

BYLAWS OF THE YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION OF THE MINNESOTA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

I. BACKGROUND

In order to provide young physician members greater participation in the Minnesota Medical Association (MMA), and provide the unique perspective and input of the young physician, the following Bylaws are hereby established.

II. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Minnesota Medical Association Young Physicians Section, abbreviated MMA-YPS.

III. DEFINITIONS

Young Physician. All active physician members of the MMA 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.

IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- a. All persons holding an Executive Committee position shall serve a one-year term beginning at the conclusion of the MMA Annual Meeting and ending at the conclusion of the next MMA Annual Meeting.
- b. Only members of the MMA-YPS may vote on matters before the section and serve as officers of the MMA-YPS.
- c. The MMA-YPS shall elect an Executive Committee from among its members annually. The Executive Committee shall conduct the official business of the MMA-YPS. The Officers of the Executive Committee shall include: the Chairperson, the Chairperson-Elect, Immediate past-chair, YPS Trustee, MMA-YPS delegate, and AMA-YPS delegate, and Member-At-Large. No member shall hold more than one of the above positions simultaneously.
 - i. The Chairperson will preside over all meetings of the MMA-YPS and its Executive Committee unless he/she otherwise delegates this authority to another MMA-YPS officer.
 - ii. The Vice-Chair will assist the Chairperson with their duties.
 - iii. The Immediate Past-Chair shall provide guidance to the Chairperson and assist in recruitment of section leaders.
 - iv. The YPS Trustee shall attend all meetings of the MMA Board of Trustees and report back as needed.
 - v. The MMA-YPS delegate shall lead any efforts to propose resolutions and shall serve as the spokesperson for the section while on the house floor.
 - vi. The AMA-YPS delegate shall lead any efforts to propose resolutions and shall serve as the spokesperson for the section while on the house floor.

- vii. The Member-At-Large is responsible for coordinating community service, educational, and social events for the section.

v. **ELECTIONS**

a. Eligibility

- i. Any MMA-YPS member is eligible to be nominated for elected office.
- ii. No MMA-YPS member shall be elected Chairperson or MMA Trustee for more than three consecutive terms or until a replacement member is elected.

b. Procedure

- i. An Annual Meeting of the section shall be held during the MMA Annual Meeting. In the event that the meeting cannot be held during the MMA Annual Meeting, the membership will be notified of the date and time. The purpose of the MMA-YPS Annual Meeting is to elect members of the Executive Committee and set goals for the upcoming year.
- ii. All MMA-YPS Executive Committee members shall be elected by the MMA-YPS members in attendance at the MMA-YPS Annual Meeting. The Executive Committee shall send a request for nominations for elected positions at least four weeks prior to the MMA-YPS Annual Meeting to all MMA-YPS members.
- iii. Elections will take place at the MMA-YPS Annual Meeting. The Chairperson will conduct the election with the assistance of the YPS Staff Liaison; however the Chairperson shall excuse him/herself of this duty if he/she is a candidate for the election in question. The Chairperson-Elect will conduct the election if the Chairperson is unable to do so for any reason.
- iv. A majority of the vote cast is required to elect a nominee. A run-off shall be conducted until one nominee receives a majority vote. After the second ballot, the nominee with the fewest votes is dropped from each subsequent ballot.

vi. **BUSINESS MEETINGS**

- a. Voting Membership: The voting membership shall consist of physician members of the MMA who qualify for membership in the Section.
- b. Purpose: The purpose of business meetings of the Section shall be:
 - i. to hear such reports as may be appropriate;
 - ii. to consider and vote upon such matters as may properly come before the meeting;

- iii. to adopt resolutions for submission by the Section to the House of Delegates of the Minnesota Medical Association and/or the American Medical Association-Young Physicians Section Assembly; and
 - iv. to elect, at the MMA-YPS Annual Meeting, the members of the Executive Committee.
- c. Quorum: At least 50% of Executive Committee members present shall constitute a quorum.
 - d. Electronic communications: the Executive Committee may specify that a meeting may be conducted solely through one or more means of electronic communication.
 - e. Rules of Order: only qualified members of the Young Physicians Section shall have the right to vote at business meetings of the Section.

VII. **APPROVAL AND AMENDMENTS**

These bylaws may be amended during any regular business meeting of the Section by a majority vote, provided notice has been sent to members at least two weeks prior. The MMA Board of Trustees must approve changes to the bylaws.