

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.

7.2.1.2 Active physician members of the AMA who hold a faculty appointment at a United States medical school with an educational program as defined in Bylaw 1.1.1 and who elect to be members of the Section. Such election shall be made in accordance with rules established by the Governing Council and approved by the Board of Trustees.

7.2.1.3 Active physician members of the AMA who do not hold a faculty appointment at a United States medical school with an educational program as defined in Bylaw 1.1.1 but who 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 and who elect to be members of the Section. Such election shall be made in accordance with rules established by the Governing Council and approved by the Board of Trustees.

7.2.2 Elections. Membership on the Governing Council shall be determined through election by members of the Academic Physicians Section. Ballot distribution and the voting process shall be conducted pursuant to election procedures adopted by the Governing Council and approved by the Board of Trustees.

7.2.2.1 Cessation of Eligibility. If any Governing Council member ceases to meet the membership requirements of Bylaw 7.2.1 or to hold a faculty appointment of any type at a United States medical school with an educational program as defined in Bylaw 1.1.1 prior to the expiration of the term for which elected, the term of such Governing Council member shall terminate and the position shall be declared vacant.

~~7.2.3 Representatives to the Business Meeting.~~

~~7.2.3.1 The Dean (i.e. Chief Administrative Officer) of each United States medical school with an educational program as defined in Bylaw 1.1.1 shall be that institution's representative, or may appoint a designee. In addition, each Dean may appoint up to 4 institutional representatives, each of whom shall represent undergraduate, graduate or continuing medical education at the institution. All appointees must be eligible for Section membership as defined in Bylaw 7.2.1.~~

~~7.2.3.2 AMA members who hold a faculty appointment at a United States medical school with an educational program as defined in Bylaw 1.1.1 and who elect to be members of the Section. Such election shall be made in accordance with rules established by the Governing Council and approved by the Board of Trustees.~~

~~7.2.3.3 AMA members who do not hold a medical school faculty appointment Ten at large members of the AMA representing the interests of graduate medical education and 10 at large members of the AMA representing the interests of continuing medical education, who are appointed by the Governing Council of the Section on Medical Schools. These individuals need not hold faculty appointments at a medical school with an educational program as defined in Bylaw 1.1.1.~~

APPENDIX - Relevant AMA Policy

G-615.007 Section on Medical Schools Renamed American Medical Association Academic Physicians Section
Our American Medical Association Section on Medical Schools (AMA-SMS) is renamed the American Medical Association Academic Physicians Section (AMA-APS).