

# REPORT OF THE AMA YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION GOVERNING COUNCIL

AMA-YPS Report B  
(November 2024)

Subject: Update on Providing Assembly Contact Information to Candidates for YPS Governing Council (Resolution 1-A-24)

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Referred to: AMA-YPS Reference Committee

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

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3 YPS [Resolution 1-A-24, Providing Assembly Contact Information to Candidates for YPS](#)  
4 [Governing Council](#),” asked the AMA-YPS Governing Council (GC) to consider an Internal  
5 Operating Procedure (IOP) revision that would allow candidates for YPS Governing  
6 Council positions to request and be provided with assembly members’ contact  
7 information. Further, assembly members would have a mechanism to opt-out of campaign  
8 emails. Resolution 1-A-24 was referred with a report back at Interim 2024.

## 11 DISCUSSION

12 Leadership development is a core pillar of the YPS, and the YPS GC’s strategic plan  
13 heavily focuses on cultivating strong leaders. These leaders may be interested in running  
14 for a YPS GC position, and it is important for assembly members to have the opportunity  
15 to engage with candidates before elections occur. As the YPS does not have an internal  
16 policy, we follow the AMA House of Delegates guidelines for elections in which candidates  
17 must adhere to campaign rules. [AMA Election Rules and Guiding Principles G-610.090](#)  
18 outlines each rule and guideline for candidates to follow. The policy states that the Office  
19 of House of Delegates Affairs “does not provide email addresses for any purpose.” Should  
20 there be electronic messages sent to contact electors, it should be minimized and if there  
21 is contact, a mechanism must be in place to opt-out of receiving future messages.

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23 The YPS Governing Council discussed this policy at length, as the result would impact the  
24 Section’s IOPs. While it would be helpful for candidates to obtain contact information for  
25 campaign purposes, email addresses are considered sensitive information per the AMA.  
26 Sharing this would be inconsistent with the AMA’s internal process of not sharing member  
27 contact information.

## 30 CONCLUSION

31 To remain consistent with the existing policy ([AMA Election Rules and Guiding Principles](#)  
32 [G-610.090](#)), the YPS Governing Council recommends against amending the YPS IOPs to  
33 include the ability for candidates to request and be provided with assembly members’  
34 contact information.

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36 RECOMMENDATIONS

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38 Your YPS Governing Council recommends:

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40 1. That the AMA-YPS safeguard its members' contact information and not provide  
41 personal information to AMA YPS candidates or AMA HOD candidates.

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43 2. That the AMA-YPS adhere to applicable rules set forward in [AMA Election Rules and](#)  
44 [Guiding Principles G-610.090](#)

