



**Specialty and Service Society  
Guidelines for Political Candidates**

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**AMA OFFICER, BOARD OF TRUSTEE, AND COUNCIL CANDIDATES**

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- 3 1. The SSS Governing Council should facilitate understanding of the political/election
- 4 process.
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- 6 2. The SSS will consider for endorsement only those candidates whose primary sponsor is
- 7 an organizational member of SSS currently seated in the AMA House of Delegates.
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- 9 3. Candidacies will be considered for endorsement at the Interim Meeting for the election
- 10 process at the Annual Meeting of the AMA. Should there be a special election process
- 11 determined by the AMA; the SSS may consider the candidate's petition in relationship to
- 12 those special circumstances.
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- 14 4. To be qualified, candidates and their primary sponsoring organization must request in
- 15 writing to the Governing Council their intent to seek SSS endorsement 30 days prior to
- 16 the Interim Meeting.
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- 18 5. The Governing Council will present the names of proposed candidates to the SSS for
- 19 consideration of endorsement. The Governing Council shall affirm the eligibility of the
- 20 candidate and the membership status of the organizational sponsor.
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- 22 6. The CV of all qualified candidates as determined by the Governing Council shall be
- 23 provided for review prior to the voting process.
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- 25 7. The candidate(s) for AMA Officer and Board of Trustees position shall have the
- 26 opportunity to speak for four (4) minutes to the SSS at the Interim Meeting prior to the
- 27 voting process as determined by the Governing Council.
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- 29 8. The SSS shall vote for candidates by written ballot at the Saturday session of the interim
- 30 meeting of the SSS.
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- 32 9. The SSS may endorse as many candidates as approved by the SSS assembly.
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- 34 10. To achieve SSS endorsement a candidate must receive a 2/3 super-majority of SSS
- 35 members present and voting.
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1 a) All candidates seeking SSS endorsement for positions will be listed on the initial  
2 ballot. SSS members will have a choice of marking “endorse” or “not endorse”  
3 for each candidate listed on the ballot. A ballot must have a mark for each  
4 candidate listed or it will be nullified. Each SSS member organization will have as  
5 many votes as they have delegates and alternates in the AMA HOD. If the  
6 organization does not have a seat in the HOD, that organization will receive one  
7 vote in the balloting process.  
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9 11. Individual organizations or individual members of SSS may write letters of endorsement  
10 for the candidate.  
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12 12. A candidate who has received SSS endorsement may state in their candidacy literature  
13 that he/she has been endorsed by SSS.  
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15 13. The endorsed candidate(s) may request and upon request the Governing Council shall  
16 write a letter of support for the endorsed candidate(s).  
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#### 18 **APPOINTED COUNCILS**

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20 14. Candidates seeking SSS endorsement for appointed AMA Councils will follow  
21 the same procedure as outlined above to achieve SSS endorsement. Those  
22 candidates who receive the endorsement of the SSS will receive an  
23 endorsement letter to be used when submitting their nomination form to the  
24 AMA for consideration.