MSSNY Council
Resident and Fellow’s Section Report
September 11, 2014

The RFS had a successful meeting at the AMA Annual 2014 in Chicago. We had a total of 16 delegates from MSSNY to the RFS Assembly meeting, which continues to be the highest representation of any state in the RFS Assembly. The MSSNY RFS delegation introduced one resolution, “Protecting the Right of a Residency Trained Physician to Practice Medicine Within His/Her Scope of Practice and Maintain Board Certification While Doing So,” which gained the support of the RFS for the MSSNY resolution on the same topic.

At the House of Delegates, we had 6 residents from MSSNY representing New York and also various sections. The RFS was able to accomplish the following:

- Passed BOT report 26 to conform birth certificate policies to current stands for transgender patients, an issue initially brought from the RFS.
- Passed BOT 25 which addressed the CMS definition of a resident vs fellow, a report done based on our resolution from last year in regards to the Sunshine Act. We discovered the value of having them as separate terms.
- Advocated successfully CME 5 to have duty hours based on evidence and got support for 10 hour duty-free periods removed from AMA policy.
- Passed (with modifications) Resolution 303 to help get residents and fellows reimbursed for residency expenses in a timely manner.
- Passed (with modifications) resolution 305 to make maternity and paternity leave policies in residency transparent and freely available.
- Passed resolution 304 regarding GME funding and quality of resident education.
- Passed (with modifications) resolution 302, providing applicants with a timely response to residency application outcome.
- Passed extensive E-cigarette policy.
- Referred Resolution 203 on developing and promoting a National PDMP.
- Passed Resolution 503 on access to safety data from clinical trials.

Following the Annual Meeting, the RFS worked in collaboration with the MSS and YPS to create a Code of Conduct for delegations to the AMA House of Delegates. Our section leadership has all signed onto the Code and presented it for consideration at this Council meeting as an agenda item. It is in the spirit of collegiality and professionalism that we encourage the members of the MSSNY Delegation to the AMA House of Delegates to voluntarily sign on to the Code, and also help us improve upon it as needed for the future.

We are very grateful for the continual support of MSSNY leadership and staff of our section and our efforts to become more engaged in organized medicine.

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