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AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES (I-23)

Supplemental Report of Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws:

Speakers Report 03 – Report of the Election Task Force 2

Po-Yin Samuel Huang, MD, Chair

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

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RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

(1) RECOMMENDATION 2

RECOMMENDATION:

Your Reference Committee recommends that Recommendation 2 of the Speakers Report 03 be adopted.

HOD ACTION: Recommendation 2 of the Speakers Report 03 adopted.

Recommendation 2: Policy D-610.998, Election Task Force, paragraph 1 be amended by addition and deletion to read as follows:

1. Our AMA will ~~investigate the feasibility of a two- (2) year trial of sponsoring a welcome~~ the AMA Candidate Reception which will be open to all candidates and all meeting attendees. Any candidate may elect to be “featured” at the AMA Candidate Reception. There will not be a receiving line at the AMA Candidate Reception. ~~Other receptions sponsored by societies or coalitions, whether featuring a candidate or not, would not be prohibited, but the current~~ The rules regarding cash bars only at campaign receptions and limiting each candidate to be featured at a single reception ~~(the AMA reception or another)~~ will apply to the AMA Candidate Reception. ~~would remain. The Speakers will report back to the House after the two year trial with a recommendation for possible continuation of the AMA reception. (Modify Current HOD Policy)~~

Testimony was heard from the Election Task Force. Online testimony was limited. Your Reference Committee recommends that Recommendation 2 of Speakers Report 03 be adopted.

(2) RECOMMENDATION 3

RECOMMENDATION:

Your Reference Committee recommends that Recommendation 3 of the Speakers Report 03 be adopted.

HOD ACTION: Recommendation 3 of the Speakers Report 03 referred.

Recommendation 3: An announced candidate in a currently contested election may not be “featured” at any gathering of delegates outside of the single campaign reception they have chosen. For the purpose of AMA elections, the definition of “featured” includes being mentioned in the invitation, whether written or verbal, or publicly acknowledging or discussing a candidacy with attendees at a function. (New HOD Policy)

Testimony for recommendations 3-6 was heard simultaneously. Testimony was heard in general support for Recommendations 3 and 5. Testimony in support noted that the point of these reforms is to improve objectivity and, if adopted, these processes can be refined and improved over time. Your Reference Committee notes that these proposed changes will level the playing field for those who do not have a large number of contacts

1 and resources. Your Reference Committee heard mixed testimony on
2 Recommendations 4 and 6, with a request for referral, citing these recommendations are
3 too vague and potentially restrictive. Online testimony was also in favor of referral of
4 Recommendations 4 and 6. Your Reference Committee recommends that
5 Recommendation 3 of Speakers Report 03 be adopted.

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7 (3) RECOMMENDATION 5

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9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

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11 **Your Reference Committee recommends that**
12 **Recommendation 5 of the Speakers Report 03**
13 **be adopted.**

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15 **HOD ACTION: Recommendation 5 of the**
16 **Speakers Report 03 referred.**

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18 Recommendation 5: Policy G-610.020, Rules for AMA Elections, paragraph 21 be
19 amended by deletion to read as follows:

20 21) Group dinners, if attended by an announced candidate in a currently contested
21 election, must be "Dutch treat" - each participant pays their own share of the expenses,
22 with the exception that societies and delegations may cover the expense for their own
23 members. This rule would not disallow societies from paying for their own members or
24 delegations gathering together with each individual or delegation paying their own
25 expense. ~~Gatherings of 4 or fewer delegates or alternates are exempt from this~~
26 ~~rule.~~ (Modify Current HOD Policy)

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28 Testimony for recommendations 3-6 was heard simultaneously. Testimony was heard in
29 general support for Recommendations 3 and 5. Testimony in support noted that the
30 point of these reforms is to improve objectivity and, if adopted, these processes can be
31 refined and improved over time. Your Reference Committee notes that these proposed
32 changes will level the playing field for those who do not have a large number of contacts
33 and resources. Your Reference Committee heard mixed testimony on
34 Recommendations 4 and 6, with a request for referral, citing these recommendations are
35 too vague and potentially restrictive. Online testimony was also in favor of referral of
36 Recommendations 4 and 6. Your Reference Committee recommends that
37 Recommendation 5 of Speakers Report 03 be adopted.

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39 (4) RECOMMENDATION 7

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41 **RECOMMENDATION:**

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43 **Your Reference Committee recommends that**
44 **Recommendation 7 of the Speakers Report 03**
45 **be adopted.**

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47 **HOD ACTION: Recommendation 7 of the**
48 **Speakers Report 03 referred.**

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50 Recommendation 7: Policy G-610.020, Rules for AMA Elections, paragraph 15 be
51 amended by addition and deletion to read as follows:

1 15) Printed and digital Campaign materials may not be distributed to members of the
2 House other than by the HOD office candidate email and on the Candidate Web
3 Pages. ~~by postal mail or its equivalent.~~ The AMA Office of House of Delegates Affairs
4 will ~~not longer~~ furnish a file containing the names and mailing addresses of members of
5 the AMA-HOD. ~~Printed campaign materials will not be included in the "Not for Official~~
6 ~~Business" bag and may not be distributed in the House of Delegates. Candidates are~~
7 ~~encouraged to eliminate printed campaign materials.~~ (Modify Current HOD Policy)

8 Testimony for recommendations 7-8 was heard simultaneously. Testimony was
9 generally in favor of adoption of Recommendation 7. Your Reference Committee
10 recommends that Recommendation 7 of Speakers Report 03 be adopted.

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12 (5) RECOMMENDATION 9

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14 **RECOMMENDATION:**

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16 **Your Reference Committee recommends that**
17 **Recommendation 9 of the Speakers Report 03**
18 **be adopted.**

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20 **HOD ACTION: Recommendation 9 of the**
21 **Speakers Report 03 adopted.**

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23 Recommendation 9: Policy G-610.020, Rules for AMA Elections, paragraph 11 be
24 amended by addition and deletion to read as follows:

25 ~~(11) The Speaker's Office will coordinate the scheduling of candidate interviews for~~
26 ~~general officer positions (Trustees, President Elect, Speaker and Vice Speaker). Groups~~
27 ~~wishing to conduct interviews must designate their interviewing coordinator and provide~~
28 ~~the individual's contact information to the Office of House of Delegates Affairs. The~~
29 ~~Speaker's Office will collect contact information for groups wishing to conduct interviews~~
30 ~~as well as for candidates and their campaign teams and will provide the information to~~
31 ~~both groups as requested. Groups must indicate whether they wish to interview in-~~
32 ~~person or virtually and for which contest by the deadlines designated by the~~
33 ~~speaker.~~ (Modify Current HOD Policy)

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35 Testimony for recommendations 9-12 was heard simultaneously. Testimony was heard
36 in general support for Recommendations 9 and 10. Testimony for Recommendations 11
37 and 12 were mixed with multiple delegations citing the need for clarification. Your
38 Reference Committee recommends that Recommendation 9 be adopted.

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40 (6) RECOMMENDATION 10

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42 **RECOMMENDATION:**

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44 **Your Reference Committee recommends that**
45 **Recommendation 10 of the Speakers Report 03**
46 **be adopted.**

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48 **HOD ACTION: Recommendation 10 of**
49 **the Speakers Report 03 adopted.**

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51 Recommendation 10: Policy G-610.020, Rules for AMA Elections, paragraph 12 be
52 amended by addition and renumbered to read as follows:

1 f. Recording of interviews is allowed only with the knowledge and consent of the
2 candidate.
3 g. Interviews are recommended to be recorded with consent of all participating
4 individuals and disseminated to the interviewing group members when all are not able to
5 be present for the interview.
6 gh. Recordings of interviews may be shared only among members of the group
7 conducting the interview.
8 (Modify Current HOD Policy)

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10 Testimony for recommendations 9-12 was heard simultaneously. Testimony was heard
11 in general support for Recommendations 9 and 10. Testimony for Recommendations 11
12 and 12 were mixed with multiple delegations citing the need for clarification. Your
13 Reference Committee recommends that Recommendation 10 be adopted.

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15 (7) RECOMMENDATION 13

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17 **RECOMMENDATION:**

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19 **Your Reference Committee recommends that**
20 **Recommendation 13 of the Speakers Report 03**
21 **be adopted.**

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23 **HOD ACTION: Recommendation 13 of**
24 **the Speakers Report 03 referred.**

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26 Recommendation 13: That Bylaws 3.4.2.1.3, 3.4.2.2, and 6.8.1.4 be amended to
27 change the rules for elections of officers and councils with multiple candidates so that
28 the lowest vote getter on each ballot is dropped on the subsequent ballot, with the
29 exception of a tie for lowest vote getter in which case both would be dropped. (Directive
30 to take Action)

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32 Testimony for recommendations 13-14 was heard simultaneously. There was general
33 support for Recommendation 13 with some concerns for potential unintended
34 consequences that were clarified by the Council on Constitution and Bylaws. Therefore
35 your Reference Committee recommends adoption of Recommendation 13 of Speakers
36 Report 03.

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38 (8) RECOMMENDATION 16

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40 **RECOMMENDATION:**

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42 **Your Reference Committee recommends that**
43 **Recommendation 16 of the Speakers Report 03**
44 **be adopted.**

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46 **HOD ACTION: Recommendation 16 of**
47 **the Speakers Report 03 amended by**
48 **addition as follows:**
49 **Candidates may not produce a personal**
50 **campaign website or direct to personal or**
51 **professional websites that contain campaign**

1 **materials other than the AMA Candidates' Page.**
2 **(New HOD Policy)**

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4 **HOD ACTION: Amended**
5 **Recommendation 16 of the Speakers**
6 **Report 03 referred.**

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8 Recommendation 16: Candidates may not produce a personal campaign website or
9 direct to personal or professional websites other than the AMA Candidates' Page. (New
10 HOD Policy)

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13 Testimony for recommendations 15-21 was heard simultaneously. Testimony was
14 generally supportive of the recommendations with concerns about a few words in
15 Recommendation 15 which were recommended for deletion, and the remainder
16 recommended for adoption. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that
17 Recommendation 16 be adopted.

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19 (9) RECOMMENDATION 17

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21 **RECOMMENDATION:**

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23 **Your Reference Committee recommends that**
24 **Recommendation 17 of the Speakers Report 03**
25 **be adopted.**

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27 **HOD ACTION: Recommendation 17 of**
28 **the Speakers Report 03 adopted.**

1 Recommendation 17: Policy G-610.020, Rules for AMA Elections, paragraph 3, be
2 amended by addition and deletion to read as follows:
3 (3) Announcement cards of all known candidates will be projected on the last day of the
4 Annual and Interim Meetings of our House of Delegates and posted on the AMA website
5 as per Policy G-610.020, paragraph 2. Following each meeting, an "Official Candidate
6 Notification" will be sent electronically to the House. It will include a list of all announced
7 candidates and all potential newly opened positions which may open as a result of the
8 election of any announced candidate. Additional notices will also be sent out with regular
9 Speaker communications to the HOD and with the Speaker's notice of the opening of
10 active campaigning which generally followsing the April Board meeting and on "Official
11 Announcement Dates" to be established by the Speaker. (Modify Current HOD Policy)

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13 Testimony for recommendations 15-21 was heard simultaneously. Testimony was
14 generally supportive of the recommendations with concerns about a few words in
15 Recommendation 15 which were recommended for deletion, and the remainder
16 recommended for adoption. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that
17 Recommendation 17 be adopted.

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19 (10) RECOMMENDATION 18

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21 **RECOMMENDATION:**

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23 **Your Reference Committee recommends that**
24 **Recommendation 18 of the Speakers Report 03**
25 **be adopted.**

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27 **HOD ACTION: Recommendation 18 of**
28 **the Speakers Report 03 referred.**

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30 Recommendation 18: Policy G-610.020, Rules for AMA Elections, paragraph 10, be
31 amended by addition and deletion to read as follows:
32 (10) Active campaigning for AMA elective office may not begin until the Speaker so
33 notifies the House, which is generally after the April Board of Trustees, after its
34 April meeting, announce the candidates for council seats. Active campaigning includes
35 mass outreach activities directed to all or a significant portion of the members of the
36 House of Delegates and communicated by or on behalf of the candidate. If in the
37 judgment of the Speaker of the House of Delegates circumstances warrant an earlier
38 date by which campaigns may formally begin, the Speaker shall communicate the earlier
39 date to all known candidates. (Modify Current HOD Policy)

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41 Testimony for recommendations 15-21 was heard simultaneously. Testimony was
42 generally supportive of the recommendations with concerns about a few words in
43 Recommendation 15 which were recommended for deletion, and the remainder
44 recommended for adoption. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that
45 Recommendation 18 of Speakers Report 03 be adopted.

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47 (11) RECOMMENDATION 19

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49 **RECOMMENDATION:**

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1 **Your Reference Committee recommends that**
2 **Recommendation 19 of the Speakers Report 03**
3 **be adopted.**

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5 **HOD ACTION: Recommendation 19 of**
6 **the Speakers Report 03 adopted.**

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8 Recommendation 19: Policy G-610.020, Rules for AMA Elections, paragraph 25, be
9 amended by addition and deletion to read as follows:
10 (25) Our AMA ~~(a)~~ requires completion of conflict of interest forms by all candidates for
11 election to our AMA Board of Trustees and councils prior to their election. ~~;~~ and Conflict
12 of interest forms must be submitted after an individual has announced their candidacy
13 and before the active campaign window begins or, if not previously announced, within 24
14 hours of the conclusion of the HOD Opening Session. (b) will expand accessibility to
15 ~~completed conflict of interest information. The HOD Office will~~ by posting such
16 information on the “Members Only” section of our AMA website before election by the
17 House of Delegates, with links to the disclosure statements from relevant electronic
18 documents. (Modify Current HOD Policy)

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20 Testimony for recommendations 15-21 was heard simultaneously. Testimony was
21 generally supportive of the recommendations with concerns about a few words in
22 Recommendation 15 which were recommended for deletion, and the remainder
23 recommended for adoption. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that
24 Recommendation 19 be adopted.

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26 (12) RECOMMENDATION 20

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28 **RECOMMENDATION:**

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30 **Your Reference Committee recommends that**
31 **Recommendation 20 of the Speakers Report 03**
32 **be adopted.**

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34 **HOD ACTION: Recommendation 20 of**
35 **the Speakers Report 03 adopted.**

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37 Recommendation 20: Policy G-610.010, Rules for AMA Elections, paragraphs 3 and 4,
38 be rescinded:
39 (3) the date for submission of applications for consideration by the Board of Trustees at
40 its April meeting for the Council on Legislation, Council on Constitution and Bylaws,
41 Council on Medical Education, Council on Medical Service, Council on Science and
42 Public Health, Council on Long Range Planning and Development, and Council on
43 Ethical and Judicial Affairs is made uniform to March 15th of each year;
44 (4) the announcement of the Council nominations and the official ballot should list
45 candidates in alphabetical order by name only; and

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48 Testimony for recommendations 15-21 was heard simultaneously. Testimony was
49 generally supportive of the recommendations with concerns about a few words in
50 Recommendation 15 which were recommended for deletion, and the remainder
51 recommended for adoption. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that
52 Recommendation 20 be adopted.

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2 (13) RECOMMENDATION 21
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4 **RECOMMENDATION:**

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6 **Your Reference Committee recommends that**
7 **Recommendation 21 of the Speakers Report 03**
8 **be adopted.**
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10 **HOD ACTION: Recommendation 21 of**
11 **the Speakers Report 03 adopted.**
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13 Recommendation 21: That the language in Bylaw 6.8.1, "Nomination and Election" be
14 updated to clarify that nominations are made by the chair of the Board of Trustees or by
15 a member of the House of Delegates at the opening session of the meeting at which
16 elections take place. (Directive to Take Action)

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18 Testimony for recommendations 15-21 was heard simultaneously. Testimony was
19 generally supportive of the recommendations with concerns about a few words in
20 Recommendation 15 which were recommended for deletion, and the remainder
21 recommended for adoption. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that
22 Recommendation 21 be adopted.
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24 (14) RECOMMENDATION 22
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26 **RECOMMENDATION:**

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28 **Your Reference Committee recommends that**
29 **Recommendation 22 of the Speakers Report 03**
30 **be adopted.**
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32 **HOD ACTION: Recommendation 22 of**
33 **the Speakers Report 03 adopted.**
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35 Recommendation 22: Policy D-610.998, "Directives from the Election Task Force,"
36 paragraph 7 be amended by addition to read as follows:

37 7. Campaign violation complaints will be investigated by the Election Committee or a
38 subcommittee thereof with the option of including the Office of General Counsel or the
39 Director of the House of Delegates.

40 a. The Committee will collectively determine whether a campaign violation has occurred.
41 As part of the investigation process the Election Committee or its subcommittee shall
42 inform the candidate of the complaint filed and give the candidate the opportunity to
43 respond to the allegation.

44 b. If the complaint implicates a delegation or caucus, the Election Committee or its
45 subcommittee shall inform the chair of the implicated delegation or caucus of the
46 complaint filed and give the implicated delegation or caucus chair(s) the opportunity to
47 answer to the allegation as a part of the investigative process.

48 c. For validated complaints, the Committee will determine appropriate penalties, which
49 may include an announcement of the violation by the Speaker to the House.

50 d. Committee members with a conflict of interest may participate in discussions but must
51 recuse themselves from decisions regarding the merits of the complaint or penalties.

52 e. Deliberations of the Election Committee shall be confidential.

1 f. The Speaker shall include a summary of the Election Committee's activities in "Official
2 Candidate Notifications" sent to the House, following each meeting at which an election
3 was held. Details may be provided at the discretion of the Election Committee and must
4 be provided when the penalty includes an announcement about the violator to the
5 House.

6 (Modify Current HOD Policy)

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8 Testimony for recommendations 22-26 was heard simultaneously. Testimony was
9 generally in support of these recommendations. There were no concerns with
10 recommendations 22, 23, and 25. There was an amendment recommended for 26 by
11 the Election Task Force that was also generally accepted. Therefore, your Reference
12 Committee recommends that Recommendation 22 of Speakers Report 03 be adopted.

1 (15) RECOMMENDATION 23
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3 **RECOMMENDATION:**
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5 **Your Reference Committee recommends that**
6 **Recommendation 23 of the Speakers Report 03**
7 **be adopted.**
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9 **HOD ACTION: Recommendation 23 of**
10 **the Speakers Report 03 referred.**
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12 Recommendation 23: Candidates and their identified members of campaign teams will
13 be provided a copy of the current election rules and will be required to attest to abiding
14 by them. (New HOD Policy)

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16 Testimony for recommendations 22-26 was heard simultaneously. Testimony was
17 generally in support of these recommendations. There were no concerns with
18 recommendations 22, 23, and 25. There was an amendment recommended for 26 by
19 the Election Task Force that was also generally accepted. Therefore, your Reference
20 Committee recommends that Recommendation 23 of Speakers Report 03 be adopted.
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22 (16) RECOMMENDATION 25
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24 **RECOMMENDATION:**
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26 **Your Reference Committee recommends that**
27 **Recommendation 25 of the Speakers Report 03**
28 **be adopted.**
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30 **HOD ACTION: Recommendation 25 of**
31 **the Speakers Report 03 adopted.**
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33 Recommendation 25: Policy H-140.837, "Policy on Conduct at AMA Meetings and
34 Events," be amended by addition and deletion to read as follows:

35 **Definition**

36 Harassment consists of unwelcome conduct whether verbal, physical or visual that
37 denigrates or shows hostility or aversion toward an individual because of his/her race,
38 color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability,
39 marital status, citizenship or otherwise, and that: (1) has the purpose or effect of creating
40 an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment; (2) has the purpose or effect of
41 unreasonably interfering with an individual's participation in meetings or proceedings of
42 the HOD or any AMA Entity; or (3) otherwise adversely affects an individual's
43 participation in such meetings or proceedings or, in the case of AMA staff, such
44 individual's employment opportunities or tangible job benefits.

45 Harassing conduct includes, but is not limited to: epithets, slurs or negative stereotyping;
46 threatening, intimidating or hostile acts; denigrating jokes; and written, electronic, or
47 graphic material that denigrates or shows hostility or aversion toward an individual or
48 group and that is placed on walls or elsewhere on the AMA's premises or at the site of
49 any AMA meeting or circulated in connection with any AMA meeting.

50 Harassing conduct also includes intimidation of participating individuals by a threat of
51 consequences in order to compel actions by individuals or a group of individuals such as
52 casting a particular vote. (Modify Current HOD Policy)

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2 Testimony for recommendations 22-26 was heard simultaneously. Testimony was
3 generally in support of these recommendations. There were no concerns with
4 recommendations 22, 23, and 25. There was an amendment recommended for 26 by
5 the Election Task Force that was also generally accepted. Therefore, your Reference
6 Committee recommends that Recommendation 25 of Speakers Report 03 be adopted.

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8 (17) RECOMMENDATION 28

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10 **RECOMMENDATION:**

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12 **Your Reference Committee recommends that**
13 **Recommendation 28 of the Speakers Report 03**
14 **be adopted.**

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16 **HOD ACTION: Recommendation 28 of**
17 **the Speakers Report 03 adopted.**

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19 Recommendation 28: Policy D-610.998, "Directives from the Election Task Force,"
20 paragraph 10 & 11 be rescinded.

21 10. After an interval of 2 years a review of our election process, including the adopted
22 Recommendations from this report, be conducted by the Speaker and, at the Speaker's
23 discretion the appointment of another election task force, with a report back to the
24 House.

25 11. Amended Policy D-610.998 will be widely communicated, including being published
26 in the Election Manual.

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28 Testimony for recommendations 27-29 was heard simultaneously. Only supportive
29 testimony was heard for recommendations 28 and 29. Therefore, your Reference
30 Committee recommends that Recommendation 28 of Speakers Report 03 be adopted.

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32 (18) RECOMMENDATION 29

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34 **RECOMMENDATION:**

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36 **Your Reference Committee recommends that**
37 **Recommendation 29 of the Speakers Report 03**
38 **be adopted.**

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40 **HOD ACTION: Recommendation 29 of**
41 **the Speakers Report 03 adopted.**

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43 Recommendation 29: That policies G-610.010, Nominations; G-610.020, Rules for AMA
44 Elections; G-610.021, Guiding Principles for House Elections; G-610.030, Election
45 Process; and D-610.998, Election Task Force as amended, be combined into one policy
46 entitled, "AMA Election Rules and Guiding Principles," and that this newly formed policy
47 be widely distributed to the House and included in the Election Manual. (Directive to
48 Take Action)

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50 Testimony for recommendations 27-29 was heard simultaneously. Only supportive
51 testimony was heard for recommendations 28 and 29. Therefore, your Reference
52 Committee recommends that Recommendation 29 of Speakers Report 03 be adopted.

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED

(19) RECOMMENDATION 11

RECOMMENDATION A:

That Recommendation 11 be amended by addition and deletion as follows:

Recommendation 11: Any formal questioning of an announced candidate, ~~including~~ excluding a written questionnaire, is an interview and subject to the rules for ~~virtual~~ interviews. (New HOD Policy)

RECOMMENDATION B:

Your Reference Committee recommends that Recommendation 11 be adopted as amended.

HOD ACTION: Recommendation 11 adopted as amended.

Recommendation 11: Any formal questioning of an announced candidate, including a written questionnaire, is an interview and subject to the rules for virtual interviews. (New HOD Policy)

Testimony for recommendations 9-12 was heard simultaneously. Testimony was heard in general support for Recommendations 9 and 10. Testimony for Recommendations 11 and 12 were mixed with multiple delegations citing the need for clarification. Your Reference Committee recommends that Recommendation 11 be adopted as amended.

(20) RECOMMENDATION 15

RECOMMENDATION A:

That Recommendation 15 be amended by deletion as follows:

Recommendation 15: Policy G-610.020, Rules for AMA Elections, paragraph 2 be amended by addition and deletion to read as follows:

2) Individuals intending to seek election at the next Annual Meeting should make their intentions known to the Speakers, generally by providing the Speaker's office with an electronic announcement "card" that includes any or all of the following elements and no more: the candidate's name, photograph, email address, ~~URL~~, the office sought and a list of up to four ~~(4)~~ endorsing societies. The Speakers will ensure that the information is posted on our AMA website in a timely fashion, generally on the morning of the last day of a House of Delegates meeting or upon adjournment of the meeting. Announcements that include additional information (e.g., a brief resume)

1 will not be posted to the website. Printed
2 announcements may not be distributed in the venue
3 where the House of Delegates meets. Announcements
4 sent by candidates to members of the House by any
5 method, are considered campaigning and are
6 specifically prohibited prior to the start of active
7 campaigning. The Speakers may use additional means
8 to make delegates aware of those members intending
9 to seek election. (Modify Current HOD Policy)

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11 **RECOMMENDATION B:**

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13 **Your Reference Committee recommends that Recommendation 15 be**
14 **adopted as amended.**

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17 **HOD ACTION: Recommendation 15 of the Speakers Report 03**
18 **adopted as amended.**

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20 Recommendation 15: Policy G-610.020, Rules for AMA Elections, paragraph 2 be
21 amended by addition and deletion to read as follows:

22 2) Individuals intending to seek election at the next Annual Meeting should make their
23 intentions known to the Speakers, generally by providing the Speaker's office with an
24 electronic announcement "card" that includes any or all of the following elements and no
25 more: the candidate's name, photograph, email address, ~~URL~~, the office sought and a
26 list of up to four (4) endorsing societies. The Speakers will ensure that the information is
27 posted on our AMA website in a timely fashion, generally on the morning of the last day
28 of a House of Delegates meeting or upon adjournment of the meeting. Announcements
29 that include additional information (e.g., a brief resume) will not be posted to the website.
30 Printed announcements may not be distributed in the venue where the House of
31 Delegates meets. Announcements sent by candidates to members of the House by any
32 method, are considered campaigning and are specifically prohibited prior to the start of
33 active campaigning. The Speakers may use additional means to make delegates aware
34 of those members intending to seek election. (Modify Current HOD Policy)

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36 Testimony for recommendations 15-21 was heard simultaneously. Testimony was
37 generally supportive of the recommendations with concerns about a few words in
38 Recommendation 15 which were recommended for deletion, and the remainder
39 recommended for adoption. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that
40 Recommendation 15 be adopted as amended.

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42 (21) **RECOMMENDATION 26**

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44 **RECOMMENDATION A:**

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46 **That Recommendation 26 be amended by addition as follows:**

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48 **Recommendation 26: That our AMA consider**
49 **developing bylaw language regarding removal of**
50 **electd individuals or candidates and the criteria by**
51 **which this would be accomplished and to report back**
52 **at A-24. (New HOD Policy)**

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RECOMMENDATION B:

Your Reference Committee recommends that Recommendation 26 be adopted as amended.

Recommendation 26: That our AMA consider developing bylaw language regarding removal of elected individuals and the criteria by which this would be accomplished and to report back at A-24. (New HOD Policy)

Testimony for recommendations 22-26 was heard simultaneously. Testimony was generally in support of these recommendations. There were no concerns with recommendations 22, 23, and 25. There was an amendment recommended for 26 by the Election Task Force that was also generally accepted. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Recommendation 26 of Speakers Report 03 be adopted as amended.

RECOMMENDED FOR REFERRAL

(22) RECOMMENDATION 1

RECOMMENDATION:

Your Reference Committee recommends that Recommendation 1 of the Speakers Report 03 be referred.

HOD ACTION: Recommendation 1 of the Speakers Report 03 referred.

Recommendation 1: Policy G-610.020, Rules for AMA Elections, paragraph 18 be amended by addition and deletion to read as follows:
(18) Campaign stickers, pins, buttons and similar campaign materials are disallowed. This rule will not apply for pins for AMA, AMPAC, the AMA Foundation, and health related causes as approved by the Speaker no less than 30 days prior the Opening Session of the House of Delegates. ~~Specialty societies, state and regional delegations and health related causes pins~~ that do not include any candidate identifier may only be worn by members of the designated group. ~~These~~ All pins should be small, and may not be worn on the badge and distributed only to members of the designated group. ~~General distribution~~ No other of any pin, button or sticker is disallowed. (Modify Current HOD Policy)

Mixed testimony was heard. One amendment was proffered by the author to remove the thirty-day stipulation. An author addressed concerns regarding the distribution of pins, noting that pins can be distributed but the Speaker should be asked before doing so. Confusion was expressed about the difference between candidate and non-candidate pins. Online testimony was limited. Your Reference Committee recommends that Recommendation 1 of Speakers Report 03 be referred.

(23) RECOMMENDATION 4

RECOMMENDATION:

Your Reference Committee recommends that Recommendation 4 of the Speakers Report 03 be referred.

HOD ACTION: Recommendation 4 of the Speakers Report 03 referred.

Recommendation 4: Policy G-610.020, Rules for AMA Elections, paragraph 19 be amended by addition and deletion to read as follows:
19) At any AMA meeting convened prior to the time period for active campaigning, campaign-related expenditures and activities shall be discouraged. Large campaign receptions, luncheons, and other formal campaign activities and the distribution of campaign literature and gifts are prohibited. ~~It is permissible for candidates seeking election to engage in individual outreach meant to familiarize others with a candidate's opinions and positions on issues.~~ Candidates may participate in meals provided by groups of which they are a member, such as a delegation or caucus breakfast/lunch,

- 1 when the meal has other purposes and does not include campaigning by the candidate
- 2 or campaign team. (Modify Current HOD Policy)

1 Testimony for recommendations 3-6 was heard simultaneously. Testimony was heard in
2 general support for Recommendations 3 and 5. Testimony in support noted that the
3 point of these reforms is to improve objectivity and, if adopted, these processes can be
4 refined and improved over time. Your Reference Committee notes that these proposed
5 changes will level the playing field for those who do not have a large number of contacts
6 and resources. Your Reference Committee heard mixed testimony on
7 Recommendations 4 and 6, with a request for referral, citing these recommendations are
8 too vague and potentially restrictive. Online testimony was also in favor of referral of
9 Recommendations 4 and 6. Your Reference Committee recommends that
10 Recommendation 4 of Speakers Report 03 be referred.

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12 (24) RECOMMENDATION 6

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14 **RECOMMENDATION:**

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16 **Your Reference Committee recommends that**
17 **Recommendation 6 of the Speakers Report 03**
18 **be referred.**

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20 **HOD ACTION: Recommendation 6 of the**
21 **Speakers Report 03 referred.**

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23 Recommendation 6: Only an announced candidate in a currently contested election
24 may discuss their candidacy on an individual basis in private conversations from
25 announcement of candidacy until the active campaigning period begins. Prior to the
26 active campaigning period, no other individual may discuss the candidacy including
27 members of campaign teams, delegations or caucuses, and “friends.” (New HOD Policy)

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32 refined and improved over time. Your Reference Committee notes that these proposed
33 changes will level the playing field for those who do not have a large number of contacts
34 and resources. Your Reference Committee heard mixed testimony on
35 Recommendations 4 and 6, with a request for referral, citing these recommendations are
36 too vague and potentially restrictive. Online testimony was also in favor of referral of
37 Recommendations 4 and 6. Your Reference Committee recommends that
38 Recommendation 6 of Speakers Report 03 be referred.

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40 (25) RECOMMENDATION 8

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42 **RECOMMENDATION:**

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44 **Your Reference Committee recommends that**
45 **Recommendation 8 of the Speakers Report 03**
46 **be referred.**

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48 **HOD ACTION: Recommendation 8 of the**
49 **Speakers Report 03 referred.**

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51 Recommendation 8: Policy G-610.020, Rules for AMA Elections, paragraph 16 be
52 amended by addition and deletion to read as follows:

1 16) Active campaigning via mass outreach to delegates by candidates or on behalf of a
2 candidate by any method is prohibited. A reduction in the volume of telephone calls
3 and Personal electronic communication and telephone calls from candidates and on
4 behalf of candidates is discouraged encouraged. The Office of House of Delegates
5 Affairs does not provide email addresses for any purpose. The use of eElectronic
6 messages to contact electors should be minimized, and if used must include a simple
7 mechanism to allow recipients to opt out of receiving future messages. (Modify Current
8 HOD Policy)
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10 Testimony for recommendations 7-8 was heard simultaneously. Testimony in support
11 noted that the recommendations would create a more equitable playing field. ETF
12 testified that a survey indicated the majority of delegates thought advance electronic
13 communications did not affect their vote. Opposing testimony noted that
14 Recommendation 8 is self-contradictory, since it requires that there should be no mass
15 outreach except if there is an option to opt-out, which suggests that mass outreach is
16 acceptable. Other opposing testimony noted that democracy is best supported by
17 candidates speaking directly to constituents and the current wording of the
18 recommendations might prevent a candidate from speaking directly to members and
19 prevent the candidate from becoming familiar with their concerns. Referral of
20 Recommendation 8 was suggested to clarify how candidates are permitted to
21 communicate with their colleagues. Your Reference Committee recommends that
22 Recommendation 8 of Speakers Report 03 be referred.

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24 (26) RECOMMENDATION 12

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26 **RECOMMENDATION:**

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28 **Your Reference Committee recommends that**
29 **Recommendation 12 of the Speakers Report 03**
30 **be referred.**

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32 **HOD ACTION: Recommendation 12 of**
33 **the Speakers Report 03 referred.**

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35 Recommendation 12: Any “presentation” to an assembly, with or without being followed
36 by a discussion, question and answer session, or a vote of the assembly, is an interview
37 and subject to the rules on in-person interviews. (New HOD Policy)
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39 Testimony for recommendations 9-12 was heard simultaneously. Testimony was heard
40 in general support for Recommendations 9 and 10. Testimony for Recommendations 11
41 and 12 were mixed with multiple delegations citing the need for clarification. Your
42 Reference Committee recommends that Recommendation 12 be referred.

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44 (27) RECOMMENDATION 14

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46 **RECOMMENDATION:**

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48 **Your Reference Committee recommends that**
49 **Recommendation 14 of the Speakers Report 03**
50 **be referred.**

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**HOD ACTION: Recommendation 14 of
the Speakers Report 03 referred.**

Recommendation 14: Policy D-610.998, "Directives from the Election Task Force," paragraph 4 be amended by addition and deletion to read as follows:
4. The Speaker is encouraged to consider means to reduce the time spent during the HOD meeting on personal points by candidates after election results are announced. If adequate time remains on the agenda when the business session reconvenes after lunch on the day that the Election Session was held, the Speaker is encouraged to allow candidate personal points from the floor confined to the current time limit for testimony. ~~including collecting w~~Written personal points from candidates should be sent to the HOD office within 10 days following the close of the meeting to be shared electronically with the House ~~after the meeting or imposing time limits on such comments.~~ (Modify Current HOD Policy)

Testimony for recommendations 13-14 was heard simultaneously. Testimony was generally in favor of Recommendation 14, however, there were some concerns about timing of points of personal privilege and concerns about this recommendation being too proscriptive. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Recommendation 14 of Speakers Report 03 be referred.

(28) RECOMMENDATION 24

RECOMMENDATION:

**Your Reference Committee recommends that
Recommendation 24 of the Speakers Report 03
be referred.**

**HOD ACTION: Recommendation 24 of
the Speakers Report 03 referred.**

Recommendation 24: Candidates, members of their campaign teams, including Federation staff, and HOD members will agree to be interviewed by the Speakers or members of the Election Committee who will identify themselves and the reason for the request. (New HOD Policy)

Testimony for recommendations 22-26 was heard simultaneously. Testimony was generally in support of these recommendations. There were no concerns with recommendations 22, 23, and 25. There was an amendment recommended for 26 by the Election Task Force that was also generally accepted. Concerns were raised regarding the definition of "campaign teams" in Recommendation 24. Testimony pointed out that the term "campaign teams" was vague and so further clarification concerning who should be considered part of such a team was requested. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Recommendation 24 of Speakers Report 03 be referred.

RECOMMENDED FOR NOT ADOPTION

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3 (29) RECOMMENDATION 27
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5 **RECOMMENDATION:**
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7 **Your Reference Committee recommends that**
8 **Recommendation 27 of the Speakers Report 03**
9 **not be adopted.**

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11 **HOD ACTION: Recommendation 27 of**
12 **the Speakers Report 03 not adopted.**
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14 Recommendation 27: A maximum of four endorsements may be obtained by each
15 candidate. These endorsements must be from organizations in which the candidate is an
16 active and dues paying member, where applicable. Endorsements may only be obtained
17 from a candidate's state and one specialty organization and from caucuses in which the
18 endorsing state or specialty society is a current member. Endorsements may not be
19 obtained from the AMA Sections, Advisory Committees, or the Specialty and Service
20 Society. (New HOD Policy)

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22 Testimony for recommendations 27-29 was heard simultaneously. Your Reference
23 Committee noted that the authors presented this recommendation identifying that the will
24 of the House asked that this recommendation be reviewed, and they agreed. In addition,
25 subsequent overwhelming testimony was in opposition to significant parts of the
26 recommendation. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that
27 Recommendation 27 of Speakers Report 03 not be adopted.

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