

## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

CCB Report 4-JUN-21

Subject: Terms of Service of the Resident/Fellow Members of AMA Councils

Presented by: Madelyn E. Butler, MD, Chair

Referred to: Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws

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At the June 2021 Meeting, the House of Delegates adopted Resolution 4 from the Resident and Fellow Section relating to the terms of resident and fellow physician service on AMA Councils. Specifically, the House of Delegates approved recommendations modifying the terms of the resident members from a three-year term to a two-year term on all AMA Councils with the exception of the Council on Legislation.

To implement these recommendations, the Council has prepared appropriate amendments to the AMA Bylaws and presents them for consideration by the House of Delegates. The proposed amendments provide for a two-year term for resident and/or fellow members elected or appointed to an AMA Council after the adoption of this report but exempt those elected or appointed to a council prior to adoption of this report from the two-year term limit (enabling them to serve their original three-year term).

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council on Constitution and Bylaws recommends: 1) that the following amendments to the AMA Constitution and Bylaws be adopted; and 2) that the remainder of this report be filed. Adoption requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the House of Delegates present and voting following a one-day layover.

#### **6.5 Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs.**

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##### **6.5.7 Term.**

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**6.5.7.2** Except as provided in Bylaw 6.5.7.2.1 and Bylaw 6.11, the resident/fellow physician member of the Council shall be elected for a term of 3 2 years provided that if the resident/fellow physician member ceases to be a resident/fellow physician at any time prior to the expiration of the term for which elected, the service of such resident/fellow physician member on the Council shall thereupon terminate, and the position shall be declared vacant.

6.5.7.2.1 Any resident/fellow physician Council member who was elected at or prior to the 2021 June Meeting shall be elected for a term of 3

years. This provision shall automatically sunset when no longer applicable.

**6.5.8 Tenure.** Members of the Council may serve only one term, except that the resident/fellow physician member shall be eligible to serve for 3 terms and the medical student member shall be eligible to serve for 2 terms. A member elected to serve an unexpired term shall not be regarded as having served a term unless such member has served at least half of the term.

**6.5.9 Vacancies.**

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**6.5.9.2 Resident/Fellow Physician Member.** If the resident/fellow physician member of the Council ceases to complete the term for which elected, the remainder of the term shall be deemed to have expired. The successor shall be elected by the House of Delegates at the next Annual Meeting, on nomination by the President, for a ~~3~~ 2-year term.

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**6.6 Council on Long Range Planning and Development.**

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**6.6.3.2 Resident/Fellow Physician Member.** The resident/fellow physician member of the Council shall be appointed for a term of ~~3~~ 2 years beginning at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting provided that if the resident/fellow physician member ceases to be a resident/fellow physician at any time prior to the expiration of the term for which appointed except /as provided in Bylaw 6.11, the service of such resident/fellow physician member on the Council shall thereupon terminate, and the position shall be declared vacant.

6.6.3.2.1 Any resident/fellow physician Council member who was appointed prior to the 2021 June Meeting shall be appointed for a term of 3 years. This provision shall automatically sunset when no longer applicable.

**6.6.5 Vacancies.**

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**6.6.5.2 Resident/Fellow Physician Member.** If the resident/fellow physician member of the Council ceases to complete the term for which appointed, the remainder of the term shall be deemed to have expired. The successor shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates for a ~~3~~ 2-year term.

**6.9 Term and Tenure - Council on Constitution and Bylaws, Council on Medical Education, Council on Medical Service, and Council on Science and Public Health.**

1       **6.9.1   Term.**

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3       **6.9.1.2 Resident/Fellow Physician Member.** The resident/fellow physician member  
4       of these Councils shall be elected for a term of ~~3~~ 2 years. Except as provided in  
5       Bylaw 6.11, if the resident/fellow physician member ceases to be a  
6       resident/fellow physician at any time prior to the expiration of the term for  
7       which elected, the service of such resident/fellow physician member on the  
8       Council shall thereupon terminate, and the position shall be declared vacant.  
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10               6.9.1.2.1   Any resident/fellow physician Council member who was elected  
11               before or at the 2021 June Meeting shall be elected for a term of 3  
12               years. This provision shall automatically sunset when no longer  
13               applicable.  
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15       **6.9.3   Vacancies.**

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18       Councils ceases to complete the term for which elected, the remainder of the term shall be  
19       deemed to have expired. The successor shall be elected by the House of Delegates for a ~~3~~2-year  
20       term.  
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23       (Modify Bylaws)