

REPORT OF THE AMA YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION GOVERNING COUNCIL

AMA-YPS Report C-A-19

Subject: Specialty Society Representation and Outreach

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This report presents the criteria for specialty society representation in the AMA Young Physicians Section (YPS) Assembly, gives an update on the level of specialty society representation, and discusses strategies to gain new society representation.

AMA Bylaws that became effective January 1, 2008, state that the apportionment for each state and specialty society, or federal service, will be two representatives (and no alternate representatives) for each 1,000 members of the Young Physicians Section who are members of the society or federal service as recorded by the AMA on December 31 of each year. Societies eligible for more than two representatives will be required to submit evidence to the Section that documents the number of their young physician AMA members.

CRITERIA FOR REPRESENTATION

Excerpted from the AMA bylaws:

Section 7.5.3.1 Constituent Associations, National Medical Specialty Societies, and Federal Services. Each constituent association and Federal Service shall be entitled to representation based on the number of seats allocated to it by apportionment. Each national medical specialty society granted representation in the House of Delegates shall be entitled to representation based on the number of seats allocated to it by apportionment. In addition, unified constituent associations and specialty societies that are entitled to additional representation pursuant to Bylaw 2.1.1.2 or Bylaw 2.2.1 shall be entitled to 2 additional representatives.

Section 7.5.3.1.1 Apportionment. The apportionment for each constituent association, Federal Service, and national medical specialty society is 2 representatives for each 1,000, or fraction thereof, members of the Young Physicians Section who are members of the constituent association, Federal Service, or specialty society, as recorded by the AMA as of December 31 of each year. Each constituent association, Federal Service, and specialty society shall automatically be entitled to 2 representatives, who may be selected in any manner. Those constituent associations, Federal Services, or specialty societies who are eligible for more than 2 representatives, shall select the additional representatives according to rules and criteria developed by the Governing Council to ensure that they are selected in a fair and equitable manner allowing open representation.

The current criteria for specialty society representation, as presented in the Internal Operating Procedures of the AMA-YPS, states that a national medical specialty organization must:

- have voting representation in the House of Delegates (HOD); and
- have established a mechanism that allows for the regular input of young physician views into the issues before the specialty society.

The delegate selected to represent a national medical specialty society in the AMA-YPS:

- must be a young physician as defined by AMA Bylaw 7.5.1;
- must be a member of the AMA in good standing;
- should be chosen in a fair and equitable manner allowing open representation; and
- must represent the interests of their particular specialty society young physician constituency.

To apply for voting status in the AMA-YPS Assembly, national medical specialty societies shall submit their requests, along with information to indicate compliance with the criteria listed above, to the AMA-YPS Governing Council.

Each Federal Service (United States Army, United States Navy, United States Air Force, United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and the United States Public Health Service) shall be entitled to two voting representatives.

SOCIETIES CURRENTLY REPRESENTED IN THE AMA-YPS ASSEMBLY

Current representation refers to specialty medical societies that have sent representatives to the AMA-YPS Assembly meetings within the last two years. The following societies are represented in the AMA-YPS Assembly:

- Aerospace Medical Association
- American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
- American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery
- American Academy of Dermatology
- American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
- American Academy of Family Physicians
- American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
- American Academy of Neurology
- American Academy of Ophthalmology
- American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law
- American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry
- American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists
- American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists
- American Association of Neurological Surgeons
- American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology
- American College of Emergency Physicians
- American College of Mohs Surgery
- American College of Nuclear Medicine
- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
- American College of Physicians
- American College of Preventive Medicine
- American College of Radiology
- American College of Rheumatology
- American College of Surgeons
- American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society
- American Psychiatric Association
- American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, Inc.
- American Society for Clinical Pathology
- American Society for Dermatologic Surgery
- American Society for Radiation Oncology

- American Society for Reproductive Medicine
- American Society of Anesthesiologists
- American Society of Clinical Oncology
- American Urological Association
- College of American Pathologists
- Congress of Neurological Surgeons
- International College of Surgeons
- Obesity Medicine Association
- Renal Physicians Association
- Society of Critical Care Medicine
- Society of Interventional Radiology
- Spine Intervention Society
- The Endocrine Society
- United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology

See Appendix A for a current list of national medical specialty societies currently represented in the AMA HOD along with the five service branches (U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and U.S. Public Health Service).

CONCLUSION

Your Governing Council continues to examine the eligibility of AMA-YPS representation for all national medical specialty societies seated in the AMA-HOD. The AMA-YPS will reach out to societies not currently represented in the AMA-YPS as well as newly added member organizations of the AMA HOD.

Further, your Governing Council will also continue to explore activities to stimulate additional specialty society representation. Your Governing Council hopes that its efforts to orient new Assembly members, communicate better with existing representatives, and educate all young physicians and Federation staff about AMA products, services and activities will create stronger relationships and lead to more active participation.

Accordingly, the AMA-YPS Governing Council will continue to identify prospects for encouraging AMA-YPS participation from specialties that typically do not send representatives. Such opportunities include outreach to specialty medical societies as well as collaborative efforts with AMA Ambassadors and YPS committee members.

The AMA Ambassador Program activates and recognizes its most active members, and provides the tools and support to effectively share their AMA experience with their networks. AMA Ambassadors amplify the results of the AMA's work in their communities, and the impact they have as an AMA member. Whether Ambassadors are on social media or attending live events, they lead the way in creating a more engaging experience for everyone. Dedicated training, resources, and leadership opportunities for Ambassadors are provided to make their involvement with the AMA as easy and rewarding as possible. Involvement and level of activity in the Ambassador Program is completely voluntary. [Sign-up](#) for the AMA Ambassador Program to receive the monthly Ambassador Alert emails. To learn more about the AMA Ambassadors program, please contact ambassadors@ama-assn.org.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The YPS Governing Council recommends that the following statements be adopted and that the remainder of the report be filed.

1. The YPS Governing Council will continue to work with appropriate YPS committee members and young physician members that are AMA Ambassadors to engage with current and potential members that are part of specialty societies not represented in the AMA-YPS and encourage them to serve as liaisons to the young physicians in their society or identify someone in their society for further outreach.

2. The YPS Governing Council will continue to connect with specialty societies that are eligible for representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly that have not sent a representative in the past two years.
3. The YPS Governing Council will continue to reach out to specialty societies that are eligible for representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly that have sent less than the allotted number of representatives.
4. The YPS Governing Council will continue to work with appropriate YPS committee members and young physician members that are AMA Ambassadors to communicate with specialty societies currently represented in the AMA-YPS Assembly to share highlights from the work accomplished during the Assembly meetings and facilitate dialogue about increasing representation in the AMA-YPS where appropriate.
5. The YPS Governing Council will reach out to American Rhinologic Society, American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery, American Society of Neuroimaging, North American Neuromodulation Society and North American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society¹ to notify these specialty societies of their eligibility for representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly.

Fiscal Note: Less than \$500 to implement.

¹These medical societies were established as member organizations of the AMA House of Delegates in 2018.

2019 National Medical Specialties Represented in the AMA House of Delegates

[Names in italicized blue font indicate medical specialties currently represented in the AMA-YPS (have sent representatives to the AMA-YPS Assembly within the last two years)]

National Medical Specialty Societies

- Academy of Physicians in Clinical Research
- *Aerospace Medical Association*
- AMDA—The Society for Post-acute and Long-term Care Medicine
- American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology
- *American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*
- *American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery*
- *American Academy of Dermatology*
- *American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery*
- *American Academy of Family Physicians*
- *American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine*
- American Academy of Insurance Medicine
- *American Academy of Neurology*
- *American Academy of Ophthalmology*
- American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
- *American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy Inc.*
- American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery
- American Academy of Pain Medicine
- *American Academy of Pediatrics*
- *American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*
- *American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law*
- *American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry*
- American Association for Hand Surgery
- American Association for Thoracic Surgery
- *American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists*
- American Association of Clinical Urologists, Inc.
- *American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists*
- *American Association of Neurological Surgeons*
- American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine
- American Association of Plastic Surgeons
- American Association of Public Health Physicians
- American Clinical Neurophysiology Society
- *American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology*
- American College of Cardiology
- American College of Chest Physicians (CHEST)
- *American College of Emergency Physicians*
- American College of Gastroenterology
- American College of Legal Medicine
- American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics
- American College of Medical Quality
- *American College of Mohs Surgery*
- *American College of Nuclear Medicine*
- *American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists*
- *American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine*
- American College of Phlebology (changed name to American Vein and Lymphatic Society in December 2018)
- *American College of Physicians*
- *American College of Preventive Medicine*

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- American College of Radiation Oncology
- *American College of Radiology*
- *American College of Rheumatology*
- *American College of Surgeons*
- American Gastroenterological Association
- American Geriatrics Society
- American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine
- American Medical Group Association
- American Orthopaedic Association
- *American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society*
- *American Psychiatric Association*
- *American Rhinologic Society
- American Roentgen Ray Society
- *American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, Inc.*
- *American Society for Clinical Pathology*
- *American Society for Dermatologic Surgery*
- American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
- American Society for Metabolic Bariatric Surgery
- *American Society for Radiation Oncology*
- *American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery
- *American Society for Reproductive Medicine*
- American Society for Surgery of the Hand
- American Society of Abdominal Surgeons
- American Society of Addiction Medicine
- *American Society of Anesthesiologists*
- American Society of Breast Surgeons
- American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery
- *American Society of Clinical Oncology*
- American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons
- American Society of Dermatopathology
- American Society of Echocardiography
- American Society of General Surgeons
- American Society of Hematology
- American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians
- American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons
- *American Society of Neuroimaging
- American Society of Neuroradiology
- American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
- American Society of Plastic Surgeons
- American Society of Retina Specialists
- American Society of Transplant Surgeons
- American Thoracic Society
- *American Urological Association*
- American Vein and Lymphatic Society (formerly American College of Phlebology)
- Association of Military Surgeons of the United States
- Association of University Radiologists
- *College of American Pathologists*
- *Congress of Neurological Surgeons*
- Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists
- Heart Rhythm Society
- Infectious Diseases Society of America
- International Academy of Independent Medical Evaluators
- International College of Surgeons - US Section
- International Society for the Advancement of Spine Surgery
- International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery

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- National Association of Medical Examiners
- *North American Neuromodulation Society
- *North American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society
- North American Spine Society
- *Obesity Medicine Association*
- Radiological Society of North America
- *Renal Physicians Association*
- Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions
- Society for Investigative Dermatology, Inc.
- Society for Vascular Surgery
- Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons
- Society of Critical Care Medicine
- Society of Hospital Medicine
- *Society of Interventional Radiology*
- Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons
- Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging
- Society of Thoracic Surgeons
- *Spine Intervention Society*
- *The Endocrine Society*
- The Triological Society
- Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society
- *United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology*

Federal Services

US Air Force

US Army

US Navy

US Department of Veterans Affairs

US Public Health Service

Other National Medical Associations

American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin

GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBT Equality

Professional Interest Medical Associations

American Medical Women's Association

American Osteopathic Association

National Medical Association

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