

# REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

CCB Report 3-I-19

Subject: AMA Delegation Apportionment

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Referred to: Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws

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At the 2018 Interim Meeting, Policy G-600.016, “Data Used to Apportion Delegates,” was adopted. Among its recommendations were that “pending members” be added to the number of active AMA members in the December 31 count for the purposes of AMA delegate allocations to national medical specialty and state medical societies for the following year.” At the 2019 Annual Meeting, Policy G-600.016 subsequently was amended to read as follows: “Pending members” will be added to the number of active AMA members in the December 31 count for the purposes of AMA delegation allocations to state medical societies for the following year and this total will be used to determine the number of national medical specialty delegates to maintain parity.” The body of the report defines “pending members” as individuals who at the time they apply for membership are not current in their dues and who pay dues for the following calendar year. Board of Trustees Report 12-A-19, which proposed the adopted modification,” also called for a report to the House at the 2022 Annual Meeting on the impact of Policy G-600.016 and recommendations regarding continuation of this policy. The Council on Constitution and Bylaws was directed to prepare a report with bylaw amendments for the 2019 Interim Meeting to allow the implementation of Policy G-600.016.

The Council on Constitution and Bylaws presents the requested amendments to the AMA Bylaws. It also will include a definition of “pending members” in the glossary to the Bylaws.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council on Constitution and Bylaws recommends the following:

1. That the following amendment to the AMA Bylaws be adopted. Adoption requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the House of Delegates present and voting.

**2.1 Constituent Associations.** Each recognized constituent association granted representation in the House of Delegates is entitled to delegate representation based on the number of seats allocated to it by apportionment, and such additional delegate seats as may be provided under Bylaw 2.1.1.2. Only one constituent association from each U.S. state, commonwealth, territory, or possession shall be granted representation in the House of Delegates.

**2.1.1 Apportionment.** The apportionment of delegates from each constituent association is one delegate for each 1,000, or fraction thereof, active constituent and active direct members of the AMA within the jurisdiction of each constituent association, as recorded by the AMA as of December 31 of each year.

1                    2.1.1.1 The December 31 count will include pending members for purposes of  
2                    apportionment; however, pending members shall not be recounted the  
3                    following year absent membership renewal. This Bylaw will sunset as of  
4                    the close of business of the 2022 Interim Meeting unless the House of  
5                    Delegates acts to retain it.  
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7                    [Subsequent bylaw provisions shall be renumbered] (Modify Bylaws)  
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9                    2. That Policy G-600.016(2) be amended by addition to read as follows:  
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11                    “Pending members” (defined as individuals who at the time they apply for membership are not  
12                    current in their dues and who pay dues for the following calendar year) will be added to the  
13                    number of active AMA members in the December 31 count for the purposes of AMA delegate  
14                    allocations to state medical societies for the following year and this total will be used to  
15                    determine the number of national medical specialty delegates to maintain parity. (Modify  
16                    Current HOD Policy)  
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18                    3. That the remainder of this report be filed.

Fiscal Note: Less than \$500

### **AMA Policy**

G-600.016, Data Used to Apportion Delegates

1. Our AMA shall issue an annual, mid-year report on or around June 30 to inform each state medical society and each national medical specialty society that is in the process of its 5-year review of its current AMA membership count.
2. “Pending members” will be added to the number of active AMA members in the December 31 count for the purposes of AMA delegate allocations to state medical societies for the following year and this total will be used to determine the number of national medical specialty delegates to maintain parity.
3. Our AMA will track “pending members” from a given year who are counted towards delegate allocation for the following year and these members will not be counted again for delegate allocation unless they renew their membership before the end of the following year.
4. Our AMA Board of Trustees will issue a report to the House of Delegates at the 2022 Annual Meeting on the impact of Policy G-600.016 and recommendations regarding continuation of this policy.