WPS Meeting Highlights

The AMA Women Physicians Section (WPS) hosted its business meeting and reception June 9-12 in Chicago. It featured a talk by Ivy Faske, MD, entitled, “Addressing the Needs of Women in Medicine.” The presentation provided an overview of the work of the newly formed AMA Alliance Women in Medicine Task Force.

WPS Business Meeting

The business meeting included a review of the AMA House of Delegates handbook and WPS items of business. The WPS Governing Council reviewed its positions on various items of business before the HOD that focus on issues of concern to women physicians and patients.

WPS Resolutions

The WPS sponsored 6 resolutions that are being considered at this meeting.

- Resolution 002: Care of Women and Children in Family Immigration Detention
- Resolution 305: Reduction of Caregiver Burnout
- Resolution 503: Women and Mental Health
- Resolution 504: Research into Preterm Birth and Related Cardiovascular (CV) and Cerebrovascular (CVD) Risks in Women
- Resolution 505: Recognition of Sepsis in the Community
- Resolution 706: Concurrent and Overlapping Surgery

WPS Education Session

The WPS also hosted an education session, “The Impact of the Opioid Epidemic on Women.” The session featured dynamic presentations by Melinda Campopiano, MD; Mishka Terplan, MD, MPH; MaryAnne McCaffree, MD; and Patrice A. Harris, MD, MA. Attendees learned about various interventions for addressing opioid use disorder in women.

WPS Associates Luncheon & Business Meeting

The WPS Associates Luncheon and Business Meeting featured updates from around the country about what state and specialty medical societies are doing to address issues related to women physicians. Associates also had the opportunity to discuss activities related to AMA
Women in Medicine Month, held in September. This year’s theme is Women in Medicine: Born to Lead.

**Governing Council Elections**

The Governing Council held elections for its officers. Elected were:

- Lynda Kabbash, MD
  Chair
- Kusum Punjabi, MD, MBA
  Vice Chair