaws. Certification of delegates and alternate delegates pursuant to Section 2.114 must occur at least thirty days prior to the Annual or Interim Meeting of the House of Delegates.

**2.212** When the number of delegate seats of constituent associations is increased in accordance with 2.111, the delegates and alternate delegates selected to fill vacancies shall assume office immediately after selection and serve during that term.

**2.213** Constituent associations entitled to more than one delegate shall select them so that half the number, as near as may be, are selected each year. If necessary to accomplish this proportion, one (1) year terms may be provided but only to the extent and for such time as is necessary to accomplish it.

**2.214 Resident and Medical Student Delegates.** A constituent association may designate one or more of its delegate and alternate delegate seats to be filled by a resident member or a medical student member who is an active member of the American Medical Association.

**2.2141 Term.** Such resident or medical student delegate or alternate delegate shall serve for a one-year term beginning as of the date of certification of the delegate or alternate delegate by the constituent association to the Executive Vice President of the AMA, as required by Section 2.114.

**2.2142** Nothing in section 2.214 and the subsections thereunder shall authorize the early termination of a delegate's or alternate delegate's term in order to create a seat for a resident or medical student member.

**2.2143** Nothing in section 2.214 and the subsections thereunder shall preclude a resident or medical student member from being selected to fill a full two-year term as a delegate or alternate delegate from a constituent association as provided in section 2.211.

### **2.22 Other Delegates.**

**2.221** Delegates and alternate delegates from specialty organizations, the National Medical Association, the American Medical Women's Association, the American Osteopathic Association, the United States Army, the United States Navy, the United States Air Force, the United States Public Health Service, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, shall be selected for two-year terms, and shall assume office on the date set by the organization or entity to be represented in the House of Delegates. Certification of delegates and alternate delegates pursuant to Section 2.121 must occur at least thirty days prior to the Annual or Interim Meeting of the House of Delegates.

**2.2211** Specialty organizations entitled to more than one delegate shall select them so that half the number, as near as may be, are selected each year. If necessary to accomplish this proportion, one year terms may be provided but only to the extent and for such time as is necessary.

**2.222** The delegate and the alternate delegate from each of the Sections as provided in 7.00 shall be elected as provided in that Section for the term specified therein.

**2.223** The delegates selected pursuant to Section 2.123 of these Bylaws to serve in the House of Delegates during the term of service of the Speaker and Vice Speaker shall serve one year terms

consistent with the term of the Speaker and Vice Speaker. The constituent association, specialty organization, Section, Federal Service, or other organization shall determine the tenure of the individual selected to serve.

**2.224** Delegates and alternate delegates from Medical Student Regions shall be elected for one-year terms and shall assume office on the date set by the Medical Student Section Governing Council. Certification of delegates and alternate delegates pursuant to Section 2.164 must occur at least thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates.

**2.30 Vacancies.** When vacancies occur, the delegate and alternate delegate selected to fill such vacancy shall assume office immediately after selection and serve for the remainder of that term.

#### **2.40 Registration and Seating of Delegates.**

**2.41 Credentials.** Before being seated at any meeting of the House of Delegates, each delegate or alternate delegate shall deposit with the Committee on Rules and Credentials a certificate signed by the president or secretary of the constituent association, or of the specialty organization as provided in 8.00, or the Section as provided in 7.00, or the Medical Student Section Governing Council as provided in 2.164, or the National Medical Association, or the American Medical Women's Association, or the American Osteopathic Association, or the Surgeon General of the respective government service, or the Chief Medical Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs stating that the delegate or alternate delegate has been properly selected to serve in the House of Delegates.

**2.42 Lack of Credentials.** A delegate or alternate delegate may be seated without the certificate defined in 2.41 provided proper identification as the delegate or alternate delegate selected by the respective constituent association, specialty organization, service, section, or other organization is established, and so certified to the Executive Vice President of the American Medical Association.

**2.43 Substitute.** When a delegate or alternate delegate is unable to attend an Annual or Interim Meeting of the House of Delegates, the appropriate authorities of the constituent association, specialty organization, service or section concerned, or other entity represented in the House of Delegates may appoint a substitute delegate or alternate delegate, who on presenting proper credentials shall be eligible to serve as such delegate or alternate delegate in the House of Delegates at that meeting.

**2.431 Temporary Substitute Delegate.** A delegate whose credentials have been accepted by the Committee on Rules and Credentials and whose name has been placed on the roll of the House of Delegates shall remain a delegate until final adjournment of that meeting of the House of Delegates. However, if the delegate is not able to remain in attendance, that delegate's place may be taken during the period of absence by an alternate delegate, or a substitute alternate delegate selected in accordance with 2.43 if an alternate delegate is not available. The person who takes the place of the delegate must comply with the formal recredentialing procedures established by the Committee on Rules and Credentials for such purpose, and shall be known as a temporary substitute delegate. Such temporary substitute delegate shall have all of the rights and privileges of a delegate while serving as a temporary substitute delegate, including the right to vote by ballot and to vote in any election conducted by the House of Delegates. The temporary substitute delegate shall not be eligible for nomination or election as Speaker or Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates.

**2.44 Constituent Association President.** The current president of a constituent medical association may also be certified as an additional alternate delegate at the discretion of each constituent medical association.

**2.45 Representation.** No delegate or alternate delegate may be registered or seated at any meeting to represent more than one organization in the House of Delegates.

**2.46 Medical Student Seating.** Each delegate from Medical Student Regions shall be seated with the constituent association representing the jurisdiction within which such delegate's Liaison Committee on Medical Education or American Osteopathic Association accredited program is located.

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**B-3.506 Medical Student Member of Board of Trustees.**

A medical student member of AMA shall be elected annually by the Medical Student Section Assembly to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees. The medical student member of the Board of Trustees shall have all of the rights of any other member of the Board to participate fully in meetings of the Board, including the right to make motions and to vote on policy issues, intra-Board elections or other elections, appointments or nominations conducted by the Board of Trustees.

**B-3.5061 Election.**

The medical student trustee shall be elected at the Business Meeting of the Medical Student Section prior to the Interim Meeting of the AMA for a term of one year beginning at the close of the next Annual Meeting of the AMA and concluding at the close of the second Annual Meeting of the AMA following the meeting at which the member was elected.

**B-3.5062 Term.**

The medical student member elected to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees shall be eligible for re-election as long as the member remains eligible for medical student membership in AMA.

**B-3.5063 Term.**

The term of the medical student member of the Board of Trustees shall terminate and the position shall be declared vacant if the medical student member should cease to be eligible for medical student membership in the AMA by virtue of the termination of the member's enrollment in a Liaison Committee on Medical Education or American Osteopathic Association accredited program. Should the medical student member graduate from an accredited college of medicine or osteopathy within 90 days prior to an Annual Meeting, the medical student shall be permitted to continue to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees until completion of the Annual Meeting.

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**7.30 Medical Student Section.** There shall be a Section for medical student members of the AMA.

**B-7.31 Governing Council.** There shall be a Governing Council of the Medical Student Section.

**B-7.311 Members.** The Governing Council shall consist of the officers of the Medical Student Section and one member at-large of the Governing Council, all of whom except the Chair-Elect shall be elected at the Business Meeting of the Medical Student Section held prior to the Annual Meeting of the AMA. The Chair-Elect shall be elected at the Business Meeting of the Medical Student Section held prior to the Interim Meeting of the AMA. All members of the Governing Council must be medical student members of the American Medical Association. No more than one voting member of the Governing Council may be elected from any one state. The Speaker, Vice Speaker and the Immediate Past Presiding officer shall be, ex-officio, a non-voting members of the Governing Council.

**B-7.312** Term and Tenure. Governing Council members, with the exception of the Chair-Elect, shall serve one year terms, beginning at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting at which they were selected and ending at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting of the AMA. Prior to serving the one-year term as Chair, the Chair-Elect shall serve for six months ex-officio as a non-voting member of the Governing Council. Voting members of the Governing Council shall serve for no more than two terms.

**B-7.313** Duties. The Governing Council shall direct the programs and activities of the Medical Student Section, subject to the approval of such programs and activities by the Board of Trustees or the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association.

**B-7.314** Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring on the Governing Council shall be filled at the next Business Meeting of the Medical Student Section. The new member shall be selected for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original selection was made, as outlined in 7.311.

**B-7.3141** Temporary Appointment. If a vacancy on the Governing Council occurs more than thirty (30) days prior to the next Assembly meeting, the Governing Council may appoint a medical student member of the AMA to fill the vacancy until the next Business Meeting of the Medical Student Section when an election shall be held pursuant to rules adopted by the Medical Student Section.

**B-7.315** Officers. The Officers of the Medical Student Section and their duties shall be as follows:

**B-7.3151** Chair-Elect. The Chair-Elect shall assist the other officers in the discharge of their duties.

**B-7.3152** Chair. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Governing Council of the Medical Student Section and shall otherwise represent the Section when appropriate.

**B-7.3153** Vice Chair. The Vice Chair shall preside at meetings of the Governing Council in the absence of the Chair or at the request of the Chair. The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair in the performance of his or her duties.

**B-7.3154** Delegates and Alternate Delegate. The delegate and alternate delegate shall represent the Medical Student Section in the AMA House of Delegates.

**B-7.3155** At Large Member of Governing Council. The At-Large Member of the Governing Council shall assist the officers in the performance of their duties.

**B-7.316** Election of Officers. The Officers of the Medical Student Section shall be elected in the following manner:

**B-7.3161** Election Procedure for Chair-Elect. The election of the Chair-Elect shall be conducted as follows at the Business Meeting of the Medical Student Section held prior to the Interim Meeting of the Association:

**B-7.31611** Nomination. Nomination for the office of Chair-Elect shall be received in advance of the Interim Meeting pursuant to the rules of the Medical Student Section. Further nominations may be made from the floor of the Business Meeting at a time determined by the Governing Council.

**B-7.31612** Election. Each voting representative to the Business Meeting who is present at the meeting may cast a written ballot for the election of the Chair-Elect from among those nominated for that office. Balloting shall be conducted pursuant to the rules of the Medical Student Section. Election to the office of the Chair-Elect requires a majority of the legal votes cast. If no candidate receives a majority of the

legal votes cast, a run-off election will be held between the two candidates with the highest number of votes.

**B-7.3162** Procedure for Election of all Other Offices. The election of all offices other than the Chair-Elect shall held at the Business Meeting preceding the Annual Meeting of the AMA and shall be conducted as follows:

**B-7.31621** Nomination. Nominations for the office of Vice Chair, Delegate and At-Large Member, shall be received in advance of the Annual Meeting pursuant to the rules of the Medical Student Section. Further nominations may be made from the floor of the Business Meeting at a time determined by the Governing Council. Additionally, unsuccessful candidates for the office of Chair may be nominated from the floor of the Business Meeting immediately following the election of the Chair.

**B-7.31622** Election. Each voting representative to the Business Meeting who is present at the meeting may cast a written ballot containing three votes, one vote each for the election of a Vice Chair, Delegate and At-Large Member, from among those nominated for those respective offices. Balloting shall be conducted pursuant to the rules of the Medical Student Section. Election to each office requires a majority of the legal votes cast. If no candidate receives a majority of the legal votes cast for any office, a run-off election will be held for the open office between the two candidates with the highest number of votes.

**B-7.31623** Election of Alternate Delegate. After the election of the delegate, all unsuccessful candidates who were nominated for the office of delegate will be placed on a ballot for the election of the alternate delegate. Each voting representative to the Business Meeting who is present at the meeting may cast a written ballot for the election of the alternate delegate from among those so nominated. Balloting shall be conducted pursuant to the rules of the Medical Student Section. Election to the office of alternate delegate requires a majority of the legal votes cast. If no candidate receives a majority of the legal votes cast, a run-off election will be held between the two candidates with the highest number of votes.

**7.32 Business Meeting.** There shall be a Business Meeting of members of the Medical Student Section. The Business Meeting shall be held prior to each meeting of the AMA House of Delegates at a time and place designated by the Executive Vice President.

**B-7.321** Representatives to the Business Meeting.

**B-7.3211** Representatives. The AMA medical student members of each program accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association may select one voting member and one alternate member who must be medical student members of the AMA. The members so selected shall be properly certified to the Governing Council of the Medical Student Section in accordance with rules established by the Governing Council.

**B-7.3212** Medical School Campus. The AMA medical student members of a school as defined in 7.3211 that has more than one campus may select a voting member and an alternate from each campus. The members selected must be medical student members of the AMA and shall be properly certified to the Governing Council of the Medical Student Section. For purposes of this section a separate campus is defined as a separate facility in a city other than where the main campus is located, and where part of the medical school student body is assigned for some portion of their instruction over a period of time not less than an academic year.

**B-7.32121** Request to seat a voting representative from a campus other than the main campus of the school must be submitted to the Medical Student Section at least ninety (90) days in advance of the first meeting at which the representative will be seated. The Governing Council of the Medical Student Section shall establish appropriate rules for credentialing all representatives.

**B-7.32122** The AMA medical student members of the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science campus of the University of California at Los Angeles Medical School may select one voting member and one alternate member to represent the campus at the business meeting of medical student members. Both the voting member and the alternate member must be medical student members of AMA and must be properly certified to the Governing Council of the Medical Student Section in accordance with rules established by the Governing Council.

**B-7.3213** Specialty Organizations. Those national medical specialty organizations that have been granted representation in the AMA House of Delegates and have established a medical student component may be represented at the Business Meeting of the Medical Student Section by one voting member and one alternate selected by the medical student members of the specialty organization, both of whom must be medical student members of AMA and must be properly certified to the Governing Council of the Medical Student Section. The Governing Council shall adopt uniform rules and criteria to determine if a national medical specialty organization has established a medical student membership component so as to qualify for representation at the Business Meeting of the Section. The procedure by which the medical student representative from the specialty organization is selected must meet the requirements established by the Governing Council.

**B-7.3214** National Medical Student Organizations. National medical student organizations that have been granted representation in the Medical Student Section Business Meeting pursuant to the provisions of these Bylaws may select one voting member and one alternate member, both of whom must be medical student members of the American Medical Association. The members so selected shall be properly certified to the Governing Council of the Medical Student Section in accordance with rules established by the Governing Council.

**B-7.32141** Criteria for Eligibility. National medical student organizations that meet the following criteria may be considered for representation in the AMA Medical Student Section Business Meeting: a. The organization must be national in scope. b. The organization must be composed solely of medical students enrolled in a Liaison Committee on Medical Education or American Osteopathic Association accredited program. c. Membership in the organization must be available to all medical students, without discrimination. d. The purposes and objectives of the organization must be consistent with the AMA's purposes and objectives. e. The organization's code of medical ethics must be consistent with the AMA's Principles of Medical Ethics.

**B-7.32142** Procedure. The organization must submit a written application containing sufficient information to establish that the organization meets the criteria described in Section 7.32141. The application must also include the following: a. The organization's charter, constitution, bylaws and code of medical ethics. b. A list of the sources of the organization's financial support, other than the dues of its medical student members. c. A list or description of all of the organization's affiliations. d. Such additional information as may be requested. The Governing Council shall review the application. If it recommends that the organization be granted representation in the Medical Student Section Business Meeting, the recommendation shall be submitted to the AMA Board of Trustees for review. If approved by the AMA Board of Trustees, the organization may be represented in the Medical Student Section Business Meeting.

**B-7.32143** Biennial Review Process. Each national medical student organization represented in the Medical Student Section Business Meeting must reconfirm biennially that it continues to meet the criteria for eligibility by submitting such information and documentation as may be required by the Governing Council.

**B-7.32144** Rights and Responsibilities. National medical student organizations granted representation in the Medical Student Section Business Meeting shall have the following rights and responsibilities: a. Full voting rights in the Business Meeting, including the right to vote in any elections at the conclusion of a two year probationary period with regular attendance. b. Shall not be eligible for election to any office in the AMA Medical Student Section. c. To present its policies and opinions in the Business Meeting. d. It shall require its representatives to report on the actions of the AMA Medical Student Section. e. It shall cooperate in enhancing the AMA Medical Student Section membership.

**B-7.32145** Discontinuance of Representation. The Governing Council may recommend discontinuance of the representation by a national medical student organization on the basis that the organization fails to meet the criteria in 7.32141, has failed to maintain its responsibilities in 7.32144, or has failed to attend the Business Meeting of the AMA Medical Student Section. The recommendation shall be submitted to the AMA Board of Trustees for review. If approved by the AMA Board of Trustees, the representation of the national medical student organization in the AMA Medical Student Section Business Meeting shall be discontinued.

**B-7.322** Quorum. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the voting members shall constitute a quorum, provided that at least ten percent (10%) of the voting members of each of the geographic regions defined by the Medical Student Section rules are present.

**B-7.323** Participation. Only duly selected voting members to the Business Meeting of the Medical Student Section shall have the right to vote, but the meeting shall be open to all medical students. The meeting shall be conducted pursuant to established rules of procedure adopted by the Governing Council.

**B-7.324** Speaker and Vice Speaker. A Speaker and a Vice Speaker shall be elected by the representatives to the Business Meeting of the Medical Student Section. Any medical student member of the American Medical Association shall be eligible for the position of Speaker and Vice Speaker.

**B-7.3241** Term and Tenure. The Speaker and Vice Speaker shall serve one year terms, beginning at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting at which they were elected and ending at the conclusion of the next annual meeting. No representative shall serve for more than two terms in each position.

**B-7.3242** Duties of Speaker. The Speaker shall preside at the Business Meeting of the Medical Student Section and perform such duties as are customarily required by parliamentary procedure.

**B-7.3243** Duties of Vice Speaker. The Vice Speaker shall officiate for the Speaker in the Speaker's absence or at the request of the Speaker.

**B-7.3244** Vacancy. If the position of Speaker becomes vacant, the Vice Speaker shall succeed to the position of Speaker and serve the remainder of the unexpired term. If the position of Speaker becomes vacant while the position of Vice Speaker is also vacant, the representatives to the Business Meeting shall elect a successor to fill the unexpired term at the next Business Meeting. Until a successor is elected the Chair of the Governing Council shall preside at the Business Meeting.

**B-7.3245** Voting Rights. If the presiding officer is a representative to the Business Meeting of the Medical Student Section, he or she shall be entitled to vote only when the vote is by ballot or to break a tie. If the presiding officer is not a representative to the Business Meeting of the Medical Student Section, he or she shall be entitled to vote only to break a tie.

**B-7.3246** Governing Council. The Speaker and Vice Speaker are ex-officio, non-voting members of the Governing Council.

**7.325** **Purposes of the Meeting.** The purposes of the meeting shall be:

**7.3251** To hear such reports as may be appropriate.

**7.3252** To elect, at the Business Meeting prior to the Annual Meeting of the AMA, the voting members of the Governing Council of the Medical Student Section, the officers pursuant to 7.315 and a Speaker and Vice Speaker.

**7.3253** To elect, at the Business Meeting prior to the Interim Meeting of the AMA, a medical student member of the AMA to serve as a member of the AMA Board of Trustees for a term of one year beginning at the close of the next Annual Meeting of the AMA and concluding at the close of the second Annual Meeting of the AMA following the meeting at which the member was elected.

**7.3254** To adopt procedures for election of delegates and alternate delegates for the Medical Student Regions established in 2.16.

**7.3255** To elect, at the business meeting prior to the Interim Meeting of the AMA, delegates and alternate delegates for each Medical Student Region. Elected delegates and alternate delegates shall be seated at the Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates.

**7.3256** To adopt resolutions for submission by the Medical Student Section to the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association.

**7.3257** To conduct such other business as may properly come before the meeting.