AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 601
(A-18)

Introduced by: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont

Subject: Creation of an AMA Election Reform Committee

Referred to: Reference Committee F
(Greg Tarasidis, MD, Chair)

Whereas, Members of our AMA House of Delegates cherish our democratic process; and
Whereas, Our current election and voting process for AMA officers and council positions consumes a lot of time and financial resources; and
Whereas, Election reform would allow for more time for policy and debate during HOD sessions; and
Whereas, Cost barriers are often an impediment to candidate elections; and
Whereas, There are significant technological advances that could allow for an expedited process of elections and debate; therefore be it
RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association appoint a House of Delegates Election Reform Committee to examine ways to expedite and streamline the current election and voting process for AMA officers and council positions (Directive to Take Action); and be it further
RESOLVED, That such HOD Election Reform Committee consider, at a minimum, the following options:
- The creation of an interactive election web page;
- Candidate video submissions submitted in advance for HOD members to view;
- Eliminate all speeches and concession speeches during HOD deliberations, with the exception of the President-Elect, Speaker and Board of Trustee positions;
- Move elections earlier to the Sunday or Monday of the meeting;
- Conduct voting from HOD seats (Directive to Take Action); and be it further
RESOLVED, That our AMA review the methods to reduce and control the cost of campaigns (Directive to Take Action); and be it further
RESOLVED, That the HOD Election Reform Committee report back to the HOD at the 2019 Interim Meeting with a list of recommendations. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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