

**REPORT OF THE REFERENCE COMMITTEE ON REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND
ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (ROAM)
FINAL ACTIONS**

- 200 Plant-Based Diets at MSSNY Meetings
Introduced by Varun Chowdhry, MD, MBA
RESOLUTION ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York increases the availability and prominence of plant-based meal options at MSSNY-sponsored meetings and conferences; and be it further; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York encourages the use of evidence-based behavioral science to promote healthier dietary choices at professional gatherings and recognizes the importance of modeling prevention through food choices while respecting individual autonomy, with an emphasis on increasing plant-based food options as an exemplary method for the promotion of individual and planetary health; and be it further;

RESOLVED, that a similarly worded resolution be forwarded to the American Medical Association (AMA) to institute the same policies in our AMA and AMA-sponsored meetings

- 201 Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest
Introduced by Ninth District Branch (County Medical Societies of Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester Counties)
MSSNY POLICY 207.977 REAFFIRMED IN LIEU OF RESOLUTION

207.977 Conflict of Interest

MSSNY has adopted policy which strives to ensure that Councilors, Officers, Trustees, Committee Members or key employees will not act to further their personal benefit or in a way which is contrary to the interests of the organization. The Conflict of Interest Annual Disclosure Form will be submitted prior to election, by each officer, councilor, director, trustee, member, owner or employee on an annual basis. (Reaffirmed Council 5/22/2014; Reaffirmed HOD 2019 in lieu of res 206)

- 202 Formal Debate on the New York Health Act
Introduced by Lawrence A Melniker, MD, MS, MBA
RESOLUTION REFERRED TO COUNCIL

RESOLVED, that the Speaker of the Medical Society of the State of New York House of Delegates Speaker will schedule a formal debate of the evidence, using Public Forum, Policy, Persuasive, or similar format addressing the merits and concerns of the New York Health Act on the first morning of the 2027 House of

Delegates, and a report of that debate shall be presented to the ensuing House of Delegates.

- 203 Shortening the House of Delegates Meeting
Introduced by New York County Medical Society

SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York shall set up a task force, to include a member of the finance committee and a member of the membership committee, to investigate the financial implications of shortening its annual house of delegates and how this may impact member engagement.

- 204 Reclassification of Medical Students, Residents, and Young Physicians
Introduced by Young Physician Section; Co-Sponsored: Medical Student Section and Resident/Fellow Section

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) update its membership classification policy to allow for reclassification between the Medical Student Section (MSS), Resident and Fellow Section (RFS), and Young Physician Section (YPS) effective upon graduation from medical school or completion of residency or fellowship training, and that MSSNY communicate and implement this policy across its membership systems and section procedures to ensure accurate classification and continuous engagement of members throughout each stage of their professional journey.

- 205 Procedures to Improve Membership Retention
Introduced by Dutchess County Medical Society

MSSNY POLICY 200.995 REAFFIRMED IN LIEU OF RESOLUTION

200.995 Innovative Methods to Improve Membership via Periodic Credit Card Membership Charges:

MSSNY will look at innovative ways to reduce the burden of membership dues and that urgent, innovative and aggressive measures to increase membership in MSSNY must be undertaken, including automatically charging membership payments to credit cards on a periodic basis subject to the agreement of the physician. (HOD 2006-206; Reaffirmed HOD 2016)

- 206 Practice Compliance Toolkit for NY's Fair Medical Debt Reporting Act
Introduced by Nassau County

SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that MSSNY develop and disseminate a Practice Compliance Toolkit to help physicians comply with applicable laws and regulations governing the reporting of medical debt to consumer credit reporting agencies, including model patient notices and workflow checklists.

TITLE OF RESOLUTION 206 BE CHANGED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Practice Compliance Toolkit for Medical Debt Reporting

207 Improving the Effectiveness of the AMA Board of Trustees
Introduced by Alex Shteynshlyuger, MD
RESOLUTION NOT ADOPTED

208 Guardrails for Physician Employers
Introduced by Michael Ziegelbaum, MD
RESOLUTION REFERRED TO COUNCIL

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York create a work group within its Employed Physician Committee to investigate potential guardrails to protect our members and their patients from adverse rulings by employers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution also be referred to the AMA's Annual Meeting, 2026

209 American Medical Association Board Chair Term Limits
Introduced by Thomas Lee, MD, MSSNY Executive Vice President; David Jakubowicz, MD, MSSNY President; Gregory Pinto, MD, Chair of MSSNY Delegation to American Medical Association
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association Board of Trustees commission an independent assessment by recognized nonprofit governance experts to evaluate best practices in board-chair term lengths, leadership continuity, and succession planning within large national nonprofit and professional membership organizations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this independent assessment examine how board-chair tenure and leadership succession structures influence the Board of Trustees' ability to provide consistent oversight of senior management, monitor multi-year strategic and operational performance goals, preserve

institutional knowledge, and maintain accountability to the House of Delegates and AMA membership; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees provide the full report of the independent assessment, including benchmarking analyses and governance recommendations, to the House of Delegates no later than the 2027 Annual Meeting of the AMA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees review the findings of the independent assessment and present to the House of Delegates at the 2027 Annual Meeting specific recommendations regarding governance best practices for board-chair tenure and leadership continuity, including any proposed amendments to the AMA Constitution and Bylaws for consideration by the House of Delegates; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York sponsor this resolution at the 2026 Annual Meeting of the American Medical Association.