

Meeting Summary
Medical Student Section Governing Council
Saturday, August 8, 2026
9:00 – 10:30 AM (Central Time)

- 9:00 AM Approval of July 2026 Meeting Minutes
- The Governing Council approved the previous meeting minutes.
- 9:05 AM GRAF Report
- GRAF shared updates on Advocacy in Action, scheduled for October 5-7.
 - Members received updates on remaining advocacy action items and discussed future programming opportunities.
 - An MSS Advocacy Initiative concept was reviewed as a potential way to streamline advocacy work.
- 9:15 AM Staff Report
- Staff shared updates on Advocacy in Action programming and anticipated speakers.
 - Members received updates regarding campaign and Speakers' Ruling guidance.
- 9:20 AM Board Liaison Report
- Board liaisons highlighted the upcoming Campaign School and other AMA advocacy efforts.
 - Members were encouraged to share medical student experiences related to funding and support challenges.
- 9:40 AM Discussion: Identify Top Three Strategic Priorities
- The Governing Council identified three priorities: membership, culture, and accessibility.
 - Members discussed cross-section collaboration, stronger connections for new members, and barriers to participation.
- 10:10 AM New Business
- The Governing Council voted without objection to recognize Alice L. Walton School of Medicine as a new Local Campus Section.
- 10:30 AM Recess