YPS Governing Council endorsement/nomination criteria

Endorsement process for appointed positions

The governing council considers only endorsements of candidates for appointed AMA councils, committees, RRCs and the AMPAC board that have been nominated by an organization represented in the HOD. Preference shall be given to current young physicians. However, any candidate who has demonstrated a clear history of service to the YPS may be considered at the governing council’s discretion.

Candidates must submit to the governing council a formal letter for endorsement, along with their curriculum vitae (three pages or less). Candidates have the option to submit a photo.

The deadline for the endorsement materials is Jan. 31, 2021.

Nominations for appointed AMA councils/committees/RRCs/AMPAC board candidate

The governing council may consider nominating YPS candidates for appointed AMA councils, committees, RRCs and the AMPAC Board. The YPS will 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 to the governing council a formal request for nomination, along with their curriculum vitae (three pages or less), their nomination form and a questionnaire on current YPS issues (DOC). Candidates have the option to submit a photo.

Endorsing AMA president-elect candidates

The YPS Governing Council considers endorsements of candidates for AMA president-elect who have been nominated by an organization represented in the House of Delegates (HOD).

Candidates must submit a formal request for YPS endorsement along with their curriculum vitae,
letter of nomination from their sponsoring organization and a completed questionnaire on current YPS issues. Candidates have the option to submit a photo. All applications for the initial endorsement process must be submitted by Oct. 15 in the year prior to the election for which endorsement is sought.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the governing council, with recommendations forwarded for review by the YPS Governing Council and subsequent decision by the YPS Assembly during the HOD Interim Meeting. Candidates endorsed through this process may subsequently include the YPS endorsement on all promotional materials.

The governing council considers all qualified candidates formally requesting an endorsement from the YPS but will endorse no more than one candidate for the position of AMA president-elect. If an endorsed candidate withdraws from a race, the governing council reserves the right to make additional endorsements after the defined deadline outlined in the IOP.

**Endorsing AMA Board of Trustees and elected councils candidates**

The governing council considers endorsements of candidates for AMA Board of Trustees and elected councils who have been nominated by an organization represented in the HOD. Preference will be given to current young physician AMA members, however all AMA members (including non-section members) who have demonstrated a clear history of service to the YPS may be considered at the governing council’s discretion.

Only those candidates who are members of the YPS and who complete a YPS endorsement application will be considered in the initial endorsement process. Candidates must submit a formal letter for YPS endorsement along with their curriculum vitae, letter of nomination from their sponsoring organization and questionnaire on current YPS issues. In addition, candidates seeking endorsement are asked to complete the YPS Code of Conduct document. Candidates have the option to submit a photo.

All applications for the initial endorsement process must be submitted via email by Oct. 15 in the year prior to the election for which endorsement is sought. Applications will be reviewed by the governing council during their executive session to be held in conjunction with the HOD Interim Meeting and decisions will be made at that time on endorsement. Candidates endorsed through this process may subsequently include the YPS endorsement on cards and other promotional materials.

If slots remain available following the initial endorsement process, there will be a second opportunity available for all candidates to obtain an endorsement in the year of the election. To apply for this
endorsement, all application materials must be received by the governing council no later than Jan. 31 in the year of the election for which endorsement is sought. Applications will be reviewed by the governing council subsequent to Jan. 31 and decisions will be made on endorsement in a timely manner.

The governing council considers all qualified candidates formally requesting an endorsement from the YPS but will endorse no more than the available number of positions on the council or board. Should an endorsed candidate withdraw from a race, or an additional seat becomes available, the governing council reserves the right to make additional endorsements after the defined deadline outlined in the IOP.

**YPS Governing Council endorsement materials & resources**

- Code of conduct
- Endorsement questionnaire
- Internal Operating Procedures (IOP)