

# Impact, Policy, and Action (IMPACT) Charter

Updated April 2025

## Purpose

**Impact, Policy, and Action (IMPACT)** is the team of students who review MSS resolutions working directly under the supervision of the MSS Section Delegates (SDs) to ensure policies emanating from the MSS produce maximally impactful advocacy. This is accomplished through two primary objectives:

1. Focus the business of the MSS Assembly on impactful resolutions by reviewing all resolutions submitted to the MSS Open Forum and providing MSS authors with valuable feedback to enhance the quality and impact of their resolutions.
2. Familiarize IMPACT members with the MSS policy cycle, policy review processes, and MSS relations with the House of Delegates, including supplementing the MSS Caucus in the live Reference Committee hearings.

## Structure

Per the adoption of the report of the 2024 MSS Standing Committee Task Force, IMPACT will be a group permanently housed under the SDs with responsibilities at both the AMA MSS Assembly and the AMA House of Delegates (HOD) Meetings. This group does not focus on one subject area differentiating IMPACT from the MSS standing committees, making it a group most akin to the MSS Caucus. The SDs will collect applications to join IMPACT twice a year along a timeline similar to standing committee applications.

## Responsibilities

### ☐ Meeting Attendance:

- Attend Resolution Review Trainings and other meetings as directed by the SDs and IMPACT leadership.
- Attend MSS Caucus meetings to better understand MSS-HOD dynamics and Caucus strategies.
- Encouraged to attend in-person HOD Reference Committees at the Annual and Interim AMA meetings.

### ☐ Review Responsibilities:

- Open Forum Review: provide feedback on MSS Open Forum ideas.
- Draft Resolution Review: evaluate draft resolutions for the Annual and Interim MSS Assembly Meetings.
- Final Resolution Review: evaluate final resolution submissions for the Annual and Interim MSS Assembly Meetings.
- House of Delegates Resolution Review: work in tandem with regional delegates and alternates in reviewing resolutions submitted to the AMA House of Delegates; provide testimony for the HOD Online Reference Committee (ORC) and live HOD Reference Committee hearings; assist with taking notes on debate on MSS priority items during hearings.

## **Leadership**

The IMPACT Chair term commences roughly two weeks after the Annual Meeting. Turnover in leadership for IMPACT occurs along roughly the same cycle as the SDs to enhance continuity in the SD-IMPACT Chair relationship. The outgoing and incoming SDs will work with the outgoing IMPACT Chairs to confirm the new IMPACT Chairs. The IMPACT Chair and SDs reserve the right to appoint additional leadership such as Policy Cycle review captains.

## **Membership**

The IMPACT Chairs shall select members from the pool of applications collected by the SDs. The term for IMPACT members shall be roughly the same as terms for MSS standing committee members: June applicants shall serve a 1-year term, and November applicants shall serve a 6-month term.

## **Meetings & Workflow**

### Resolution Review

IMPACT members shall be organized into topic-based review teams as determined by the IMPACT Chairs and SDs, who shall collaborate closely to facilitate efficient policy review integrating IMPACT members with the MSS Caucus. New members are expected to attend an orientation at the start of each policy cycle to learn about policy review processes and the policy cycle from IMPACT leadership, tenured members, and the SDs.

Throughout the MSS policy cycle, review teams will meet ideally:

- 1-2x to discuss open forum reviews and receive feedback from IMPACT Chairs and/or tenured members
- 1x to discuss draft resolution reviews and receive feedback from IMPACT Chairs and/or tenured members
- 1x to discuss final resolutions and coordinate testimony for the MSS Virtual Reference Committee
- 1x to coordinate testimony for the in-person MSS Assembly

After the MSS policy cycle, IMPACT members will integrate into the MSS HOD handbook review teams alongside the MSS Caucus and attend HOD Reference Committee hearings. They will attend MSS Caucus meetings at the discretion of the SDs. IMPACT members are encouraged to apply to serve on the MSS Reference Committee in lieu of participating in HOD handbook review if they are unable to attend the HOD Reference Committee hearings.