

## 7.00—Sections

### 7.01 Mission of the Sections.

- 7.011 **Involvement.** To provide a direct means for membership segments represented in the Sections to participate in the activities, including policy-making, of the AMA.
- 7.012 **Outreach.** To enhance AMA outreach, communication, and interchange with the membership segments represented in the Sections.
- 7.013 **Communication.** To maintain effective communications and working relationships between the AMA and organizational entities that are relevant to the activities of each Section.
- 7.014 **Membership.** To promote AMA membership growth.
- 7.015 **Representation.** To enhance the ability of membership segments represented in the Sections to provide their perspective to the AMA and the House of Delegates.
- 7.016 **Education.** To facilitate the development of information and educational activities on topics of interest to the membership segments represented in the Sections.

7.02 **Informational Reports.** Each Section may submit at the Annual Meeting an informational report detailing the activities and programs of the Section during the previous year. The report(s) shall be submitted to the House of Delegates through the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees may make such non-binding recommendations regarding the report(s) to the Sections as it deems appropriate, prior to transmitting the report(s) to the House of Delegates without delay or modification by the Board. The Board may also submit written recommendations regarding the report(s) to the House of Delegates.

7.03 **Governing Council.** There shall be a Governing Council for each Section to direct the programs and the activities of the Section. The programs and activities shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees or the House of Delegates.

- 7.031 **Qualifications.** Members of each Section Governing Council must be members of the AMA and of the Section.
- 7.032 **Voting.** Members of each Section Governing Council shall be elected by the voting members of the Section present at the business meeting of the Section, unless otherwise provided in this Bylaw.
- 7.033 **Additional Requirements.** Each Section shall adopt rules governing the composition, election, term, and tenure of its Governing Council.

- 7.04 Officers.** Each Section shall select a Chair and Vice Chair or Chair-Elect and other necessary and appropriate officers.

  - 7.041 Qualifications.** Officers of each Section must be members of the AMA and of the Section.
  - 7.042 Voting.** Officers of each Section shall be elected by the voting members of the Section, unless otherwise provided in this Bylaw.
  - 7.043 Additional Requirements.** Each Section shall adopt rules governing the titles, duties, election, term, and tenure of its officers.
- 7.05 Delegate and Alternate Delegate.** Each Section shall elect a Delegate and Alternate Delegate to represent the Section in the House of Delegates.
- 7.06 Business Meeting.** There shall be a Business Meeting of members of each Section. The Business Meeting shall be held on a day prior to each Annual and Interim Meeting of the House of Delegates.

  - 7.061 Purpose.** The purposes of the Business Meeting shall be:

    - 7.0611** To hear such reports as may be appropriate.
    - 7.0612** To consider other business and vote upon such matters as may properly come before the meeting.
    - 7.0613** To adopt resolutions for submission by the Section to the House of Delegates.
    - 7.0614** To hold elections.
  - 7.062 Meeting Procedure.**

    - 7.0621** The Business Meeting shall be open to all members of the AMA.
    - 7.0622** Only duly selected representatives who are AMA members shall have the right to vote at the Business Meeting.
    - 7.0623** The Business Meeting shall be conducted pursuant to rules of procedure adopted by the Governing Council. The rules of procedure may specify the rights and privileges of Section members, including any limitations on participation or vote.
- 7.07 Rules.** All rules, regulations, and procedures adopted by each Section shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.
- 7.50 Young Physicians Section.**

  - 7.51 Membership.** All active physician members of the AMA who are not resident/fellow physicians, but who are under 40 years of age or are within the

first 8 years of professional practice after residency and fellowship training programs, shall be members of the Young Physicians Section.

**7.52 Cessation of Eligibility.** If any officer or Governing Council member ceases to meet the membership requirements of Bylaw 7.51 prior to the expiration of the term for which elected, the term of such officer or member shall terminate and the position shall be declared vacant. If any officer's or member's term would terminate prior to the conclusion of an Annual Meeting, such officer or member shall be permitted to serve in office until the conclusion of the Annual Meeting in the calendar year in which such officer or member ceases to meet the membership requirements of Bylaw 7.51, as long as the officer or member remains an active physician member of the AMA. The preceding provision shall not apply to the Chair-Elect. Notwithstanding the immediately preceding provision of this section, the Immediate Past Chair shall be permitted to complete the term of office even if the Immediate Past Chair is unable to continue to meet all of the membership requirements of Bylaw 7.51, as long as the officer remains an active physician member of the AMA.

**7.53 Representatives to the Business Meeting.** The Business Meeting shall consist of representatives from constituent associations, Federal Services, and national medical specialty societies represented in the House of Delegates. There shall be no alternate representatives.

**7.531 Constituent Associations, National Medical Specialty Societies, and Federal Services.** Each constituent association and Federal Service shall be entitled to representation based on the number of seats allocated to it by apportionment. Each national medical specialty society granted representation in the House of Delegates shall be entitled to representation based on the number of seats allocated to it by apportionment. In addition, unified constituent associations and specialty societies that are entitled to additional representation pursuant to Bylaw 2.1121 or Bylaw 2.122 shall be entitled to 2 additional representatives.

**7.5311 Apportionment.** The apportionment for each constituent association, Federal Service, and national medical specialty society is 2 representatives for each 1,000, or fraction thereof, members of the Young Physicians Section who are members of the constituent association, Federal Service, or specialty society, as recorded by the AMA as of December 31 of each year. Each constituent association, Federal Service, and specialty society shall automatically be entitled to 2 representatives, who may be selected in any manner. Those constituent associations, Federal Services, or specialty societies who are eligible for more than 2 representatives, shall select the additional representatives according to rules and criteria developed by the Governing Council to ensure that they are selected in a fair and equitable manner allowing open representation.

**7.5312 Effective Date.** Such apportionment shall take effect on the following January 1 and shall remain effective for one year. In January of each year, the AMA shall notify each constituent

association and Federal Service of the number of seats to which it is entitled during the current year. All specialty societies seeking additional representative seats beyond the first two are required to submit evidence documenting the number of their AMA young physician members.

**7.53121 Retention of Representative.** If the membership information as recorded by the AMA as of December 31 warrants a decrease in the number of representatives representing a constituent association, Federal Service, or national medical specialty society, that entity shall be permitted to retain the same number of representatives, without decrease, for one additional year, if it promptly files with the AMA a written plan of intensified AMA membership development activities among its young physician members.

**7.532 Qualifications.** Each representative to the Business Meeting must be a member of the AMA who meets the requirement for membership in the Young Physicians Section as set forth in Bylaw 7.51. However, a representative who becomes ineligible for membership in the Section shall be permitted to continue service until the end of the calendar year in which ineligibility occurs, as long as active membership in the AMA is maintained. If a representative is elected to the Governing Council, that representative shall be required to resign as a representative to the Business Meeting. The representative's constituent association, Federal Service, or specialty society may fill the vacancy so created, consistent with the rules and criteria that are developed by the Governing Council.