

AMA Section on Medical Schools: The AMA and the SMS: What we do and how we do it

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You got questions; we got answers

- What is “AMA governance?”
- What do AMA sections and councils do?
- How does the AMA set policy through the House of Delegates?
- How does the SMS make an impact on AMA policy?
- How does the SMS relate to other AMA bodies?
- How can I apply for leadership opportunities through the AMA?



AMA Governance: Five key pieces

1. **House of Delegates**
2. **Board of Trustees**
3. **Councils**
4. **Sections**
5. **Executive Vice President/Chief Executive Officer**



AMA sections/special group

1. Medical Students (MSS)
2. Residents/Fellows (RFS)
3. Young Physicians (YPS)
4. Organized Medical Staff (OMSS)
5. Medical Schools (SMS)
6. International Medical Graduates (IMGs)
7. Minority Affairs (MAS)
8. Integrated Physician Practice (IPPS)
9. Senior Physicians (SPS)
10. Women Physicians (WPS)
11. Advisory Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues (LGBT)



The work of the AMA sections

- Outreach
- Communications
- Membership
- Representation
- Education
- Advocacy

(Source: AMA Bylaws)



Seven AMA councils

- Council on Constitution and Bylaws (CC&B)
- Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs (CEJA)
- Council on Legislation (COL)
- Council on Long Range Planning and Development (CLRPD)
- Council on Medical Education (CME)
- Council on Medical Service (CMS)
- Council on Science and Public Health (CSAPH)



How are councils and sections similar/different?

Key role	Report to the HOD and BOT on relevant issues	Communication, outreach, education, networking, advocacy
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hold meetings at Annual, Interim - Hold educational sessions at Annual, Interim - Respond to requests for comment from external organizations; collate comments from AMA sections and other interested groups - Convene internal and external stakeholders for discussion and action on relevant issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hold meetings at Annual, Interim - Hold educational sessions at Annual, Interim - Offer webinars, conference calls, summits, and other means for member engagement - Publish white papers or HOD informational reports on activities - Review HOD reports and resolutions of relevance, to help direct voting by delegate(s)
Products	HOD reports, as referred by BOT (or self-initiated).	HOD resolutions
Members	Elected by the HOD (although some are appointed)	Self-select to participate in the section; a section's Governing Council is elected by members
Members	Generally from the HOD.	Must be AMA members but not HOD delegates.



AMA caucuses

- In simplest terms, a caucus is a meeting.
- Within the HOD, or within a given section, different states or groups may come together to caucus.
- Delegates may participate in multiple caucuses (specialty, state, and region)
- Delegates try to reach consensus on HOD items of business and/or reference committee report recommendations.
- Caucuses also provide a venue for networking and leadership development.

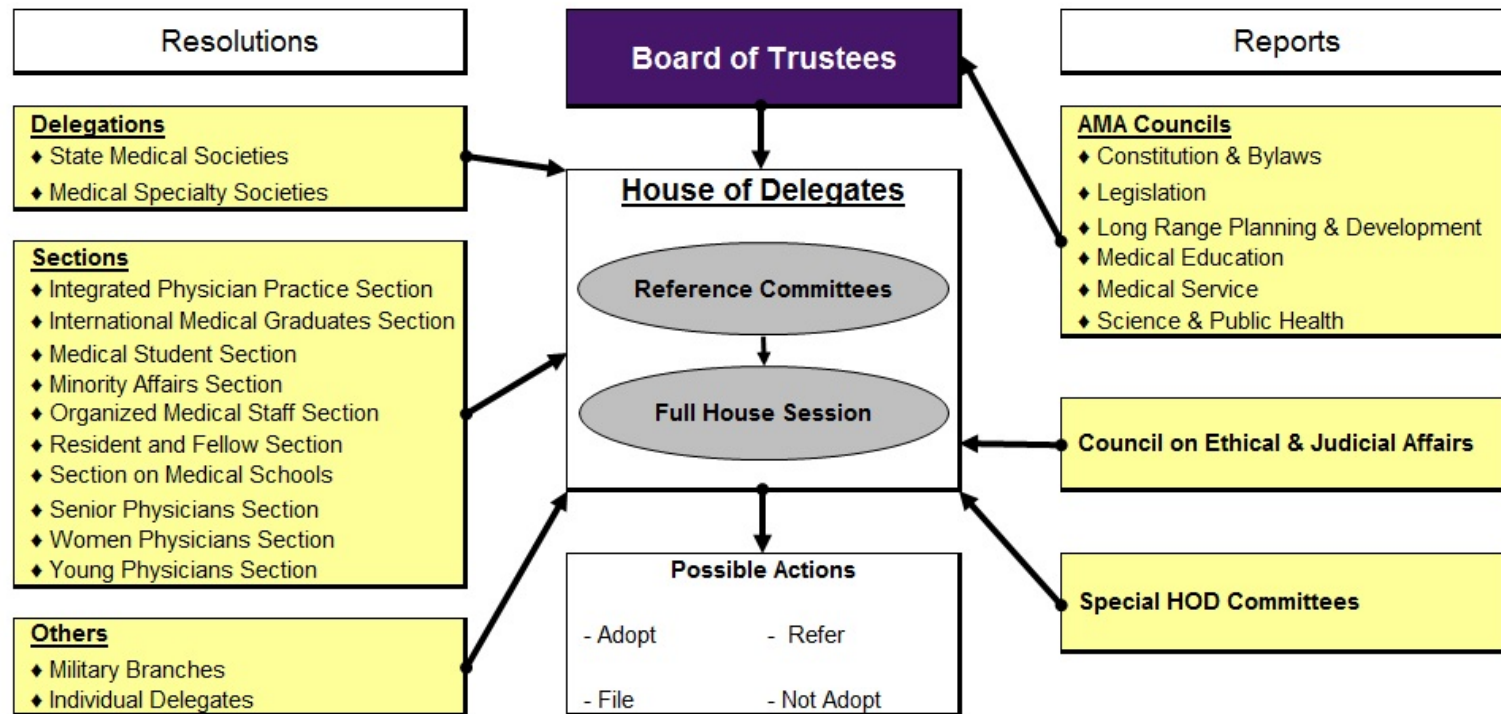


One example: The Academic Medicine Caucus

- Started at A-12, through leadership by the AMA-SMS
- Provides an opportunity for networking among AMA delegates who serve as medical school faculty and cannot attend the SMS meeting (which ends prior to HOD opening on Saturday).
- Attendees discuss issues of mutual concern and interest pertaining to academic medicine.
- Generally held on Monday morning of HOD, from 9:30 to 11 a.m.



How it all fits together: the AMA policy-making process



Leadership opportunities for AMA members

- The AMA nominates representatives to key medical education organizations, including:
- Review Committees of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)
- Member Boards of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS).
- Learn more via the Council on Medical Education [website](http://ama-assn.org/go/councilmeded) at ama-assn.org/go/councilmeded





Thank you! Questions?

