

REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

The following report was presented by Cyndi Yag-Howard, MD, Chair:

1. AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS OF THE ACADEMIC PHYSICIANS SECTION (FORMERLY THE SECTION ON MEDICAL SCHOOLS)

Reference committee hearing: see report of [Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws](#).

**HOUSE ACTION: RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED
REMAINDER OF REPORT FILED
BYLAWS AMENDED**
See Bylaws, §7.2

At the 2015 Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates, the House of Delegates adopted Resolution 3-A-15 from the Section on Medical Schools, which called for a series of changes to the AMA Bylaws relating to the AMA Section on Medical Schools. These changes included:

- Changing the name of the section to the Academic Physicians Section;
- Expanding the membership criteria for participation in the Academic Physicians Section to include AMA member physicians who: (1) are appointed by the dean of any United States medical school to represent undergraduate, graduate or continuing medical education at the institution; (2) hold an academic appointment at any United States medical school; and/or (3) do not hold a medical school faculty appointment but have an active role in undergraduate, graduate or continuing medical education or who serve in a clinical/research capacity with an academic medical center, community hospital, or other health care setting. The latter two categories shall opt-in as members of the section in accordance with rules established by the Governing Council and approved by the Board of Trustees.
- Eliminating the provisional membership category whereby non-AMA members can participate in the Section's Business Meeting without the right to vote for up to two meetings; and
- Deleting the term "representative to the business meeting."

The Council on Constitution and Bylaws has worked closely with the AMA SMS Governing Council to prepare appropriate Bylaw amendments to implement the House action.

RECOMMENDATION

The Council on Constitution and Bylaws recommends that our AMA House of Delegates adopt the following amendments to the AMA Bylaws, rescind Policy G-615.007, and file the remainder of this report. Adoption requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the House of Delegates present and voting.

7.2 Academic Physicians Section-on Medical Schools. The Academic Physicians Section on Medical Schools is a delineated Section.

7.2.1 Membership. Membership in the Section shall be limited open to academic active physician members of the AMA and non physician Deans of each United States medical school with an educational program as defined in Bylaw 1.1.1 who join the Academic Physicians Section through the following avenues of participation.

7.2.1.1 Academic physicians who are not AMA members may participate in the Section's Business Meeting as provisional members without the right to vote. Provisional members may attend a maximum of 2 Business Meetings.

7.2.1.1 Active physician members of the AMA who are appointed by the dean of any United States medical school with an educational program as defined in Bylaw 1.1.1 to represent undergraduate, graduate or continuing medical education at the institution.

