Subject: Updated Bylaws: Delegate Apportionment and Pending Members

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Referred to: Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws

At the 2022 Annual Meeting, the House adopted Recommendation 3 of BOT Report 20, “Delegate Apportionment and Pending Members,” in lieu of Resolution 618. This recommendation directs “That delegates be apportioned to constituent societies for 2023 with each society getting the greatest of the following numbers:

- The number of delegates apportioned at the rate of 1 per 1000, or fraction thereof, AMA members;
- The number of delegates apportioned for 2022 so long as that figure is not greater than 2 more than the number apportioned at the rate of 1 per 1000, or fraction thereof, AMA members; or
- For societies that would lose more than 5 delegates from their 2022 apportionment, the number of delegates apportioned at the rate of 1 per 1000, or fraction thereof, AMA members plus 5.”

Existing bylaw language on apportionment will sunset as of the close of business of the 2022 Interim Meeting; thus, the Council puts forth amended language consistent with the adopted recommendation of BOT Report 20-A-22. In doing so, the Council acknowledges that the Board’s actions on the other five referred recommendations in Board Report 20 may impact the House’s action on apportionment, if not for 2023 but for future years. The Board’s report on the referred items is also before the House at this meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council on Constitution and Bylaws recommends that the following amendments to the AMA Bylaws be adopted and 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.

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 2.1.4-2. 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.
2.1.1.1 The December 31 count will include pending members for purposes of
apportionment; however, pending members shall not be recounted the
following year absent membership renewal. For 2023 only, the
apportionment shall include the greatest of the following numbers:
the number of delegates apportioned at the rate of 1 per 1000, or fraction
thereof, AMA members consistent with Bylaw 2.1.1; the number of
delegates apportioned for 2022 so long as that figure is not greater than 2
more than the number apportioned at the rate of 1 per 1000, or fraction
thereof, AMA members; or for societies that would lose more than 5
delegates from their 2022 apportionment, the number of delegates
apportioned at the rate of 1 per 1000, or fraction thereof, AMA members
plus 5. Bylaw 2.1.1.1 will sunset as of December 31, 2023 the close of
business of the 2022 Interim Meeting unless the House of Delegates acts to
retain it.

2.1.1.2 Effective Date. Such apportionment shall take effect on January 1 of the
following year and shall remain effective for one year.

2.1.1.2.1 Retention of Delegate. If the membership information as
recorded by the AMA as of December 31 warrants a decrease
in the number of delegates representing a constituent
association, the constituent association shall be permitted to
retain the same number of delegates, without decrease, for one
additional year, if it promptly files with the AMA a written plan
of intensified AMA membership development activities among
its members. At the end of the one year grace period, any
applicable decrease will be implemented.

2.1.1.2.1.1 A constituent association that shows a membership
loss for 2020 and/or 2021 shall be granted an
additional one year grace period beyond the one
year grace period set forth in 2.1.1.2.1 without a
decrease in the number of delegates. This Bylaw
will sunset at the close of the 2022 Interim
Meeting. A constituent society may not benefit
from both this provision and 2.1.1.1. Bylaw
2.1.1.2.1.1 will sunset as of December 31, 2023.

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2.2 National Medical Specialty Societies. The number of delegates representing national
medical specialty societies shall equal the number of delegates representing the constituent
societies. Each national medical specialty society 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 seat as may be provided under Bylaw
2.2.2. The total number of delegates apportioned to national medical specialty societies
under Bylaw 2.2.1 shall be adjusted to be equal to the total number of delegates
apportioned to constituent societies under sections 2.1.1 and 2.1.1.42.1 using methods
specified in AMA policy.

(Modify Bylaws)