

SUMMARY OF GUIDELINES FOR REPRESENTATION IN THE AMA HOUSE

- A. The organization must not be in conflict with the constitution and bylaws of the American Medical Association by discriminating in membership on the basis of race, religion, national origin, sex, or handicap.
- B. The organization must (a) represent a field of medicine that has recognized scientific validity; and (b) not have board certification as its primary focus, and (c) not require membership in the specialty organization as a requisite for board certification.
- C. The organization must meet at least one of the following guidelines:
 - (a) a specialty organization must demonstrate that it has 1,000 or more AMA members; or
 - (b) a specialty organization must demonstrate that it has a minimum of 250 AMA members and that thirty-five percent (35%) of its physician members who are eligible for AMA membership are members of the AMA; or
 - (c) a specialty organization must demonstrate that it was represented in the House of Delegates at the 1990 Annual Meeting and that thirty-five percent (35%) of its physician members who are eligible for AMA membership are members of the AMA.
- D. The organization must be established and stable; therefore it must have been in existence for at least 5 years prior to submitting its application.
- E. Physicians should comprise the majority of the voting membership of the organization.
- F. The organization must have a voluntary membership and must report as members only those who are current in payment of dues, have full voting privileges and are eligible to hold office.
- G. The organization must be active within its field of medicine and hold at least one meeting of its members per year.
- H. The organization must be national in scope. It must not restrict its membership geographically and must have members from a majority of the states.
- I. The organization must cooperate with the AMA toward increasing its AMA membership, particularly if it is at a level of less than fifty percent (50%).
- J. If international, the organization must have a U.S. branch or chapter, and this chapter must be reviewed in terms of all of the above guidelines.