

Meeting Summary
Medical Student Section Governing Council
Thursday, September 17, 2026
7:30 pm to 8:30 pm (Central Time)

- 7:30 PM Adoption of August GC 2026 Meeting Minutes
- The Governing Council approved and adopted the August 2026 meeting minutes.
- 7:35 PM GRAF Update
- GRAF shared updates on Advocacy in Action registration
 - Members received updates on the Childhood Diabetes Reduction Act, physician payment, home health, and other recent advocacy letters.
- 7:45 PM Staff Update
- Staff shared updates on planning for the 2026 Interim Meeting and the confirmation of educational program speakers.
 - The search for a new policy analyst is progressing
- 7:50 PM APS Update
- Dr. Murali Ankem discussed APS membership, leadership opportunities, educational programming, and policy engagement.
 - Members received updates on an upcoming October 7 webinar
 - Members discussed opportunities for MSS and APS to strengthen collaboration through advocacy, education, and participation in one another's programming.
- 8:05 PM Board of Trustees Update
- Board liaisons shared updates on the American Indian and Alaska Native task force, vaccine-related initiatives, and AMA Community Health Impact Grants.
 - Members received an update on continued momentum surrounding the Patients First Act and its Senate companion bill.
 - Additional Board of Trustees updates are included in the written report.
- 8:15 PM MSS Advocacy Priorities
- Members discussed proposed ACGME changes affecting resident rest periods, call schedules, and duty-hour requirements.
 - Members raised concerns about resident burnout, wellbeing, and the potential impact on students' interest in surgical specialties and medical education.
 - APS plans to discuss the proposed changes at its upcoming Governing Council meeting.
 - Members discussed opportunities to support the Resident and Fellow Section and raise these concerns with the Board of Trustees.

8:30 PM Adjourn