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 representation on the AMA Board of Trustees (BOT)

The BOT consists of 21 members, including designated positions for a public member, young
physician, resident physician and medical student.

The governing council will consider only endorsements of candidates for BOT and elected councils that have been nominated by another organization (i.e., state or specialty society).

Candidates must submit a formal letter requesting endorsement, along with a photo, a copy of their CV, a completed Endorsement Questionnaire and a letter of nomination from their sponsoring organization to the governing council at yps@ama-assn.org by Jan. 31, one year prior to the election.

Criteria for BOT Nominations:

- Must be an AMA member at the time the endorsement is requested.
- Should be active in organized medicine or involved in community or national medical entities.
- Should have experience related to office sought.
- Should have knowledge of the AMA as an organization representing the medical profession and an understanding of young physician issues within that organization.

For questions or concerns, please reach out to the YPS Governing Council at yps@ama-assn.org.

**Nominations for appointed AMA councils/committees/ACGME Review Committees/AMPAC Board candidates**

The governing council may nominate an unlimited number of YPS candidates for any of the appointed AMA councils, committees, ACGME Review Committees and the AMPAC Board. The YPS shall consider only individuals who meet the AMA definition of a young physician at the time a position commences.

Only those candidates formally asking for the YPS nomination shall be considered. Candidates must submit a formal request for nomination, curriculum vitae and any other documents requested by the Governing Council for decision. Nomination requests must be received by Oct. 15 in the year prior to the appointment for which the nomination is sought. Candidates have the option to submit a photo.

The Governing Council shall consider nominating candidates only with the following experience:

- Must be an AMA member and a member of the YPS as specified in AMA Bylaw 7.5.1 at the time a position commences.
- Should be active in organized medicine or involved in community or national medical entities.
- Should have experience related to position sought.
- Should demonstrate knowledge of issues pertinent to the YPS.
YPS representation on the AMA councils

There are 7 AMA councils whose functions are specified by AMA Bylaws, as well as the board of directors for American Medical Political Action Committee (AMPAC).

Each comprises member physicians, plus designated seats for resident physician and medical student representatives. Each council selects its own chair and vice chair (or chair-elect) and may adopt such rules and regulations as it deems necessary and appropriate, subject to approval by the board.

Candidates must submit a formal letter requesting endorsement along with a photo, a copy of their CV, completed Endorsement Questionnaire and a letter of nomination from their sponsoring organization to the YPS Governing Council at yps@ama-assn.org by Jan. 31, 1 year prior to the election. (This is only what is required for YPS endorsement).

Criteria for Nominations

- Must be an AMA member and qualify for the YPS (i.e., under age 40 or any age if in the first 8 years of practice following completion of a residency) at the time position commences.
- Should be active in organized medicine or involved in community or national medical entities.
- Should have experience related to position sought.
- Should demonstrate knowledge of young physician issues within that organization.

The YPS Governing Council can nominate or endorse the nomination of young physicians and other physicians campaigning for election to the following councils:

- Council on Constitution and Bylaws
- Council on Medical Education
- Council on Medical Service
- Council on Science and Public Health
- Council on Long-range Planning and Development

Young physicians are also represented on the Joint Commission.

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

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