

**AMA-YPS Handbook Review: HOD Reference Committee F (AMA finance and governance)**

Full text at <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/about-ama/our-people/house-delegates/2009-interim-meeting/i09-reports-resolutions/business-hod.shtml>. Recommended AMA-YPS positions should be considered preliminary until ratified by the AMA-YPS Assembly on Nov. 6, 2009.

Recommended AMA-YPS Positions: Support, Active Support, Oppose, Active Oppose, Monitor

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<p><b>Resolution 601:</b> AMPAC Council (FL)</p>	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association encourage AMPAC to explore the establishment of an AMPAC Council that would meet with the AMPAC Board of Directors at the AMA Annual and Interim Meetings; and that this AMPAC Council be composed of one AMA Delegate or Alternate from each state delegation not represented on the AMPAC Board of Directors and any other representatives to the AMA House of Delegates as desired by the AMPAC Board of Directors; and that each AMPAC Council member shall: (1) be an AMPAC member, (2) agree to assist their assigned AMPAC Board of Directors member in both membership and fundraising activities and (3) actively participate in the AMPAC Council meetings. (Directive to Take Action)</p> <p>Fiscal Note: No Significant Fiscal Impact</p>	<p>Monitor</p>																														
<p><b>Report of the Speaker's Task Force on the Replacement Meeting</b></p>	<p>The Speakers' Task Force recommends that the following be adopted and that the remainder of the report be filed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That a meeting, called the AMA Open Forum, be implemented beginning in 2011 to engage in robust dialogue and debate on topics affecting physicians, medical practice, and the health of the public. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the AMA National Advocacy Conference following the final Interim Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates in November of 2010. (Directive to Take Action)</li> <li>2. That the Council on Constitution and Bylaws prepare Bylaws changes necessary to implement the recommendations in this report. (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ol> <p>Fiscal Note: The fiscal impact of the recommendations in this report would be a net savings to the AMA beginning in 2011 from discontinuing the Interim Meeting, minus the cost of the new AMA Open Forum and cancellation penalties, as shown on the chart below.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="394 1101 1039 1282"> <tr> <td></td> <td>2011</td> <td>2012</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td colspan="2">(millions \$)</td> <td>(millions \$)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cost to AMA of the Interim Meeting</td> <td>\$1.46</td> <td>\$1.49</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cancellation Penalties</td> <td>(0.5)</td> <td>\$0</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cost to AMA of the Open Forum (\$0.25)</td> <td>(\$0.25)</td> <td>(\$0.26)</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Net AMA Savings</td> <td>\$0.71</td> <td>\$1.23</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Federation Societies* Interim Meeting Costs      \$3.2 to \$4.2      \$3.3 to \$4.3</p> <p>Assumption: 2% annual inflation in all categories. *Cost to Federation organizations of participating in the AMA Open Forum will depend on the number of participants from each.</p>		2011	2012				(millions \$)		(millions \$)		Cost to AMA of the Interim Meeting	\$1.46	\$1.49			Cancellation Penalties	(0.5)	\$0			Cost to AMA of the Open Forum (\$0.25)	(\$0.25)	(\$0.26)			Net AMA Savings	\$0.71	\$1.23			<p>Active Support with the AMA-YPS recommending the following amendment:</p> <p>That the Open Forum must include a legislative policymaking component.</p>
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<p><b>Resolution 602:</b> Empowering AMA Membership at the Grassroots (Mangold)</p>	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association create an ongoing ‘real-time’ national legislative forum which provides every member physician with an opportunity to engage and partner with AMA leadership on pending federal legislation which impacts the practice of medicine (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the opportunities for this forum include but not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The creation of a grassroots AMA legislative community via the AMA’s new web portal (advertised virally on the internet with members) which will allow members to engage the Board of Trustees and the Council on Legislation directly;</li> <li>• The creation of “Regional Legislative Advisory Committees” from the engaged online legislative community on the portal. These committees would provide further opportunity for engaging grass roots members through email, conference calls, and web casts (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</li> </ul> <p>RESOLVED, That this online community be utilized to test the position of the general AMA membership with regards to positions AMA leadership is actively staking out on pending federal legislation (i.e. through straw polling or focus groups) (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the proceedings of this national legislative forum be regularly compiled and reported to the House of Delegates and to AMA membership in order to demonstrate grass roots membership accountability in AMA legislative positions. (Directive to Take Action)</p> <p>Fiscal Note: Implement accordingly at estimated cost of \$175,000+.</p>	<p>Monitor</p>
<p><b>Resolution 603:</b> Reorganization of the AMA (Gregory)</p>	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association House of Delegates (HOD) take steps immediately to reorganize our AMA into two distinct entities. The first with the sole duty to remain the world’s leading publisher of medical information and to even enhance that role, and the second to be solely an advocate for the physicians of America and our patients (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That this reorganization be accomplished by the new American Medical Publishing Company (AMPC) becoming a for-profit entity with one share of stock that is held/owned by the AMA HOD (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</p>	<p>Oppose</p> <p><b>Recommended against consideration at I-09</b></p>

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	<p>RESOLVED, That the HOD annually elect the Board of Trustees members of the AMPC who will only serve to further the business interests of the AMPC, and at each meeting of the HOD, the HOD shall go into the meeting of the stockholders during which time reports are given to the stockholders concerning the operations of the AMPC (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA HOD continue to exist as it is today for the sole purpose of setting policy and direction for advocacy efforts on behalf of its physician members and the patients we serve (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the HOD shall elect a Speaker and Vice Speaker to direct the deliberations of the HOD, and a President, President-elect, and these four officers plus the Immediate Past-president of the AMA shall act as the representatives of our AMA to the general public (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the HOD shall act as a committee of the whole to deliberate any issues of self-governance of our AMA and the advocacy roles (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That the council and section structure that is currently in existence remain intact to provide input to the HOD. (Directive to Take Action)</p> <p>Fiscal Note: In addition to indeterminable increased staff costs, there is an estimated additional income tax liability of \$25 - \$35 million per year.</p>	