

**American Medical Association
International Medical Graduates Section**

**Council on Constitution and Bylaws - Report 1
2005 Interim Meeting
Dallas, TX**

CCB Report 1: International Medical Graduates Section Election Bylaws

HOD Action: **Adopted** (see revised bylaws below)

7.6 Sections

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7.60 International Medical Graduates Section. There shall be a Section for physician members of the American Medical Association which shall be known as the International Medical Graduates (IMG) Section.

7.61 Membership. All active physician members of the AMA who are international medical graduates shall be members of the International Medical Graduates Section.

7.62 Governing Council. There shall be a Governing Council of the International Medical Graduates Section that shall have the responsibility of directing the programs and activities of the Section, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

7.63 Officers and Members of Governing Council. Members of the IMG Section ~~who also are AMA members~~ shall be eligible to serve on the Governing Council. ~~The officers and Delegate and Alternate Delegate shall be elected by the members of the Section. If an officer or the Delegate or Alternate Delegate ceases to be a member of the IMG Section or the AMA for any reason at any time prior to the expiration of the respective term, the term shall end and the position shall be declared vacant.[moved]~~

7.631 Members. There shall be seven voting members of the Governing Council, consisting of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, one member at large, a resident/fellow physician, the Delegate and the Alternate Delegate.

7.632 Duties and Responsibilities. The members of the Governing Council shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

7.6321 Chair. The Chair shall preside at the business meetings of the Section and at meetings of the Governing Council.

- 7.6322 Vice Chair.** The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair and preside in the absence of the Chair or at the request of the Chair.
- 7.6323 Secretary.** The secretary shall maintain such records as may be necessary or advisable for the conduct of the activities of the Section.
- 7.6324 One Governing Council Member At-Large.** The Governing Council Member At-Large shall participate in all deliberations of the Governing Council.
- 7.6325 Resident/Fellow Physician Member.** The resident/fellow physician member shall participate in all deliberations of the Governing Council.
- 7.6326 Delegate and Alternate Delegate.** The Delegate and Alternate Delegate shall represent the Section in the House of Delegates and participate in the deliberations of the Governing Council.
- 7.633 Terms.** Governing Council members ~~including the Delegate and Alternate Delegate~~ shall serve a term of two years.
- 7.6331 Cessation of Membership.** If a Governing Council member ceases to be a member of the IMG Section or the AMA for any reason at any time prior to the expiration of the respective term, the term shall end and the position shall be declared vacant.
- ~~7.6332 Resident/Fellow Physician Member~~ Cessation of Residency or Fellowship.** If the resident/fellow physician member ceases to be a participant in an approved training program at any time prior to the expiration of the term for which elected, the service of such resident/fellow physician member on the Governing Council shall thereupon terminate, and the position shall be declared vacant. If the member shall complete an approved training program within 90 days prior to an Annual Meeting, the member shall be permitted to continue to serve on the Governing Council until the completion of the Annual Meeting.
- 7.634 Tenure.** Governing Council members other than the Delegate and Alternate Delegate shall serve no more than two consecutive terms in the same position on the Governing Council. The Delegate and the Alternate Delegate shall serve no more than three consecutive terms. A member elected to serve an unexpired term shall not be regarded as having served a term.
- 7.635 Vacancies.** Any vacancy occurring on the Governing Council including the Delegate or Alternate Delegate shall be filled at the next business meeting of the Section.
- ~~7.644~~ 7.64 Elections.** Membership on the Governing Council shall be determined through election by members of the IMG Section. Designation of specific offices of the Governing Council members shall be determined through election by members of the IMG Section present at the Section's business meeting at which the election is held. Three Governing Council members shall be elected at the business meeting of the Section held immediately prior to the Annual Meeting of the Association in even numbered years and four,

including the Delegate and Alternate Delegate, in odd numbered years, with these members assuming office at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting at which the election was held. Elections shall be completed in the following manner.

7.6441 7.641 Method of Election Election of Governing Council

Members. All members of the IMG Section shall be entitled to vote in elections of membership of the Governing Council. Ballot distribution and the voting process shall be conducted pursuant to election procedures adopted by the Governing Council of the Section and approved by the Board of Trustees. Nominees for each position on the Governing Council shall be listed alphabetically on the ballot. A nominee shall be elected if he or she has received a vote on a majority of the legal ballots cast and is one of the nominees receiving the largest number of votes within the number of members to be elected.

7.642 Designation of Specific Offices. All members of the IMG Section present at the Section's business meeting shall be entitled to elect the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Member-At-Large, Resident/Fellow Physician Member, Delegate and Alternate Delegate from among those Governing Council members elected by the Section. Only resident/fellow physicians shall be eligible to be elected to the Resident/Fellow Physician Member office. Nominees for each office shall be listed alphabetically on the ballot. The nominee who receives a majority of the legal votes cast shall be elected.

7.643 Run-Off and Subsequent Ballots. The following procedures shall apply in all elections.

7.6442-7.6431 Run-Off Ballot. A run-off election shall be held to fill any vacancy which cannot be filled because of a tie vote.

7.6443 7.6432 Subsequent Ballots. If all vacancies are not filled on the first ballot, the The nominees on subsequent ballots shall be determined by retaining those who received the greater number of votes on the preceding ballot and eliminating the nominee who received the fewest number of votes on the preceding ballot for each office position, except where there is a tie.

7.644 Evaluation. The election process set forth in this Bylaw 7.64 shall be evaluated at the Interim Meeting of the House of Delegates in the year 2008.

7.64 7.65 Business Meeting. There shall be a business meeting of members of the Section held on a day prior to each Annual and Interim Meeting of the House of Delegates at a time and place designated by the Executive Vice President of the AMA.

7.644 7.651 Purposes of the Business Meeting. The purposes of the business meeting shall be: (i) to hear such reports as may be appropriate; (ii) to consider and vote upon such matters as may properly come before the meeting; (iii) to adopt resolutions for submission by the Section to the House of Delegates of the AMA; (iv) to elect, at the business meeting prior to the Annual Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates, to designate the offices of

the members of the Governing Council; and (v) to conduct such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

~~7.642~~ 7.652 Participants at the Business Meeting. Any member of the Section may participate in the Section's business meeting.

~~7.643~~ 7.653 Rules of Order. All Section members ~~who are AMA members~~ shall have the right to vote at the business meeting of the Section, and the meeting shall be open to any member of the Section or the AMA. The meeting shall be conducted pursuant to rules of procedure adopted by the Governing Council of the Section and approved by the AMA Board of Trustees.

(Modify Bylaws)