REPORT OF THE AMA YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION GOVERNING COUNCIL

AMA-YPS Report D
(November 2022)

Subject: Update on the Pilot AMA-YPS Electronic Balloting Process

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Referred to: AMA-YPS Reference Committee

1 INTRODUCTION
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3 YPS Report C-I-19, Pilot AMA-YPS Electronic Balloting Process, was written in response to
4 concerns that other commitments precluded various YPS Assembly members from participating in-
5 person balloting. YPS Report C-I-19 recommended that the election procedures outlined in the
6 YPS Internal Operating Procedures (Section V. Subsections E and F) be suspended in order to
7 pilot an online balloting process during the 2020 Annual meeting.
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9 An informational report, YPS Report E-I-20, Update on Pilot YPS Electronic Balloting Process,
10 provided an overview of the rationale and process for implementing electronic balloting.
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12 The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of related activity since November 2020 and
13 propose next steps for electronic balloting.
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15 DISCUSSION
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17 The pilot for the YPS electronic balloting process was scheduled for implementation at the 2020
18 Annual YPS Assembly Meeting. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the AMA Board of Trustees made
19 the decision to suspend the 2020 AMA Annual Meeting, which included meetings of the AMA
20 Sections. As the pandemic continued, the AMA House of Delegates (HOD) and AMA Sections
21 convened through virtual Special Meetings.
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23 While it was determined that delaying the electronic balloting pilot was an appropriate course of
24 action, moving the YPS Assembly meeting to a virtual platform necessitated that all activities,
25 including elections, would be conducted electronically.
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27 Starting in November 2020, the YPS Governing Council elections were conducted by electronic
28 means:
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30 • November 2020 YPS Assembly Meeting (virtual): The election for Chair-elect, Delegate and
31   Member at-large was conducted using Lumi, an online meeting platform used by the AMA
32   HOD and Sections. In this election, 86 ballots were cast by YPS representatives attending the
33   meeting. In the run-off election for the Chair-elect and Member at-large, 81 ballots were cast.
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35 • June 2021 YPS Assembly Meeting (virtual): The Chair-elect, Speaker and Alternate Delegate
36   were elected by acclamation.
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38 • June 2022 YPS Assembly Meeting (in-person): The Chair-elect, Delegate and Member at-large
39   were elected by acclamation. An advisory election for the Alternate Delegate position was
40   conducted electronically through Qualtrics, an online survey tool. In this election, 63 ballots
41   were cast by YPS representatives attending the meeting.

1   CONCLUSION
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3   The intent of YPS Report C-I-19 was to outline a process for implementing onsite balloting during
4   the YPS Assembly meeting while making an online ballot available to credentialed YPS
5   representatives that are offsite. With the COVID-19 pandemic, it became necessary to implement a
6   process where all credentialed YPS representatives could be afforded an opportunity to participate
7   in the balloting process remotely.
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9   Since November 2020, electronic balloting has been used for YPS elections. Consistent with other
10 AMA Sections that hold onsite elections, the YPS Assembly successfully used Qualtrics to conduct
11 electronic balloting during the June 2022 meeting.
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13 RECOMMENDATIONS
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15 Your YPS Governing Council recommends:
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17 1. That the AMA-YPS continue with electronic balloting for AMA-YPS elections, with an allowance
18   for paper balloting when necessary.
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20 2. That the Section V. Elections (Subsections E and F) of the AMA-YPS Internal Operating
21   Procedures be updated to provide guidelines for electronic balloting in AMA-YPS elections.
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23 3. That the Section V. Elections (Subsection G) of the AMA-YPS Internal Operating Procedures
24   be updated to reflect the role of the Credentials Committee in the balloting process for AMA-
25   YPS elections.
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27 4. That the Section VI. YPS Assembly Meeting (Subsection K) of the AMA-YPS Internal
28   Operating Procedures be updated to reflect the process for electronic ballot distribution during
29   the AMA-YPS Assembly meetings.

Fiscal Note: Minimal – Less than $1,000 to implement.