

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 603
(A-19)

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)

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

Fiscal Note: Estimated cost to implement resolution is between \$15K-\$25K.

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