AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION

Resolution: 1 (1-24)

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Adapting the YPS IOPs for the Speakers' New Endorsement Rules Subject:

Referred to: **YPS Reference Committee**

Whereas, in response to the new endorsement rule outlined by the Speakers for the 2026 election cycle, the YPS Governing Council (GC) interpreted the YPS internal operating procedures (IOPs) in a way that removes the ability of the YPS Assembly to decide who to endorse as its YPS Board of Trustees (BOT) candidate; and

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Whereas, the YPS GC determined that the YPS endorsement for the YPS member of the BOT will be decided by the GC, or a committee it appoints for this purpose; and

Whereas, the YPS has submitted a proposal for the YPS endorsement process to the Speakers by the October 11, 2024 deadline as required, but this proposal has not been formally approved by the Speakers at this time; and

Whereas, the YPS IOPs currently permit the GC to appoint a committee to make endorsements¹; and

Whereas, according to the Speaker's endorsement rule timeline for the 2026 election cycle, it would be possible to determine the YPS endorsement for the YPS member of the BOT as late as the end of the 2025 Annual YPS Assembly meeting; and

Whereas, an election-type process by all credentialed members of the YPS Assembly for the YPS endorsement of the YPS member of the BOT would be more in line with the spirit of our recently ratified YPS IOPs (prior to the Speaker's interpretation of the new endorsement policy); and

Whereas, the democratic voice of the YPS Assembly should determine how its IOPs are suspended for the unprecedented 2026 election cycle endorsement timeline; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the YPS Governing Council shall appoint an endorsement committee composed of all the credentialed YPS members at the 2025 Annual YPS Assembly meeting to determine during that meeting which eligible candidate will receive the YPS endorsement for YPS member of the AMA Board of Trustees, and be it further

RESOLVED, the YPS Governing Council shall immediately submit a revised endorsement process to the Speakers in place of the previous proposal, which stipulates that the YPS Governing Council shall appoint an endorsement committee composed of all the credentialed YPS members at the 2025 Annual YPS Assembly meeting to determine during that meeting which eligible candidate will receive the YPS endorsement for the YPS member of the AMA Board of Trustees.

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