

Young Physicians Section (YPS) leadership opportunities

2022 Interim Meeting governing council special election

The YPS is currently accepting nominations for one leadership position on the YPS Governing Council:

- Alternate delegate, who will serve an unexpired term until the close of the 2023 Annual House of Delegates Meeting.

Nominations for this position (DOC) close **Oct. 21, 2022**, but you can still submit a nomination during the YPS 2022 Interim Meeting.

Additional information on positions and duties can be found in the YPS Internal Operating Procedures (PDF).

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

Federation representation & certification in YPS

Each state/specialty medical society represented in the HOD is entitled to representation in the YPS Assembly at a rate of two voting representatives for every 1,000 young physician members of the society who are members of the AMA. Societies with unified membership are entitled to two additional voting representatives.

Each federal service represented in the HOD is entitled to two voting representatives in the YPS Assembly.

Review how many representatives have been allocated to each state and specialty society for the 2022 YPS Assembly

- Specialty societies allocation (PDF)
- State societies allocation (PDF)

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 liaison to Specialty & Service Society

The YPS liaison to the Specialty & Service Society (SSS) supports collaboration between the section and the society. The SSS is the largest caucus in the AMA House of Delegates. The YPS liaison attends SSS Governing Council meetings. They also attend SSS meetings during the Annual and Interim meetings, which typically meet on Saturday, mid-day and Monday, early morning. This one-year position (that may be renewable for a second year) allows for sharing issues of concern for young physicians.

To apply, fill out the application form (DOCX) and email the YPS completed form by Oct. 28.

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

The 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

The 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.

YPS Standing Committees

The YPS currently has four standing committees:

Medical Education Committee

This committee focuses on new developments in continuing medical education and maintenance of certification.

Innovations Committee

The goal of the committee is to help physicians who are interested in innovative ideas connect to each other and the companies developing them.

Strategy and Leadership Committee (SLC)

The SLC focuses on YPS leadership development and mentoring and elevating YPS members within the HOD and leadership.

Value-Based Care Committee

The charge of this committee is to educate the YPS on value-based care issues as well as seek to potentially introduce, or speak to, resolutions on value-based care policy.

To volunteer, please contact yps@ama-assn.org.

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 page](#).

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 one of eight positions on the WPS Governing Council, and serves a term length of two years, with a maximum of two terms. The WPS Governing Council meets three 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 three 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.