REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

CCB Report 4-I-26

Subject: House of Delegates Freeze for 2027

Presented by: Mary Ann Contogiannis, MD, Chair

Referred to: Reference Committee on Bylaws and Ethics

One of the items before the House of Delegates on Monday is a recommendation from Reference Committee F with respect to CLRPD Report 1-I-26. Reference Committee F recommends adoption of Recommendation 1. Adoption of this recommendation would necessitate a bylaws change, and would require a day layover prior to voting by the HOD.

The Speakers have asked CCB to issue the required report simultaneously with the issuance of the Report of Reference Committee F so that the requisite need for a day layover would be met. The rationale for doing this is to allow a vote on Monday should the House recommend adoption of CLRPD Report Recommendation #1 but also to give delegations time to discuss and reflect before voting. This directive recognizes that this is a time-sensitive issue, yet there is a potential of House adjournment on Monday rather than Tuesday. A bylaw amendment is needed should the proposed freeze for 2027 in Recommendation #1 be accepted by the House.

The intent of this report is not to sway the House on the merits of passage or the merits of the proposal, merely to facilitate potential House action.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Pursuant to Recommendation 1 of CLRPD 1-I-26 calling for a freeze on the size of the House of Delegate for 2027, the Council recommends the following amendment (shown in red and amended by insertion) be adopted and that the remainder of the 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.

2—House of Delegates

2.0.1 Composition and Representation. The House of Delegates is composed of delegates selected by recognized constituent associations and specialty societies, and other delegates as provided in this bylaw.

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2.0.1.7 For calendar year 2027, the total number of delegates and alternate delegates as defined in Bylaws 2.1 through 2.8 will remain unchanged from the total number for 2026. This bylaw will sunset following adjournment of the 2027 Interim Meeting.

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2.1 Constituent Associations***

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

2.2 National Medical Specialty Societies***

2.2.1 Apportionment. The apportionment of delegates from each specialty society represented in the AMA House of Delegates is one delegate for each 1,000, or fraction thereof, physician specialty society members as of December 31 of each year who are eligible to serve on committees or the governing body, are active members of the AMA and are members in good standing and current in payment of applicable dues of both the specialty society and the AMA.

2.3 Medical Student Regional Delegates***

2.3.2 Apportionment. The total number of Medical Student Regional delegates and alternate delegates is based on one delegate and one alternate delegate for each 2,000 active medical student members of the AMA, as recorded by the AMA on December 31 of each year. Each Medical Student Region, as defined by the Medical Student Section, is entitled to one delegate and one alternate delegate for each 2,000 active medical student members of the AMA in an educational program located within the jurisdiction of the Medical Student Region. Any remaining Medical Student Section Regional delegates and alternate delegates shall be apportioned one delegate and one alternate delegate per region(s) with the greatest number of active AMA medical student members in excess of a multiple of 2,000. If two regions have the same number of active AMA medical student members, ties will be broken by lottery by the MSS Governing Council.

2.4 Delegates from the Resident and Fellow Section***

2.4.2 Apportionment. The apportionment of delegates from the Resident and Fellow Section is one delegate for each 2,000 active resident and fellow physician members of the AMA, as recorded by the AMA on December 31 of each year.

2.5 Speaker and Vice Speaker Additional Delegate. Upon election of the Speaker and Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates from among the members of the House of Delegates, the organizations represented by the delegates elected to be Speaker and Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates shall be entitled to an additional delegate for the term of service of the Speaker and Vice Speaker. The additional delegates so selected shall have the full rights and privileges of delegates in the House of Delegates.

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2.6 Other Delegates. Each of the following is entitled to a delegate: AMA Sections; the Surgeons General of the United States Army, United States Navy, United States Air Force, and United States Public Health Service; the Chief Medical Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs; the National Medical Association; the American Medical Women's

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Association; the American Osteopathic Association; and professional interest medical associations granted representation in the House of Delegates.

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2.7 **Ex Officio Members.** The current Officers (except Speaker and Vice Speaker), the Past Presidents, Past Trustees of the AMA, and the Chairs of Councils of the AMA who are not delegates shall be ex officio members of the House of Delegates.

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2.8 **Alternate Delegates.** Each organization represented in the House of Delegates may select an alternate delegate for each of its delegates entitled to be seated in the House of Delegates.

Fiscal Note: Minimal

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