

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION (NOV. 2020)

Report of AMA-YPS Reference Committee

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1 Your Reference Committee recommends the following consent calendar for acceptance:

2 3 **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

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- 5 1. Report B: State Medical Society Representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly
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 - 7 2. Report C: Specialty Society Representation and Outreach
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 - 9 3. Report G: AMA-YPS Directives Proposed for Sunset

10 11 **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED**

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- 13 4. Report I: AMA Bylaws on YPS Governing Council Eligibility

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 - 26 Assembly Materials (Resolution 3-I-19)

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

- (1) REPORT B: STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
REPRESENTATION IN THE AMA-YPS ASSEMBLY

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendations in Report B be adopted and the remainder of the Report be filed.

FINAL ACTION: Recommendations in Report B be adopted and the remainder of the Report be filed.

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

1. YPS Governing Council will continue to work with appropriate YPS committee members to connect with current and potential members that are part of state medical 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 work with appropriate YPS committee members to communicate with state societies currently represented in the AMA-YPS Assembly to highlight the work accomplished during the Assembly meetings and facilitate dialogue about increasing representation in the AMA-YPS where appropriate.
3. The YPS Governing Council will continue to reach out to state societies that are eligible for representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly that have not sent a representative in the past two years.
4. The YPS Governing Council will continue to reach out to state societies that are eligible for representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly that have sent less than the allotted number of representatives.

Limited, but supportive, testimony was received on the strategy to increase representation and promote active participation among state medical societies in the AMA Young Physicians Section (YPS) Assembly. Your Reference Committee recommends that Report B be adopted and the remainder of the report be filed.

(2) REPORT C: SPECIALTY SOCIETY REPRESENTATION
AND OUTREACH

RECOMMENDATION:

**Recommendations in Report C be adopted and the
remainder of the Report be filed.**

**FINAL ACTION: Recommendations in Report C be adopted
and the remainder of the Report be filed.**

The 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 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 reach out to the American Society of Cytopathology* to notify this specialty society of its eligibility for representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly.
5. The YPS Governing Council will reach out to the American Academy of Sleep Medicine* to notify this specialty society of its eligibility for additional representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly.

Commentary provided during the online forum was limited, yet supportive of the plan to expand specialty society representation and involvement in the AMA-YPS Assembly. Your Reference Committee recommends that Report C be adopted and the remainder of the report be filed.

(3) REPORT G: AMA-YPS DIRECTIVES PROPOSED FOR
SUNSET

RECOMMENDATION:

**Recommendation in the Report G be adopted and the
remainder of the Report be filed.**

**FINAL ACTION: Recommendation in Report G be adopted
and the remainder of the Report be filed.**

The Governing Council recommends that the AMA-YPS sunset the directive, Improving Prevention and Emergency Response through Flexible Public Health Funding Based on Population Risks (YPS Resolution 2-A-18).

No testimony in opposition to the report was provided. This directive originated from the adoption of Resolution 2-A-18, Improving Prevention and Emergency Response through Flexible Public Health Funding Based on Population Risks. Resolution 2-A-18 asked the AMA to encourage federal, state, and local agencies to partake in syndromic surveillance, assess risks of local populations for disease, and develop comprehensive plans with other stakeholders to enact actions for mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery in the event of an unexpected infectious disease outbreak. Resolution 2-A-18 was referred for study with a report back to the AMA-YPS Assembly at the 2019 Annual Assembly Meeting. Report E-A-19, "Improving Prevention and Emergency Response through Flexible Public Health Funding Based on Population Risks" recommended that Resolution 2-A-18 be adopted as amended and submitted for consideration at the 2019 Interim Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates (HOD). This resolution, considered by the AMA HOD as Resolution 912-I-19, was adopted. AMA Policy H-440.892, Bolstering Public Health Preparedness, was appended as a result.

The Reference Committee concurs with the Governing Council recommendation to sunset the directive, Improving Prevention and Emergency Response through Flexible Public Health Funding Based on Population Risks (YPS Resolution 2-A-18). Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Report G be adopted and the remainder of the report be filed.

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED

(4) REPORT I: AMA BYLAWS ON YPS GOVERNING COUNCIL ELIGIBILITY

RECOMMENDATION A:

Recommendation 1 in Report I be amended by addition and deletion to read as follows:

The AMA-YPS Governing Council recommends introduction of YPS Resolution 1 (November 2020), "AMA Bylaws Language on AMA Young Physicians Section Governing Council Eligibility," which includes the following Resolve clause:

RESOLVED, That the American Medical Association amend AMA Bylaw 7.52, Cessation of Eligibility, to allow an individual elected as YPS Chair-Elect to move through the Chair and Immediate Past Chair positions even if ~~he or she~~ they no longer ~~is~~ are considered a young physician under the section membership eligibility criteria. (Modify Bylaws)

RECOMMENDATION B:

Report I be adopted as amended and the remainder of the Report be filed.

FINAL ACTION: Recommendations in Report I be adopted as amended and the remainder of the Report be filed.

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

1. The AMA-YPS Governing Council recommends introduction of YPS Resolution 1 (November 2020), "AMA Bylaws Language on AMA Young Physicians Section Governing Council Eligibility," which includes the following Resolve clause:

RESOLVED, That the American Medical Association amend AMA Bylaw 7.52, Cessation of Eligibility, to allow an individual elected as YPS Chair-Elect to move through the Chair and Immediate Past Chair positions even if he or she no longer is considered a young physician under the section membership eligibility criteria. (Modify Bylaws)

2. The AMA-YPS Governing Council recommends that YPS Resolution 1 (November 2020), "AMA Bylaws Language on AMA Young Physicians Section Governing Council Eligibility," be submitted for consideration at the November 2020 Special Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates.

Online forum commentary was supportive of the recommendations in Report I. Your Reference Committee proffered an amendment to the Resolve clause that replaces the

- 1 gender binary language with inclusive language. Therefore, your Reference Committee
- 2 recommends that Report I be adopted as amended.

RECOMMENDED FOR FILING

(5) REPORT A: GOVERNING COUNCIL ACTIVITIES/ACTION
PLAN UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION:

Report A be filed.

FINAL ACTION: Report A be adopted.

Report A is a compilation of activities accomplished by the AMA-YPS since the 2019 Interim Meeting. Updates on AMA-YPS objectives are organized under four main categories: focus; communications; leadership development; and membership and involvement. Report A is informational and does not include recommendations.

(6) REPORT D: AMA-YPS 2019 FINANCE REPORT

RECOMMENDATION:

Report D be filed.

FINAL ACTION: Report D be adopted.

Pursuant to the adoption of Resolution 3-I-04, "AMA-YPS Yearly Finance Report," the AMA-YPS Governing Council prepares a financial statement of the AMA-YPS annual budget. The AMA-YPS budget is based upon the AMA's annual budgeting process, which must receive final approval from the AMA's Board of Trustees. Therefore, the AMA-YPS Governing Council does not directly set, control, or oversee the AMA-YPS budget. Report D is informational and does not include recommendations.

(7) REPORT E: UPDATE ON THE PILOT AMA-YPS
ELECTRONIC BALLOTING PROCESS

RECOMMENDATION:

Report E be filed.

FINAL ACTION: Report E be adopted.

Report E provides the status of the AMA-YPS electronic balloting pilot. The AMA-YPS Assembly adopted Report C-I-19, Pilot AMA-YPS Electronic Balloting Process, which recommended that the election procedures outlined in the YPS Internal Operating Procedures (IOP) (Section V. Subsections E and F) be suspended in order to pilot an online balloting process during the 2020 Annual meeting. This informational report notes that this pilot will be delayed until the appropriate time to allow for proper implementation and review.

(8) REPORT F: AMA ADVOCACY EFFORTS

RECOMMENDATION:

Report F be filed.

FINAL ACTION: Report F be adopted.

At the 2005 Annual Meeting of the AMA-YPS Assembly, the Governing Council was directed to report annually on the section's advocacy efforts. Report F is an informational report and does not include recommendations.

(9) REPORT H: OPT-IN/OPT-OUT PAPER COPIES OF
YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION (YPS) ASSEMBLY
MATERIALS (RESOLUTION 3-I-19)

RECOMMENDATION:

Report H be filed.

FINAL ACTION: Report H be adopted.

Report H provides an update on the pilot for an opt-in/opt-out system for printed Assembly meeting materials. Resolution 3-I-19, "Opt-in/Opt-Out Paper Copies of Young Physicians Section (YPS) Assembly Materials," asked the AMA-YPS Governing Council to move toward an opt-in/opt-out system to determine distribution of printed Assembly materials. Further, this resolution asked the YPS Governing Council to poll meeting attendees upon registration for the YPS Assembly to determine if they would like a printed copy of Assembly meeting materials. During the online forum, it was noted that a significant number of participants had concerns or were not in favor of moving to an opt-in/opt-out system for printed Assembly materials. As both printed and electronic distribution of meeting materials present benefits and challenges, it was important to understand the impact of an opt-in/opt-out system on the Section.

Resolution 3-I-19 was adopted as amended and called for the YPS Governing Council to conduct a pilot for the 2020 Annual meeting and follow up with a report back to the YPS Assembly at the 2020 Interim meeting. This informational report notes that the pilot for the YPS opt-in/opt-out system for printed Assembly meeting materials will be delayed until the appropriate time to allow for proper implementation and review.

- 1 This concludes the report of the AMA-YPS Reference Committee. I would like to thank
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