I-26 RFS Late Resolution Author Statements

A late resolution needs to be accompanied by a written statement that addresses the following points:

1. the timeliness/urgency of the resolution
2. the importance of the resolution to the resident community
3. why the resolution is being presented late

Late Resolution Procedure from our IOPs:
"Late Resolutions.
Resolutions that are submitted after the 45-day deadline but prior to the close of the Virtual Reference Committee (VRC) shall be considered Late and require a two-thirds vote of the Assembly to be debatable on the floor. The Rules Committee shall make recommendations to the Assembly on whether individual items should be considered as business.
(a) At the discretion of the RFS Speakers, Late resolutions may be included in the VRC for commentary with clear delineation that these resolutions still require acceptance as business by the Assembly, provided the VRC is still active and there is ample time for legal and staff review. a. If so included on the VRC, the Reference Committee will create appropriate recommendations, which would only be presented to the Assembly if accepted for business after recommendation by the Rules Committee."

Emergency Resolution 2
Timely Updates to our Internal Operating Procedures
Authors: RFS GC

Statement: Dear Rules Committee Members,
On behalf of the Resident and Fellow Section (RFS) Governing Council, I submit the following statement to explain the circumstances necessitating the emergency submission of this resolution. More than a year ago, the AMA Board of Trustees initiated an effort to revise the Section Internal Operating Procedures (IOPs) to establish a standardized framework across all AMA Sections and ensure consistency with AMA Bylaws and current organizational practices. As a result, approval of the RFS IOPs was delayed while this broader revision process was underway. At the beginning of the Governing Council's term in June 2026, we were informed that outstanding IOP amendments adopted by the RFS as early as the 2025 Annual Meeting would be incorporated into this broader revision effort.

The Governing Council initially intended to submit an on-time report to the RFS Assembly outlining the proposed IOP revisions. We were informed that an updated IOP template, developed by the AMA Council on Constitution and Bylaws (CC&B) and AMA staff, would be distributed at the August 2026 Section Leadership Retreat (SLR), where Section leaders would have an opportunity to begin transitioning their existing IOPs into the new format. Based on this timeline, the Governing Council anticipated having sufficient information to prepare a report for the Assembly before the on-time submission deadline.

However, the August SLR provided only a general overview of the revised IOP framework; the template itself was not distributed. In response, the Governing Council requested that the template be provided by the end of August to allow adequate time to prepare the anticipated report. The

template was ultimately received on September 2, approximately three hours before the Governing Council's scheduled meeting that evening.
Upon receipt, I began transitioning the existing RFS IOPs into the new template. During that evening's meeting, we were informed that the approval process would require coordination among the Governing Council, AMA staff, CC&B, and our Board of Trustees liaisons. I asked for that meeting to be promptly scheduled. It was subsequently decided that an initial meeting between the Governing Council and AMA staff would be necessary to reconcile the respective versions of the revised IOPs before presenting them to CC&B and the Board of Trustees.

This meeting did not occur until October 20, after both the on-time and late resolution submission deadlines had passed. During that meeting, the Governing Council identified several provisions in the existing IOPs that were unclear, outdated, or no longer aligned with the operational needs and interests of the Section. We discussed whether to submit these proposed amendments at the 2026 Interim Meeting through an emergency resolution or defer them for consideration alongside the comprehensive IOP revisions anticipated for the 2027 Annual Meeting.

Ultimately, we determined that consideration at the Interim Meeting was the more appropriate course of action. Addressing these provisions now will allow the Assembly to deliberate on the proposed changes and provide direction before they are incorporated into the broader IOP revision process. Deferring these amendments would create a separate, potentially duplicative revision process and risk introducing unnecessary complexity into the comprehensive IOP discussion at the 2027 Annual Meeting.

Accordingly, this emergency resolution is intended to address identified deficiencies in the current IOPs in a timely manner and facilitate their incorporation into the ongoing comprehensive revision process. The Governing Council will present a complete (on-time) report on the revised RFS IOPs to the Assembly at the 2027 Annual Meeting.

The timing of this submission was directly affected by the broader AMA IOP revision process, delays in the distribution of the standardized template, and the subsequent coordination required with AMA staff and leadership. These circumstances were outside the Governing Council's control and prevented submission within the established deadlines. Once the necessary information and opportunity for substantive review became available, the Governing Council proceeded swiftly with determining the appropriate course of action.

We respectfully request the Rules Committee's consideration of these circumstances and acceptance of this emergency resolution for consideration by the Assembly. Allowing the Assembly to deliberate on these proposed amendments at this meeting will support a more comprehensive, efficient, and informed IOP revision discussion at the 2027 Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,
Laurie Lyn Lapp, MD, MPH
Chair, AMA Resident and Fellow Section

Emergency Resolution 1
Sunsetting RFS Policy Disadvantaging Part-Time and Locum Physicians

Authors: Leanna Knight, MD; Laila Koduri, MD, MPH; Aquilla Chase, MD, MS

Statement:
This resolution seeks to sunset an outdated RFS policy from 2001 that directs our delegation to oppose reduced malpractice insurance premiums for part-time physicians. The urgency stems from a resolution currently before the AMA House of Delegates that advocates for prorated liability insurance premiums for part-time physicians. Without reconsideration of our existing policy, our delegation would be obligated to oppose a resolution that our caucus discussions suggest the RFS would otherwise support.

This issue is particularly relevant to residents and fellows transitioning into practice, many of whom pursue part-time, per diem, or locum tenens work for financial, family, or personal reasons. During caucus discussions, there was support not only for the underlying resolution but also for an amendment expanding its scope to include early-career physicians.

The resolution is being submitted late because the conflict between our existing policy and the resolution before the House was identified during reference committee review and subsequent caucus discussions. Given the immediate implications for our delegation's position at this meeting, we believe it is important for the Assembly to have the opportunity to reconsider this policy now rather than defer the issue to a future meeting.

Late Resolution 1
Protecting the Integrity of Public Participation in Federal Health Policymaking

Authors: Dayna Isaacs, MD, MPH, Leanna Knight, MD, Ashley Glass, DO, MA, Frank Zhou, MD
Statement:

- **Timeliness and urgency:** This resolution responds to August 2026 reports that 42 public comments were removed from Regulations.gov without a publicly stated explanation, raising new concerns about political interference in federal policymaking. Given the speed of other ongoing federal policy discussions affecting health care and research, and the scope of what is currently at stake, we believe this warrants immediate consideration at Interim rather than waiting until Annual.
- **Importance to residents:** Residents are directly affected by federal policies on medical education, research funding, and patient care. Transparent and accountable public comment processes essential to ensuring our perspectives are represented in federal policymaking.
- **Reason for late submission:** The concerns prompting this resolution were first publicly reported by STAT News on August 25, 2026, just six days before the original August 31 submission deadline. This left insufficient time to fully investigate the reports, review existing AMA policy, and develop a carefully worded resolution.

Late Resolution 2

Opposition to EPA Rules Delaying and Rescinding Federal PFAS Drinking Water Standards

Author: Mahitha (Laila) Koduri, MD, MPH

Statement:

The EPA proposed on May 20, 2026, to rescind the drinking water standards for PFHxS, PFNA, HFPO-DA, and the Hazard Index mixture and to extend the PFOA and PFOS compliance deadline to 2031, and because the comment period closed July 20, 2026, and EPA intends to take final action on the rescission in 2026, waiting until the next meeting could mean the rules take effect before this body weighs in. This issue is especially important to residents and fellows, who are often in their reproductive years, rent housing served by public water systems they cannot control, and care for patients vulnerable to the developmental, immune, thyroid, liver, and other health effects EPA associates with these PFAS. This resolution is late due to the author's clinical and training obligations delayed completion of the submission before the deadline. Given the time-sensitive nature of EPA's pending final action, I respectfully request that it be accepted as a late resolution.