

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION

Report of AMA-YPS Reference Committee

Charles Lopresto, DO, Chair

1 Your Reference Committee recommends the following consent calendar for acceptance:
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3 **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

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5 1. Report B: State Medical Society Representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly
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7 2. Report C: Specialty Society Representation and Outreach
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9 **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED**

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11 3. YPS Resolution 2: Model Legislation to Protect the Future of Medicine
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13 4. YPS Resolution 3: Adoption of the GRADE System in AMA Board Reports
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15 **RECOMMENDED FOR REFERRAL**

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17 5. YPS Resolution 1: Providing Assembly Contact Information to Candidates for YPS
18 Governing Council
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20 **RECOMMENDED FOR FILING**

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22 6. Report A: Governing Council Activities/Action Plan Update
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24 7. Report D: YPS Standing Committees
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26 **RECOMMENDED FOR FILING WITH CHANGE IN TITLE**

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28 8. Report E: YPS Endorsements of Elected Candidates

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

(1) REPORT B: STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY REPRESENTATION IN THE AMA-YPS ASSEMBLY

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendations in Report B be adopted and the remainder of the Report be filed.

FINAL ACTION: Adopted

The Governing Council recommends that the following statements be adopted and that the remainder of the report be filed.

1. The YPS Governing Council will continue to monitor progress toward filling available representative slots and identify additional engagement opportunities as appropriate.
2. The YPS Governing Council will continue to reach out to eligible state societies that have not sent a representative or designated less than the allotted number of representatives for the AMA-YPS Assembly.
3. The YPS Governing Council will continue to communicate with YPS representatives and members to highlight the work accomplished during the Assembly meetings and facilitate dialogue about increasing representation in the AMA-YPS.

No commentary was provided on the strategy to increase representation and promote active engagement among state medical societies in the AMA Young Physicians Section (YPS) Assembly. Your Reference Committee recommends that Report B be adopted and the remainder of the report be filed.

(2) REPORT C: SPECIALTY SOCIETY REPRESENTATION AND OUTREACH

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendations in Report C be adopted and the remainder of the Report be filed.

FINAL ACTION: Adopted

The Governing Council recommends that the following statements be adopted and that the remainder of the report be filed.

1. The YPS Governing Council will continue to monitor progress toward filling available representative slots and identify additional engagement opportunities as appropriate.
2. The YPS Governing Council will continue to connect with specialty societies that are eligible for representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly that have not sent a representative or designated less than the allotted number of representatives.

- 1 3. The YPS Governing Council will continue to communicate with YPS representatives
2 and members to highlight the work accomplished during Section Assembly meetings
3 and facilitate dialogue about increasing representation in the AMA-YPS.
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- 5 4. The YPS Governing Council will reach out to the American Academy of Addiction
6 Psychiatry, American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, and Society for
7 Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance to notify these specialty societies of their
8 eligibility for representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly.
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10 No comments were offered in the online forum regarding the plan to increase specialty society
11 representation and foster involvement in the AMA-YPS Assembly. Your Reference Committee
12 recommends that Report C be adopted and the remainder of the report be filed.

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED

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3 (3) YPS RESOLUTION 2: MODEL LEGISLATION TO
4 PROTECT THE FUTURE OF MEDICINE

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6 **RECOMMENDATION:**

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8 **Resolution 2 be adopted as amended.**

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10 **FINAL ACTION: Adopted as Amended**

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12 RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association create model state and national
13 legislation to protect the ability of medical schools and residency/fellowship training
14 programs to have diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) and related initiatives for their
15 students, employees, and faculty; ~~and be it further~~

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17 ~~RESOLVED, that this resolution be immediately forwarded to the AMA House of~~
18 ~~Delegates.~~

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20 YPS Resolution 2 was presented as an emergency resolution. This resolution was
21 considered during in-person deliberations and received overwhelming support.

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23 As YPS Resolution 2 was submitted for consideration during the 2024 Annual Meeting of
24 the AMA House of Delegates, Resolve 2 was deleted.

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26 (4) YPS RESOLUTION 3: ADOPTION OF THE GRADE
27 SYSTEM IN AMA BOARD REPORTS

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29 **RECOMMENDATION A:**

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31 **Resolution 3 be adopted as amended.**

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33 **RECOMMENDATION B:**

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35 **The title of Resolution 3 be changed to read: Study of Grading Systems**
36 ~~Adoption of the GRADE System in AMA Board Reports~~

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38 **FINAL ACTION: Adopted as Amended**

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40 RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association ~~mandates~~ study the use of ~~a the~~
41 ~~Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation (GRADE)~~
42 system for assessing the quality of evidence and the strength of recommendations in
43 board reports when appropriate; ~~and be it further~~

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45 ~~RESOLVED, that our AMA offers training and resources to its board members and staff~~
46 ~~to ensure proper implementation and understanding of the GRADE system.~~

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48 YPS Resolution 3 was presented as a late resolution and considered during in-person
49 deliberations. Although testimony indicated support of the intent of this resolution, there
50 were concerns about the most appropriate system to use in evaluating AMA reports.

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52 As testimony provided favored a study on this issue, the first Resolve was amended and
53 the second Resolve was deleted accordingly.

RECOMMENDED FOR REFERRAL

(5) RESOLUTION 1: PROVIDING ASSEMBLY CONTACT INFORMATION TO CANDIDATES FOR YPS GOVERNING COUNCIL

RECOMMENDATION:

Resolution 1 be referred.

FINAL ACTION: Referred

RESOLVED, that the YPS Governing Council craft and present to the assembly an IOP revision that would allow for candidates for YPS office to request and be provided with contact information for assembly members for the purpose of sending out one contact related to the election. This change shall include a mechanism for assembly members to opt out of campaign emails.

Online forum testimony was mixed regarding this topic. The overall sentiment of the online forum comments was supportive of creating a mechanism for candidate outreach to YPS Assembly members. However, comments reflected differing opinions and raised questions regarding an appropriate process for candidate outreach. Additionally, concerns about codifying this process in the YPS Internal Operating Procedures (IOP) while maintaining compliance with the AMA election rules were expressed in the comments.

As a point of clarification, your Reference Committee wishes to note that amendments to the YPS IOP will require adoption by the YPS Assembly, followed by Council on Constitution and Bylaws (CCB) review and Board of Trustees approval. These amendments should minimize conflict with AMA policies. Further, amendments involving a Bylaws change will need to be approved by the House of Delegates (HOD).

Additionally, privacy and data use concerns will need to be considered in developing a process for candidate outreach.

Giving the complexity of this issue, your Reference Committee believes it would be prudent to afford the Governing Council an opportunity to consult with the AMA legal team, CCB, and AMA staff to identify the best course of action. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 1 be referred, with a report back at the 2024 Interim YPS Assembly meeting.

RECOMMENDED FOR FILING

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3 (6) REPORT A: GOVERNING COUNCIL ACTIVITIES/ACTION
4 PLAN UPDATE

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6 **RECOMMENDATION:**

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8 **Report A be filed.**

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10 **FINAL ACTION: Filed**

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12 Report A is a compilation of activities accomplished by the AMA-YPS since the 2023
13 Annual YPS Assembly meeting. Updates on AMA-YPS objectives are organized under
14 four main categories: focus; communications; leadership development; and AMA-YPS
15 active participation. AMA-YPS Report A is informational and does not include
16 recommendations.

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18 An online forum participant commended the Governing Council implementation of the YPS
19 strategic plan, which contributed to the Section’s successful engagement and promotion
20 efforts as evidenced by “influencing the actions of the house and activities of the AMA.”
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22 Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Report A be filed.

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24 (10) REPORT D: YPS STANDING COMMITTEES

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26 **RECOMMENDATION:**

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28 **Report D be filed.**

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30 **FINAL ACTION: Filed**

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32 Report D describes the purpose of the YPS standing committees and the process for
33 establishing such committees. This informational report highlights the contributions and
34 accomplishments of standing committees that were recently sunset. In 2024, the YPS
35 Governing Council established three new standing committees – Engagement and
36 Opportunity, Professional Development, and Resolution Writing (previously an ad hoc
37 committee).

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39 No commentary was provided during the online forum. Therefore, your Reference
40 Committee recommends that Report D be filed.

1 (11) REPORT E: YPS ENDORSEMENTS OF ELECTED CANDIDATES

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RECOMMENDATION A:

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Report E be filed.

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RECOMMENDATION B:

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**The title of Report E be changed to read as follows: YPS Endorsement of
Candidates for AMA Elections**

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FINAL ACTION: Filed

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Report E describes the Section's process for considering endorsements of candidates for the AMA President-Elect, Board of Trustees, and elected Councils who have been sponsored by an organization represented in the AMA HOD. This informational report also provides a listing of endorsed candidates for elections to be held at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the AMA HOD.

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While YPS Report E presents endorsement decisions for 2024 candidates, your Reference Committee noted that the HOD elections are still impending. Accordingly, your Reference Committee proffered an amendment to the report title to align with the timing of the endorsement and election processes.

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No commentary was provided during the online forum. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Report E be filed with a change in title.

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- 1 This concludes the report of the AMA-YPS Reference Committee. I would like to thank
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