

1 4. Unless otherwise specified, the YPS Governing Council shall solicit nominations  
2 and then may select a representative from among the nominations received.

3 5. In the event of a significant time constraint that does not allow the procedure to  
4 be utilized, the GC may nominate a liaison without soliciting nominations. The  
5 nominee should complete the nomination form for that appointment.  
6

7 **C.** The YPS Governing Council shall solicit nominations for vacant positions, unless the  
8 request has a time constraint that limits the YPS Governing Council from performing the  
9 aforementioned appointment process. New applicants who have not previously served  
10 and incumbents will receive equal consideration.  
11

12 **D.** All liaisons must meet the YPS definition of young physician, as specified in Bylaw  
13 7.5.1, at the time they take office for these positions.  
14

15 **E.** Governing Council members themselves may serve as liaisons or represent the YPS or  
16 young physicians on various internal AMA task forces. The Governing Council also has  
17 the option of selecting a non-Council member to represent the YPS on various internal  
18 AMA task forces. Any Governing Council member who is nominated for a liaison  
19 position shall recuse themselves from the selection committee for that position.  
20  
21

22 **IX. Governing Council Rules for Sponsoring Candidates for Elected and Appointed Council**  
23 **Candidate Positions**  
24

25 **A.** The Governing Council shall consider requests to sponsor YPS Candidates for elected or  
26 appointed positions in which a YPS member is eligible to be a candidate. The YPS shall  
27 consider only individuals who meet the AMA definition of a young physician, as defined  
28 in Bylaw 7.5.1, at the time a position commences. Candidates must submit a formal  
29 request for YPS support along with a copy of the completed application form, curriculum  
30 vitae, and any other documents requested by the Governing Council for decision.  
31 Candidates have the option to submit a photo.  
32

33 **B.** The Governing Council shall consider sponsoring candidates only with the following  
34 experience:  
35

36 1. Must be an AMA member and be a member of the YPS as specified in AMA  
37 Bylaw 7.5.1 at the time a position commences.  
38

39 2. Should be active in organized medicine or involved in community or national  
40 medical entities.  
41

42 3. Should have experience related to the position sought.  
43

44 4. Should demonstrate knowledge of issues pertinent to the YPS.  
45

46 **C.** All candidate applications for YPS support must be submitted by October 15 in the year  
47 prior to the election for which nomination is sought. Candidate applications may be  
48 reviewed by the Governing Council or by a committee appointed by the Governing  
49 Council.

1 Materials provided by candidates will be made available to properly credentialed YPS  
2 representatives prior to the Interim meeting. Candidates shall be presented on the floor of  
3 the YPS Assembly at the Interim meeting and be given the opportunity for brief remarks  
4 ahead of an Assembly vote. For each council only one candidate can proceed to a vote  
5 for support of their nomination by attaining a majority vote. If no candidate achieves a  
6 majority vote, the two candidates with the highest number of votes will be listed on a  
7 second ballot. If there is a tie for the candidate spot with the second highest number of  
8 votes, then the additional candidates in the tie will be included. Voting will continue in  
9 this fashion until a candidate achieves a majority vote. The candidate that achieves a  
10 majority vote will then proceed to a vote for support of their nomination, which will  
11 require a 2/3 vote of the legal votes cast. The candidates receiving a 2/3 vote may  
12 subsequently include the YPS sponsorship in their campaign materials in accordance with  
13 the AMA policies G-610.020 and G-610.021.

- 14
- 15 **D.** A YPS sponsored candidate is automatically considered endorsed by the YPS.
- 16
- 17 **E.** Neither the AMA-YPS nor its Governing Council shall provide any direct or indirect  
18 financial support to sponsored candidates at any point during the campaign or election  
19 process.
- 20

21

22 **X. Governing Council Rules for Endorsing Candidates for Elected Positions**

23

- 24 **A.** The Governing Council shall consider endorsements of candidates for the AMA  
25 President-Elect, Board of Trustees, and elected Councils who have been sponsored by an  
26 organization represented in the AMA HOD. Preference shall be given to current young  
27 physician AMA members; however, all AMA members (including non-section members)  
28 who have demonstrated a clear history of service to the YPS may be considered at the  
29 Governing Council’s discretion.
- 30
- 31 **B.** To apply for a YPS endorsement, all application materials must be received by the  
32 Governing Council no later than seven days following the official announcement of  
33 candidates by the American Medical Association Board of Trustees. Applications may be  
34 reviewed by the Governing Council or a committee appointed by the Governing Council.  
35 The Governing Council decisions will communicate endorsement decisions in a timely  
36 manner. Candidates must submit a formal request for YPS endorsement, along with their  
37 curriculum vitae, letter from their sponsoring organization, and questionnaire on current  
38 YPS issues. Candidates have the option to submit a photo. The questionnaire shall be  
39 composed and updated as needed by the Governing Council.
- 40

41 The YPS shall decline to endorse any candidate for an elected council position where  
42 there is already a YPS nominee, unless multiple vacancies exist. Where multiple  
43 vacancies exist, the Governing Council may endorse as many additional candidates as  
44 there are additional vacancies. Candidates endorsed through this process may  
45 subsequently include the YPS endorsement on cards and other promotional materials. In  
46 cases where a YPS supported candidate exits a race prior to the election, the Governing  
47 Council may reconsider previous endorsement requests by candidates who had previously  
48 been not endorsed.

49

- 1 C. The Governing Council shall consider all qualified candidates formally requesting an  
2 endorsement from the YPS but shall endorse no more than the available number of  
3 positions on the Council or Board. Should an endorsed candidate withdraw from a race,  
4 or an additional seat becomes available, the Governing Council reserves the right to make  
5 additional endorsements after the defined deadline outlined in the IOP. The Governing  
6 Council shall consider only candidates with the following qualifications:  
7
- 8 1. Must be an AMA member at the time the endorsement is requested.
  - 9 2. Should be active in organized medicine or involved in community or national  
10 medical entities.
  - 11 3. Should have experience related to the office sought.
  - 12 4. Should demonstrate knowledge of and commitment to issues pertinent to the  
13 YPS.
- 14
- 15 D. The YPS Governing Council shall submit an informational report on its plan to comply  
16 with all AMA election rules at each Interim meeting. The YPS Governing Council shall  
17 submit an informational report on any endorsements to the Assembly at the YPS meeting  
18 just prior to the HOD elections.  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23

24 **XI. Governing Council Rules for Endorsements of Appointed AMA**  
25 **Councils/Committees/ACGME Review Committees/American Medical Political Action**  
26 **Committee (AMPAC) Board Candidates**  
27

- 28 A. The Governing Council may endorse an unlimited number of candidates for any of the  
29 appointed AMA Councils/Committees/ACGME Review Committees and the AMPAC  
30 Board. The Governing Council shall consider only endorsements of candidates who have  
31 been sponsored by an organization represented in the AMA HOD. Preference shall be  
32 given to members of the YPS as specified in AMA Bylaw 7.5.1, however, any candidate  
33 who has demonstrated a clear history of service to the YPS may be considered at the  
34 Governing Council's discretion.  
35
- 36 B. If requests for sponsorships for a position have been received, the decision for  
37 endorsements for that position will be made after the Governing Council's decision  
38 regarding sponsorships.  
39
- 40 C. Only those candidates who complete a YPS endorsement application shall be considered.  
41 Endorsement requests must be received six weeks prior to the established deadline for  
42 AMA appointed councils, ACGME Review Committees or other AMA Committees.  
43 Candidates must submit a formal request for endorsement, along with their curriculum  
44 vitae, and a copy of the application materials submitted by an organization represented in  
45 the AMA HOD to the Governing Council for decision. Candidates have the option to  
46 submit a photo.  
47
- 48 D. The Governing Council shall consider only candidates with the following qualifications:  
49
- 50 1. Must be an AMA member at the time the endorsement is requested.

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31  
32  
33  
34

- 2. Should be active in organized medicine or involved in community or national medical entities.
- 3. Should have experience related to the position sought.
- 4. Should demonstrate knowledge of and commitment to issues pertinent to the YPS.

- E.** Decisions will be made after the endorsement request deadline, and candidates shall be notified of the YPS Governing Council’s decision to endorse or not to endorse in a timely manner.
- F.** At the discretion of the YPS Governing Council, the YPS reserves the ability to put forward candidates for off-cycle appointed positions.

**XII. Amendments**

- A.** These Internal Operating Procedures may be amended by language proposed by the YPS Governing Council and/or an Ad Hoc Committee on Internal Operating Procedures with the approval of two-thirds of the members of the YPS Assembly present and voting. Since changes to the YPS Internal Operating Procedures must be approved by the AMA Board of Trustees, the YPS Governing Council shall notify the YPS Assembly of any proposed changes that the AMA Board does not approve.
- B.** Where the YPS Assembly instructs the Governing Council to recommend changes to the AMA Bylaws, the language shall be submitted at the following HOD meeting, unless otherwise specified. The Governing Council shall notify the YPS Assembly of the outcome of the HOD deliberations.
- C.** Amendments to the YPS Internal Operating Procedures will be contingent upon corresponding changes to the AMA Bylaws. The YPS Governing Council shall notify the Assembly of such changes.