

REPORT OF THE AMA YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION GOVERNING COUNCIL

AMA-YPS Report A-I-16

Subject: Governing Council Activities/Action Plan Update

Presented by: Henry C. Lin, MD, Chair

Referred to: AMA-YPS Reference Committee

1 The mission of the AMA Young Physicians Section (YPS) is to strengthen the value of AMA
2 membership for young physicians while maximizing young physicians' contributions to the AMA's
3 brand vision through involvement, advocacy and communications. In accordance with [YPS Report](#)
4 [G-A-16, AMA-YPS Strategic Plan](#), the section objectives for 2016-2021 fall into four main
5 categories:

6
7 **Focus:**

- 8 • Clarify and communicate a clear membership value proposition to young physicians;
- 9 • Raise awareness of the challenges facing young physicians in the House of Delegates
10 (HOD) and to AMA leadership; and
- 11 • Organize and lead efforts to expand involvement and representation of early career
12 physicians within the House of Delegates and among leadership roles across the
13 organization.

14
15 **Communications:**

- 16 • Provide regular updates on AMA initiatives and other topics of interest to young physicians;
- 17 • Identify opportunities to promote dialogue among Section members and YPS Governing
18 Council during and between meetings; and
- 19 • Actively engage AMA physician and staff leadership to ensure that the young physician
20 perspective is represented in AMA communications (e.g., Advantage, Wire, Advocacy
21 Updates) and in the AMA's social media outlets as appropriate.

22
23 **Leadership development:**

- 24 • Promote available leadership development seminars, workshops, and other relevant
25 activities or resources to young physicians;
- 26 • Offer opportunities for young physician members to connect with established AMA leaders;
- 27 • Encourage young physicians to seek leadership positions in the AMA; and
- 28 • Endorse young physician candidates for AMA leadership positions.

29
30 **Membership and involvement:**

- 31 • Develop relevant educational sessions and provide policy-making support before and
32 during AMA-YPS meetings;
- 33 • Continue to recruit AMA-YPS members to join the AMA Outreach Program;
- 34 • Identify other opportunities for AMA-YPS members to work with AMA Membership to
35 recruit young physician members
- 36 • Increase representation of diverse physicians in the AMA-YPS Assembly; and
- 37 • Support transition of late stage residents to the AMA-YPS.

38
39 To further the Section's mission, the Governing Council has accomplished the following activities
40 since the 2016 AMA-YPS Annual Assembly meeting.

1 **FOCUS**

2
3 **YPS COMMITTEES**

4
5 **YPS Committee on Innovation**

6 The Committee on Innovation seeks to develop a repository of topics for future resolutions and
7 identify opportunities to contribute to and support the AMA direction. The committee is chaired by
8 Jake Behrens, MD and current members include Arif Ali, MD; Kyle P. Edmonds, MD; Erick Eiting,
9 MD; Allison Jones, MD; Jullie Joseph, MD; Nikan Khatibi, MD; Rachelle Klammer, MD; Steve
10 Sherick, MD; Heather Smith, MD; and John Vasudevan, MD.

11
12 The YPS Innovation Committee continues to seek to be a collective resource for YPS members
13 interested in physician entrepreneurship and the emerging healthcare technology space through
14 collaboration with fellow members and the broader offerings of the AMA. Immediate goals for the
15 committee are to further its communication platform to engage interested young physicians for
16 continued involvement with the AMA Portfolio Management team, particularly as it relates to
17 expanding awareness of the AMA's partnership with MATTER, Chicago's health care technology
18 incubator.

19
20 The committee has several ongoing projects and collaborations including working with the AMA
21 Portfolio Management team and healthcare technology companies through the AMA - Matter
22 partnership in Chicago. In addition, the committee has an ongoing collaboration with the [AMA](#)
23 Physician Innovation Network for helping to pair AMA physicians with health care technology
24 companies.

25
26 At the 2016 Annual Meeting, YPS members attended the [AMA Healthier Nation Innovation](#)
27 [Challenge](#). At this event, physicians, residents, and medical students had the opportunity to
28 compete for up to \$50,000 in funding and access to a support network to accelerate their ideas in
29 means of helping physician education, improving patients' lives, or improving physicians' practices.

30
31 Lastly, the committee is working to help put together [physicianopportunities.ama-assn.org](#), which
32 offers physicians opportunities for involvement with the industry.

33
34 **Task Force on Maintenance of Certification (MOC) & Maintenance of Licensure (MOL)**

35 A Task Force on MOC and MOL, established by the YPS Governing Council and chaired by
36 Zachary Litvack, MD, includes the following members: Rania Agha, MD; Lase Ajayi, MD;
37 Christine Bishof, MD; Joshua Cohen, MD; Kathleen Figaro, MD; Seth Flagg, MD; Raja Sawhney,
38 MD; William Schneider, MD; Tobias Wasser, MD; and Brian Wolk, MD.

39
40 Overall, the YPS remains committed to identifying alternatives to the high-stakes examination for
41 the Knowledge Assessment portion of maintenance of certification. Immediate goals for this
42 committee include:

- 43
44 • Developing resolution authors & subject matter experts. This goal will facilitate drafting of
45 resolutions that promote young physicians' interests in regards to continuing medical education
46 (CME) and MOC/MOL. In addition, this expert base will help inform discussions within the YPS
47 Assembly on reports and resolutions related to CME and MOC/MOL.
48
49 • Representation on the AMA Council on Medical Education. YPS representation will facilitate
50 collaboration between the Section and the Council as well as provide an opportunity to share
51 issues of concern for young physicians.

- 1 • Policy development and advocacy. The Taskforce has identified three key areas for advocacy:
 - 2 ○ High-stakes exam
 - 3 ○ Elimination of lifetime certification
 - 4 ○ License Portability (e.g., state-by-state reciprocity, telemedicine, etc.)

5
6 At the Annual meeting, the committee worked with the Council on CME Report 02-A-16 – Update
7 on Maintenance of Certification and Osteopathic Continuous Certification. The committee also
8 reviewed the AMA Guidance on Sunshine Act CME exception.

9
10 In addition to chairing the task force, Dr. Litvack serves as the YPS representative on the Council
11 on Medical Education’s Committee on Continuing Medical Education and MOC/MOL.

12 **Strategy and Leadership Committee**

13 The Strategy and Leadership Committee (SLC) was formally organized as a Section committee
14 following the 2016 Annual Meeting. The committee is chaired by Mark Milstein, MD and includes
15 the following members: Kavita Shah Arora, MD; Ankush Bansal, MD; Lindsay Botsford, MD;
16 Ricardo Correa, MD; Alex Ding, MD; Michael Hanak, MD; Myo Thwin Myint, MD; Keshni
17 Ramnanan, MD; Vani Sabesan, MD; Adam Taintor, MD; and Krystal Tomei, MD.

18
19 The SLC initiatives entail: 1) providing actionable support and campaign assistance to candidates
20 who receive AMA-YPS Section endorsement; 2) organizing YPS members who concurrently serve
21 as delegates to strengthen the meaning and influence the Section will have on future business of
22 the HOD; and 3) working with the Section’s delegate to nominate and endorse AMA-YPS
23 candidates for elected office within the HOD.

24
25 The immediate goals of the SLC are to address:

- 26 • Leadership: The SLC will discuss the most efficient and effective methods to increase YPS
27 leadership opportunities, including networking with larger delegations to help advance YPS
28 candidates, assisting the campaigns of current YPS nominees, and identifying potential YPS
29 members for future candidacies.
- 30 • Endorsements: The SLC will review all endorsement requests received by the YPS in order to
31 make endorsement recommendations to the Governing Council. Accordingly, the committee is
32 developing a scoring system for equitable and transparent review of all future requests.
- 33 • Internal Operating Procedures (IOP): The YPS Ad Hoc Committee on IOP will be convening
34 this year to conduct a five-year review. The SLC will make recommendations to the Ad Hoc
35 Committee for suggested language changes to facilitate the aforementioned goals.

36 **Ad Hoc Committee on the YPS Internal Operating Procedures (IOP)**

37 The Ad Hoc Committee on the YPS Internal Operating Procedures will be convened this year to
38 review and make recommendations for updates to the YPS IOP. Michael Hanak, MD, serves as the
39 chair of this committee. Current members of the committee include Kyle Edmonds, MD; Kavita
40 Shah, MD; Krystal Tomei, MD; and Carlos Zapata, MD.

41 **Reports adopted by the AMA-YPS**

42 The following reports were adopted by the YPS Assembly during the 2016 Annual Meeting:

- 43 • Report A, Governing Council Activities/Action Plan Update, contained a compilation of activities
44 accomplished by the AMA-YPS since the 2015 Interim Meeting. Updates on AMA-YPS
45 objectives are organized under five main categories: focus; communications; leadership
46 development; membership; and participation.

- 1 • Report B, State Medical Society Representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly, is an informational
2 report that outlined the 2016 allocations for state society representation in the AMA-YPS.
3
- 4 • Report C, Specialty Society Representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly, presented the criteria
5 for specialty society representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly and gives an update on the
6 level of specialty representation.
7
- 8 • Report D, Strengthening The MSS-RFS-YPS Relationship (AMA-YPS Resolution 2-A-15),
9 proposed that, in lieu of YPS AMA-YPS Resolution 2-A-15, the YPS Governing Council will
10 continue to advocate for formalizing a MSS-RFS-YPS caucus that occurs each HOD meeting
11 and that Report D would be distributed at the MSS-RFS-YPS Annual 2016 caucus to be
12 discussed at the will of the caucus leadership.
13
- 14 • Report E, Endorsing AMA Board of Trustees and Elected Councils Candidates, recommended
15 that the AMA-YPS Assembly approve a new process for endorsing AMA Board of Trustees and
16 Elected Councils candidates. Report E also proposed new language to update Sections IX.A
17 and B of the AMA YPS IOP to reflect this change in process.
18
- 19 • Report F, AMA-YPS Finance Report, was an informational report on the AMA-YPS budget and
20 finances.
21
- 22 • Report G, AMA-YPS Strategic Plan, proposed that the YPS GC work to implement the actions
23 outlined for each objective, make the AMA-YPS 2016-2021 Strategic Plan available on the
24 AMA-YPS Web site, monitor the effectiveness of the 2016-2021 Strategic Plan, and update the
25 strategic plan in five years with a report to the AMA-YPS Assembly at the 2021 Annual
26 meeting.
27

28 **Resolutions adopted by the AMA-YPS**

29 The following resolutions were adopted by the YPS Assembly during the 2016 Annual Meeting:

- 30
- 31 • **YPS Resolution 1, Parity in Reproductive Health Insurance Coverage for Same-Sex**
32 **Couples**, asks the AMA to support parity in insurance coverage for fertility treatments for
33 same-sex couples, when insurance provides coverage for fertility treatments. This resolution
34 also asks the AMA to support local and state efforts to promote parity in reproductive health
35 insurance coverage for same-sex couples when insurance provides coverage for fertility
36 treatments. Resolution 1 was passed by the Assembly and will be submitted for AMA-HOD
37 consideration at the 2016 Interim Meeting.
38
- 39 • **YPS Resolution 2, Unforeseen Consequences of Core Measures**, asks the AMA to call for
40 the immediate suspension of the SEP-1 core measure as well as related financial incentives
41 and penalties. This resolution also asks the AMA to discourage the implementation of
42 protocols, core measures, or directives relating to the care of patients in the outpatient or
43 inpatient settings without structured trials designed to identify unforeseen costs and potential
44 patient harms. In addition, this resolution asks the AMA to discourage the implementation of
45 indiscriminant and not medically indicated screening or testing for “pre-existing” infection in
46 patients in order to avoid financial penalties. This resolution also asks the AMA to support any
47 physician who refuses to perform testing or treatment that they feel is not medically indicated
48 or potentially harmful to patients. Further, this resolution requested immediate consideration at
49 the 2016 Annual HOD Meeting. This resolution was considered as Resolution 717, which was
50 subsequently referred.

- 1 • **YPS Resolution 3: Equality**, asks the AMA to only consider towns, cities, counties, and states
2 that do not discriminate. Resolution 3 was adopted as amended to read as follows:
3

4 RESOLVED, That all future meetings and conferences organized and/or sponsored by our
5 American Medical Association, not yet contracted, only be held in towns, cities, counties, and
6 states that do not have discriminatory policies based on race, color, religion, ethnic origin,
7 national origin, language, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and gender
8 expression, disability, or age (New HOD Policy).
9

10 Resolution 3 will be submitted for AMA-HOD consideration at the 2016 Interim Meeting.

11
12 Full details on the disposition of the YPS Reports and Resolutions can be found in the [2016 AMA-](#)
13 [YPS Delegates Report](#) (AMA log-in is required to access this document).
14

15 **Testifying in the HOD**

16 The YPS was again an active part of the HOD Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois. Testimony on
17 behalf of the YPS was offered in the HOD reference committees based on the Assembly's direction
18 to actively support or actively oppose relevant reports and resolutions. A team approach allowed
19 more young physicians to speak on behalf of the YPS in their state and specialty caucuses, as well
20 as in reference committees. An action document with talking points for all YPS active positions was
21 created for members to use throughout the meeting.
22

23 As directed by the YPS Assembly, the section also testified on several other important items of
24 business, including:
25

26 Reference Committee on Constitution and Bylaws

- 27 • CCB Report 2: Options for Informational Reports submitted to the House (Resolution 606-A-15)
28 (Active Support with Amendment in Recommendation 2, **Adopted as Amended**)
29 • Resolution 001: Support for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Transitioning to Adulthood
30 (Active Support, **Adopted with a change in title to read: "Support for Persons with**
31 **Intellectual Disabilities"**)
32 • Resolution 002: Clarification of Medical Necessity for Treatment of Gender Dysphoria (Active
33 Support, **Resolution 005 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 002**)
34 • Resolution 005: Clarification of Medical Necessity for Treatment of Gender Dysphoria (Active
35 Support, **Resolution 005 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 002**)
36 • Resolution 008: Updating Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Policies (Active Support,
37 **Adopted**)
38

39 Reference Committee A: Medical Service

- 40 • Resolution 101: Increasing Availability and Coverage for Immediate Postpartum Long-Acting
41 Reversible Contraceptive Placement (Active Support with Amendment, **Adopted as Amended**)
42 • Resolution 102: Developing Measures for Good Access to Care (Active Support, **Adopted as**
43 **Amended**)
44 • Resolution 106: Education About Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis for HIV (Active Support with
45 Amendment, **Adopted as Amended**)
46

47 Reference Committee B: Legislative Advocacy

- 48 • Resolution 202: Supporting Legislation to Create Student Loan Savings Accounts (Active
49 Support, **Adopted**)
50 • Resolution 204: USP Compounding Rules (Active Support, **Adopted as Amended**)
51 • Resolution 227: Physician-Patient SMS Text Messaging and Non-HIPAA Compliant Electronic
52 Messaging (Active Support, **Adopted as Amended with a Change in Title to Read:**
53 **"Physician-Patient Text Messaging and Non-HIPAA Compliant Electronic Messaging"**)

1 Reference Committee C: Medical Education

- 2 • CME Report 2: Update on Maintenance of Certification and Osteopathic Continuous Certification
3 • (Resolutions 309-A-15, 318-A-15, 903-I-15, 924-I-15 and 925-I-15) (Active Support, **Adopted**)
4 • Resolution 301: Recognizing the Actual Costs of Student Loans (Active Support of Resolved
5 Clauses 1, 2, and 3, **Adopted as Amended**)
6 • Resolution 304: Evaluation of Factors during Residency and Fellowship that Impact Routine
7 • Health Maintenance (Active Support, **Referred**)
8

9 Reference Committee D: Public Health

- 10 • Resolution 410: Baby-Friendly Health Care Delivery and Breastfeeding Rights (Active Support
11 with Amendment to Delete Resolved Clause 1, **Adopted as Amended with a Change in Title to**
12 **Read: “Primary Care Interventions to Support Breastfeeding”**)
13 • Resolution 416: Timely and Transparent Data Sharing for Drinking Water Testing (Active
14 Support, **Alternate Resolution 409 “Safe Drinking Water” adopted in lieu of Resolutions**
15 **409, 413, 414, 415, and 416**)
16 • Resolution 422: Sunscreen Use at Schools and Summer Camps (Active Support with
17 Amendment, **Adopted**)
18

19 Reference Committee E: Science and Technology

- 20 • Resolution 506: Heart Disease and Women (Active Support, **Adopted as Amended**)
21 • Resolution 507: Interventions for Opioid Dependent Pregnant Women (Active Support, **Alternate**
22 **Resolution 507 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 507**)
23 • Resolution 521: Transgenerational Effects of Environmental Toxins on Reproductive Health
24 (**Adopted as Amended**)
25

26 Reference Committee F: AMA Finance and Governance

- 27 • Resolution 601: Childcare at the AMA Meetings (Active Support with Amendment, **Adopted as**
28 **Amended**)
29

30 Reference Committee G: Medical Practice

- 31 • CMS Report 7: Prior Authorization Simplification and Standardization (Resolutions 705-A-15 and
32 712-A-15) (Active Support, **Adopted as Amended**)
33 • Resolution 701: Online Access to Prescription Drug Formularies (Active Support with
34 Amendment, **Adopted as Amended**)
35 • Resolution 717: Unforeseen Consequences of Core Measures (Active Support, **Referred**)
36

37 Reference Committee on Code Modernization

38 No items for active support or active oppose
39

40 Final actions on each of these can be found on the AMA HOD website at: [http://www.ama-](http://www.ama-assn.org/sub/meeting/reportsresolutions.html)
41 [assn.org/sub/meeting/reportsresolutions.html](http://www.ama-assn.org/sub/meeting/reportsresolutions.html).
42

43 **COMMUNICATIONS**
44

45 The AMA-YPS Governing Council contributes to two-way communications between the AMA and
46 our young physician members during and between meetings. In addition, the AMA-YPS Governing
47 Council contributes to regular updates on AMA initiatives and other topics of interest to young
48 physicians. The Governing Council works to ensure that the young physician perspective is
49 represented in AMA communications (e.g., Advantage, Wire, Advocacy Updates) and in the AMA’s
50 social media outlets as appropriate. For several years, the section has held an online forum in
51 advance of annual and interim meetings.
52

53 Assembly members are encouraged to sign up for the AMA Morning Rounds Weekend Edition, a
54 weekly e-newsletter that highlights the latest top-of-the-page news and information for physicians,

1 including young physicians. When registering for *AMA Morning Rounds*, select the option to
2 receive news for young physicians.

4 **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

6 YPS members can now explore ways to get involved and become active leaders in organized
7 medicine by browsing a list of leadership opportunities on an [AMA-YPS Web page](#) devoted to
8 physician leadership and involvement opportunities. Your Governing Council encourages all
9 members to bookmark this page and contact us if you are interested in a particular leadership
10 opportunity.

12 In addition, physicians interested in volunteering or working outside of their normal practice setting
13 can obtain a list of volunteer and paid, short-term opportunities in medicine by visiting the [AMA
14 Physician Opportunities Portal](#).

16 This year, several young physicians are serving in prestigious leadership positions within the AMA.

- 18 • Steven J. Stack, MD, was inaugurated as the first young physician President of the AMA in
19 2015 and now serves as the Immediate Past President of the AMA. Dr. Stack has special
20 expertise in health information technology (IT) and has also served on multiple federal advisory
21 groups for the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology. A member
22 of its board of directors since 2011, Dr. Stack is currently the secretary of eHealth Initiative, a
23 non-profit association committed to improving health care through the advancement of health
24 IT.
- 26 • Jesse M. Ehrenfeld, MD, MPH, former YPS Governing Council member, was elected to the
27 AMA Board of Trustees in 2014. Dr. Ehrenfeld divides his time among clinical practice,
28 research and teaching. As the director of the Vanderbilt Anesthesiology & Perioperative
29 Informatics Research Division, Dr. Ehrenfeld leads a multi-disciplinary group of physicians,
30 engineers, developers, analysts and researchers in developing systems to improve anesthetic
31 and surgical outcomes. Dr. Ehrenfeld is also a co-investigator on the one million dollar grant
32 Vanderbilt University received in 2013 as part of the AMA's "Accelerating Change in Medical
33 Education" initiative. In addition, he is a health policy associate at Meharry Medical College.
- 35 • Marissa Shams, MD, serves on the Joint Council Board of Directors for the American Academy
36 of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI). Her other leadership roles with AAAAI include
37 serving on the Advocacy Council, Dermatology Committee, and Integrative Medicine
38 Committee.
- 40 • Myo Thwin. Myint, MD, serves as a board member of the Louisiana State Medical Society
41 Educational & Research Foundation. In addition, Dr. Myint has been appointed to co-lead the
42 American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Alliance for Learning and Innovation.
- 44 • Ronald Lee, MD, was chosen to serve as President-Elect of the Northern California Regional
45 Organization of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry and will take on the role of President starting
46 January 2017.

48 The AMA-YPS Governing Council endorsed several candidates for the AMA Board of Trustees
49 (BOT) as well as the AMA Councils: William Kobler, MD and William McDade, MD, PhD (BOT);
50 Liana Puscas, MD and Krystal Tomei, MD (CME); Lisa Egbert, MD and Lynn Jeffers, MD (CMS);
51 Sheila Rege and Alexander Ding, MD, MS (CSAPH).

1 **MEMBERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT**

2
3 The AMA-YPS is devoted to providing relevant educational sessions and policymaking support
4 before and during AMA-YPS meetings. Discussions on HOD Handbook Review Committee
5 positions and parliamentary procedure training are among different actions taken by the section to
6 facilitate the policymaking process. During the 2016 Annual Meeting, the C. Clayton Griffin, MD,
7 Memorial Luncheon featured a presentation entitled, “Physician Burnout, Professional Satisfaction
8 and Wellness.” This presentation outlined the challenges on distress and burnout facing young
9 physicians, opportunities to serve as mentors and models for future physicians, and ways to help
10 medicine address these issues in a holistic way.

11
12 The AMA-YPS Governing Council wants to create an AMA that is more appealing for young
13 physician members. The YPS Governing Council will continue its efforts to increase representation
14 in the AMA-YPS Assembly, particularly among diverse physicians. In addition, the Governing
15 Council will work with the Resident and Fellow Section to identify opportunities that will support the
16 transition of late stage residents to the AMA-YPS.

17
18 Young physicians can become AMA recruiters using Outreach Dashboard, a Web-based tool to
19 manage recruitment efforts. Through this initiative, young physicians can help strengthen the
20 organization by adding new members to the section as well as receive rewards through the
21 Physician Outreach Program.

22
23 **CONCLUSION**

24
25 Your Governing Council believes this report demonstrates its commitment to represent/advocate
26 for young physicians, enhance membership value and communications, and develop leaders. The
27 Governing Council appreciates the Assembly’s continued support of its projects and activities, and
28 the Assembly’s overall dedication to young physician issues. The Governing Council encourages
29 Assembly members to share AMA-YPS accomplishments with their colleagues and contact the
30 Governing Council directly with ideas and comments.