

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION (I-11)

Report of Reference Committee

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1 Your AMA-YPS Reference Committee recommends the following consent calendar for
2 acceptance:

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4 **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

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6 1. Resolution 1: Early Career Physician Representation on American Board of
7 Medical Specialties (ABMS) Boards
8 2. Report C: AMA-YPS Strategic Plan
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10 **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED OR SUBSTITUTED**

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12 3. Resolution 2: American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) Board Member
13 Enrollment in Maintenance of Certification (MOC)
14 4. Resolution 3: Reform the US Farm Bill to Improve US Public Health and Food
15 Sustainability
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17 **RECOMMENDED FOR FILING**

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19 5. Report A: Governing Council Activities/Action Plan Update
20 6. Report B: AMA-YPS Advocacy Efforts
21 7. Report D: AMA-YPS Internal Operating Procedures

1 (1) RESOLUTION 1: EARLY CAREER PHYSICIAN
2 REPRESENTATION ON AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL
3 SPECIALTIES (ABMS) BOARDS
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5 RECOMMENDATION:
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7 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that
8 Resolution 1 be adopted.
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10 **FINAL ACTION: ADOPTED**
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12 Resolution 1 asks the AMA to strive to place early career physicians onto ABMS member
13 specialty boards overseeing the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) process. Testimony
14 received during the section's virtual reference committee was very supportive of the
15 resolution's intent. One comment included suggested language changes that were
16 discussed during the committee's deliberations.
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18 In conferring about Resolution 1, some effort was made to understand the process by
19 which ABMS specialty boards choose their board members. It is our understanding that
20 the specialty boards themselves, rather than ABMS, make these appointments. The
21 AMA's role is that it solicits nominations for specialty board positions and then forwards its
22 nominations directly to the boards. Your Reference Committee is highly supportive of the
23 AMA taking an active role in placing early career physicians on ABMS member specialty
24 boards and therefore recommends adoption of Resolution 1.
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26 (2) REPORT C: AMA-YPS STRATEGIC PLAN
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28 RECOMMENDATION:
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30 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that
31 the recommendations in Report C be adopted and the
32 remainder of the report be filed.
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34 **FINAL ACTION: ADOPTED**
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36 In Report C, the AMA-YPS Governing Council recommends that: 1) the Governing
37 Council report annually on the Section's progress toward the accomplishment of the
38 strategic objectives set forth in Report C; 2) the strategic plan be made available on the
39 AMA-YPS website; and 3) a new plan be developed in five years with a report back to the
40 assembly during the 2016 Annual Meeting.
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42 Your Reference Committee supports Report C's recommendations. We also agree with an
43 editorial suggestion made during the virtual reference committee regarding the strategic
44 plan's vision statement. A young physician noted that the vision statement should be
45 written to reflect the ideal state of the Section. Your Reference Committee therefore
46 recommends adoption of Report C with the following editorial change beginning on page
47 2, line 1 under Vision:
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49 The AMA-YPS, the recognized advocate and voice for young physicians and their
50 patients, ~~strives to increase~~ maximizes young physician membership and

1 representation while advocating effectively for their issues within our AMA and the
2 federation of medicine.

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4 (3) RESOLUTION 2: AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL
5 SPECIALTIES (ABMS) BOARD MEMBER ENROLLMENT
6 IN MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION (MOC)

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8 RECOMMENDATION A:

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10 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that
11 Resolution 2 be amended by deletion as follows:

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13 RESOLVED, That the AMA recommend to the American
14 Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) that all physician
15 members of those boards governing the MOC process be
16 required to fully participate in the Maintenance of
17 Certification (MOC) process, ~~equivalent to other physicians~~
18 ~~certified in that specialty and that preferably, those physician~~
19 ~~members also be actively engaged in the care of patients on~~
20 ~~a regular basis (Directive to Take Action)~~

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22 RECOMMENDATION B:

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24 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that
25 Resolution 2 be adopted as amended.

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27 **FINAL ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

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29 Resolution 2 asks the AMA to recommend to the ABMS that all physician members of the
30 specialty boards governing MOC processes be required to fully participate in MOC and,
31 preferably, that these physician board members also be actively engaged in patient care
32 on a regular basis. Your Reference Committee wholeheartedly supports the concept of
33 requiring physician members of specialty boards to fully participate in MOC, which is
34 consistent with existing ABMS policy.

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36 The latter part of the resolution generated a lively discussion regarding the
37 appropriateness of requiring physician specialty board members to be actively engaged in
38 patient care. Your Reference Committee relied on its own understanding of specialty
39 board requirements as well as the excellent comments posted as part of the virtual
40 reference committee. Two young physicians suggested deleting the language requiring
41 engagement in patient care. We suggest that the first Resolved clause be amended
42 accordingly. While most MOC programs have patient care requirements, it is possible to
43 complete MOC and become board certified without actively seeing patients. An example
44 might be a physician researcher who wishes to become board certified, but does not
45 actively care for patients. Because some specialty boards allow physicians not engaged in
46 patient care to complete the MOC process, your Reference Committee does not believe
47 that the AMA should stipulate that board members adhere to a more onerous standard.
48 Your Reference Committee therefore recommends that Resolution 2 be adopted as
49 amended.

1 (4) RESOLUTION 3: REFORM THE US FARM BILL TO
2 IMPROVE US PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD
3 SUSTAINABILITY
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5 RECOMMENDATION A:
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7 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that
8 Resolution 3 be amended by deletion and insertion as
9 follows:

10 RESOLVED, That the AMA actively lobby for reform of the
11 US Farm Bill to reflect ~~the above pre-existent~~ pre-existing
12 ~~AMA policy goals; be it obesity related, environmental,~~
13 ~~energy, price equality/reduction of crop specific subsidies,~~
14 ~~food safety, chemical use, education, caloric~~
15 ~~overconsumption of low cost foods, antimicrobial use in~~
16 ~~livestock, and excess sodium use~~ (Directive to Take Action);
17 and be it further
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20 RESOLVED, That the AMA recommends US Farm Bill
21 budget cuts be directed through a newly created advisory
22 board; ~~representative~~ consisting of public health officials,
23 economists, and sustainable farms (Directive to Take
24 Action); and be it further
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26 RESOLVED, That this is a timely issue and we ask that this
27 item be forwarded immediately to House of Delegates
28 (Directive to Take Action)
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30 RECOMMENDATION B:
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32 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that
33 Resolution 3 be adopted as amended.
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35 **FINAL ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED**
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37 RESOLVED, That the AMA actively lobby for reform of the
38 US Farm Bill to reflect pre-existing AMA policy goals
39 (Directive to Take Action); and be it further
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41 RESOLVED, That the AMA recommends US Farm Bill
42 budget cuts be directed through a newly created advisory
43 board that includes, among other stakeholders, physicians
44 and of public health officials (Directive to Take Action); and
45 be it further
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47 RESOLVED, That this is a timely issue and we ask that this
48 item be forwarded immediately to House of Delegates
49 (Directive to Take Action)

1 Resolution 3 asks the AMA to actively lobby for reform of the US Farm Bill to reflect
2 existing AMA policy, and further asks the AMA to recommend that Farm Bill budget cuts
3 be directed through a newly created advisory board. Suggested edits accompanying a
4 supportive comment were received during the Section's virtual reference committee. Your
5 Reference Committee concurs with these changes and therefore proposes amending the
6 first Resolved clause and making a minor edit to the second Resolved. The Resolution
7 appears consistent with AMA policy and your Reference Committee therefore
8 recommends that it be adopted as amended.

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10 (5) REPORT A: GOVERNING COUNCIL ACTIVITIES/ACTION
11 PLAN UPDATE

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13 RECOMMENDATION:

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15 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that
16 Report A be filed.

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18 **FINAL ACTION: FILED**

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20 Report A is a compilation of activities accomplished by the AMA-YPS since the 2011
21 Annual Meeting. Updates on AMA-YPS objectives are organized under five main
22 categories: focus; communications; leadership development; membership; and
23 participation.

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25 No comments were received during the virtual reference committee. Your Reference
26 Committee identified a typo on page 4, line 30 related to the word "Origin." We
27 recommend that the typo be corrected and that the report be filed.

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29 (6) REPORT B: AMA-YPS ADVOCACY EFFORTS

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31 RECOMMENDATION:

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33 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that
34 Report B be filed.

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36 **FINAL ACTION: FILED**

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38 Report B describes AMA-YPS advocacy efforts undertaken since the 2011 Annual
39 Meeting. No comments were submitted during the virtual reference committee, and your
40 Reference Committee recommends that Report B be filed.

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42 (7) REPORT D: AMA-YPS INTERNAL OPERATING
43 PROCEDURES

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45 RECOMMENDATION:

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47 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that
48 Report D be filed.

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50 **FINAL ACTION: FILED**

1 Report D is informational and includes no recommendations. Aspects of the AMA-YPS
2 Internal Operating Procedures related to the endorsement/nomination of candidates as
3 well as the Section's speaker vote are discussed in this report. No comments were
4 submitted during the virtual reference committee, and your Reference Committee
5 recommends that Report D be filed.

- 1 Mr. Speaker, this concludes the report of the AMA-YPS Reference Committee. I would
- 2 like to thank Mark Milstein, MD, Josephine Nguyen, MD, Joel Shulkin, MD, and all those
- 3 who testified virtually and before the Committee.

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