Young Physicians Section (YPS) leadership opportunities

Become a representative in the YPS assembly

Representatives for the YPS Assembly represent the interests of young physicians and are voting members of the assembly. Representatives may include state federation members, members serving in the military, federal agencies, national medical specialty organizations or professional interest medical associations.

The delegate selected to represent a national medical specialty society in the YPS:

- Must be a young physician.
- Must be a member in good standing of the AMA.
- Should be chosen in a fair and equitable manner allowing open representation.
- Must represent the interests of the young physician constituency in their particular specialty society.

Apply for voting status in the YPS Assembly and submit information to indicate compliance with the criteria listed above to the YPS Governing Council at yps@ama-assn.org.

Please read the YPS Internal Operating Procedures (PDF) to understand the criteria for representation in the assembly.

Petition for YPS representation

Apply for state and specialty certification

Each state and specialty medical society, and federal service is allowed 2 representatives (and no alternate representatives) for each 1,000 members of the YPS who are members of the society or federal service.

Submit the YPS Representative Certification Society Contact Information form (DOC) to complete the certification for your society before Annual and Interim YPS meetings. Contact the YPS at yps@ama-assn.org with questions.
YPS Convention Committee positions

Reference Committee

Much of the committee's work is done prior to the assembly meeting. The committee is composed of five YPS representatives, including one chair. A main goal of the Reference Committee is to develop a consensus as a committee to accept or not accept "late" resolutions received after the resolution deadline.

HOD Handbook Review Committee

This committee is convened prior to each assembly meeting to review the entire HOD Handbook. A minimum of two YPS representatives (one representative will serve as chair) and one governing council member are assigned to review items of business referred to each HOD Reference Committee and propose an initial course of action for the YPS (active support, support, oppose, active oppose, monitor) and draft testimony for items with active positions.

Credentials Committee

This committee consists of four representatives, including one chair. Its main responsibilities are:

- Check-in and credential delegates to the YPS Assembly.
- For individuals who have not preregistered, determine their ability to be credentialed as voting delegates.
- Take vote counts during the assembly meeting upon the request of the YPS chair.
- Distribute, collect and count election ballots.
- Collect meeting evaluation forms.

Monitors for AMA House of Delegates Reference Committees

These key individuals "monitor" a specific HOD reference committee and bring back to the YPS caucus an analysis of selected items discussed during his/her assigned reference committee. This helps the YPS delegate and alternate delegate refine testimony on pending issues.

YPS Governing Council endorsement/nomination criteria

For more information on how AMA candidates can receive an YPS endorsement/nomination, visit the "YPS Governing Council endorsement/nomination criteria"
Leadership opportunities outside the YPS

There are young physician positions available for the Minority Affairs Section, Women Physicians Section and LGBTQ Advisory Committee.

YPS Positions on the Women Physicians Section (WPS)

The goal of the WPS is to increase the number of women physicians in leadership roles and strengthen the voice of women in organized medicine. This is 1 of 8 positions on the WPS Governing Council, and serves a term length of 2 years, with a maximum of 2 terms. The WPS Governing Council meets 3 times per year.

YPS Positions on the LGBTQ Advisory Committee

The committee meets twice per year to advise the AMA Board of Trustees on issues affecting LGBTQ physicians, students and patients, and to help develop strategies to better serve this segment.

YPS Positions on the Minority Affairs Section (MAS)

The MAS's goals and objectives include increasing the number of underrepresented minority medical students and physicians, providing a forum for networking and advocacy on minority issues and eliminating racial and ethnic health disparities. The MAS Governing Council meets 3 times per year.

ACGME Review Committee Positions

The YPS Governing Council solicits AMA member young physicians who are interested in being considered for AMA nominations for Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) review committees (RCs). RCs propose requirements for residency program accreditation standards and ensure compliance with standards by individual programs.

ACGME RCs to which the AMA nominates

Allergy and Immunology, Anesthesiology, Colon and Rectal Surgery, Dermatology, Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Medical Genetics and Genomics, Neurological Surgery, Neurology, Nuclear Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Ophthalmology, Orthopaedic Surgery, Otolaryngology, Pathology, Pediatrics, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Plastic Surgery, Preventive Medicine, Psychiatry, Radiation Oncology, Radiology, Surgery, Thoracic Surgery,
Urology, Transitional Year and Institutional.

Position descriptions and AMA nomination applications for current opportunities are posted in the Council on Medical Education leadership opportunities page.