Online Member Forum (I-18)

Reference Committee F
The House of Delegates has for over a century counted only current members (ie, dues paid and received by AMA) in determining delegate apportionment. The idea that pending members should be added to the current membership seems unwarranted. It effectively double counts individuals, counts members who may or may not rejoin, artificially increases the size of the House of Delegates by including nonmembers in determining representation among Federation societies, and creates opportunities for abuse. Insofar as these pending members will be counted for apportionment purposes for the next cycle when they are actually members, arguments about fairness and representation seem overstated. Finally, under current bylaws any constituent society that may lose a delegate based upon the previous year final count is given a full year to recruit and retain members to retain their delegate count. For these reasons, the Board of Trustees recommends that Resolution 604?A?18 not be adopted and the remainder of this report be filed.

A well written report with the logical conclusion that the current process that has evolved over time has struck the balance of incentives to recruit but not penalize during a calendar year when members drop.

thank you
BOT 10 - Training Physicians in the Art of Public Forum

The Board of Trustees recommends that the AMA's Enterprise Communications and Marketing department work to develop online tools and resources that would be published on the AMA website to help physicians learn more about public speaking in lieu of Resolution 606-A-18 and the remainder of the report to be filed.

Sun, 11/04/2018 - 20:32

Neha Agrawal

RE: BOT 10 - Training Physicians in the Art of Public Forum

Neha Agrawal, Alternate Delegate from Nevada, speaking on behalf of the Medical Student Section in SUPPORT of BOT Report 10 with amendments. This report recommends that the AMA develop online tools and resources for physicians to further educational opportunities in leadership development and public forum familiarity. The MSS supports the intent of this recommendation, which aims to better equip physicians with communication skills that can be helpful for educating the public and in organized medicine.

Our MSS currently supports advocacy opportunities for medical students through state organizations, specialty organizations, and partnerships with the AMA and its sections. For this reason, the MSS would like to suggest an amendment to include physicians-in-training be added to the recommendation. The MSS believes this addition will enrich the intent of the report by ensuring that physicians-in-training also have access to public speaking resources and online materials throughout all stages of their careers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Opinion Type:
My post reflects the opinion of my delegation or section

Signature Name:
Neha Agrawal

Delegation section or society:
Medical Students Section
Women Physicians Section Five-Year Review

The Council on Long Range Planning and Development recommends that our American Medical Association renew delineated section status for the Women Physicians Section through 2023 with the next review no later than the 2023 Interim Meeting and that the remainder of this report be filed.

Resolution:

1

RE: Women Physicians Section Five-Year Review

DAVID WELSH

Strongly support this report.

Opinion Type:
My post is my personal opinion

RE: Women Physicians Section Five-Year Review

Kristan Baird

Kristan Baird, medical student from Maryland, speaking on behalf of the Medical Student Section in SUPPORT of CLRPD Report 1. The MSS supports the identification of disparities in healthcare between genders and agrees that renewal of the WPS will ensure that women continue to have a voice on issues of significance for women physicians and medical students. These issues include such things as discrimination and income disparity, lack of women physicians in leadership positions in organized and academic medicine, and health issues that disproportionately or uniquely affect women patients.

With the number of women enrolled in medical school now exceeding the number of men, support and representation of women within the AMA will be ever more important. For a population that is currently underrepresented in leadership, the renewal of the WPS will ensure women have a voice on issues and policy that comes through our AMA.
Thank you for your consideration.

**Opinion Type:**
My post reflects the opinion of my delegation or section

**Signature Name:**
Kristan Baird

**Delegation section or society:**
Medical Student Section
RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association, working with the state and specialty societies, make it a priority to give physicians the opportunity to serve in federal and state health care agency positions by providing the training and transitional opportunities to move from clinical practice to health policy (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA study and report back to the House of Delegates at the 2019 Interim Meeting with findings and recommendations for action on how best to increase opportunities to train physicians in transitioning from clinical practice to health policy (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA explore the creation of an AMA health policy fellowship, or work with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to ensure that there are designated physician fellowship positions within their Health Policy Fellowship program to train physicians in transitioning from clinical practice to health policy. (Directive to Take Action)

Resolution:
604

Halea Meese, Alternate Delegate from Colorado, speaking on behalf of the Medical Student Section in SUPPORT of Resolution 604 with an amendment. The resolution notes that physicians experience significant frustration as it relates to health policy. This stems from a lack of understanding about how physicians can improve the broader health care system and diminished opportunities for physicians to engage in health policy. The Robert Wood Johnson Fellow Program used to provide 8 spots for physicians in health policy fellowship; however, there are now as few as 2 physician spots. The Medical Student Section supports
increasing advocacy and policy opportunities within the US medical curriculum, establishing policy and advocacy rotations in DC, and encouraging internal, state, and specialty organizations to increase these opportunities for medical students. Therefore, the medical student section supports the first and second Resolved clauses. Our MSS, however, suggests amending the third Resolved Clause by deletion, which would broaden means for educating physicians on health policy beyond the singular Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Thank you for your consideration.

Opinion Type: My post reflects the opinion of my delegation or section

Signature Name: Halea Meese

Delegation section or society: MSS