

MMA Policy Council: A Review

August 15, 2016



MINNESOTA
MEDICAL
ASSOCIATION

Timeline

- **September 2013**: HOD authorizes formation of Policy Council
- **November 2013**: BOT approves framework for Council operating procedures
- **April 2014**: First Council meeting convened
- **September 2014**: First Open Issues Forum convened (plus 2 forums at Annual Conference)
 - **November 2014**: First recommendations to BOT
- **April 2015**: All-day policy conference
- **September 2015**: Second Open Issues Forum (plus 2 forums)
- **September 2016**: HOD reconvenes to decide future of 2013 changes (including Council)

Members

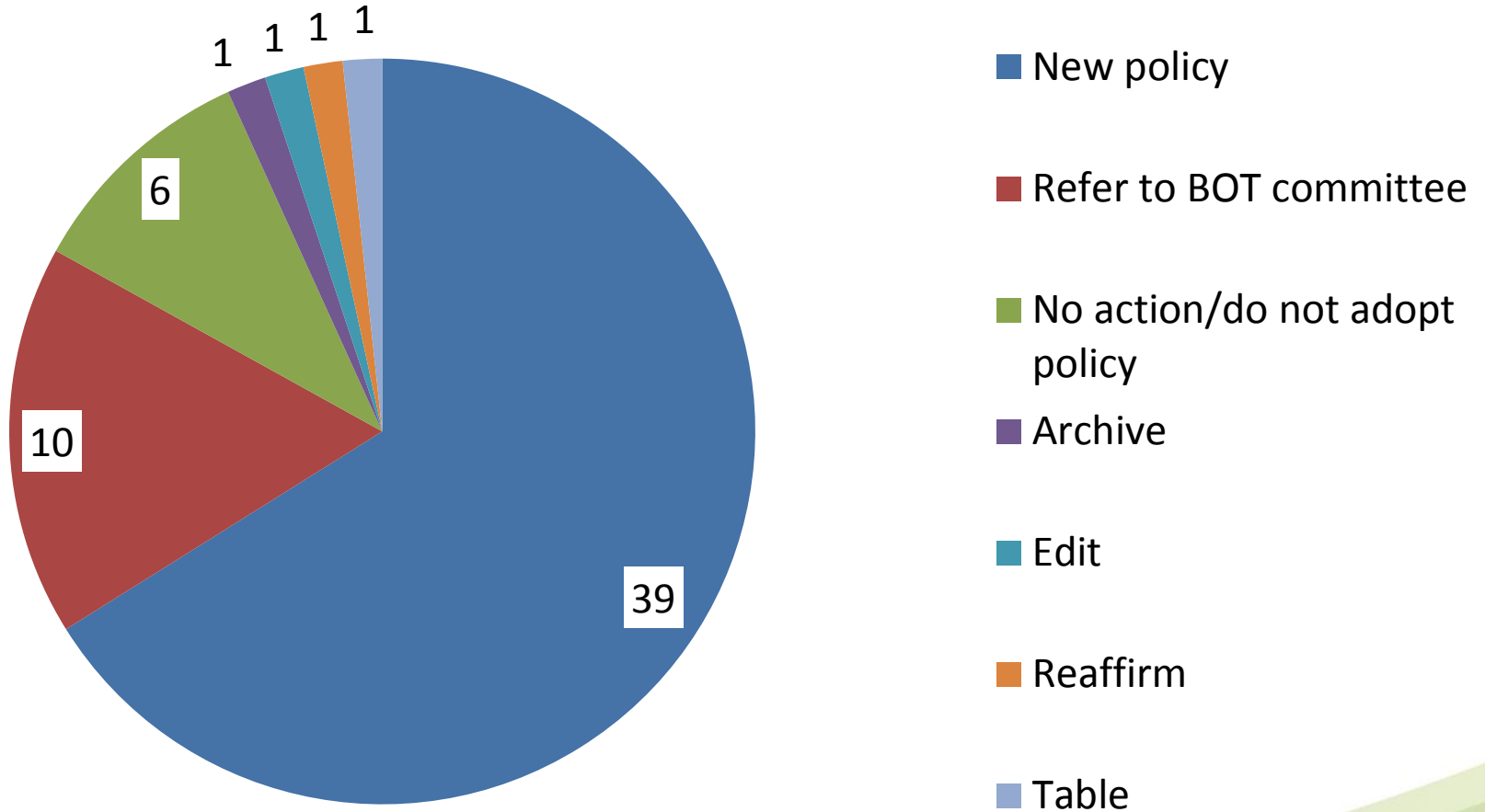
- 40 members (no alternates or proxies) (39 currently)
- 1 = MMA President-Elect
- 5 = at-large members (appointed by MMA Board of Trustees)
- 34 = appointed by staffed component medical society (31) or section (3):

Twin Cities Medical Society	15 members	Full (2 changes)
Zumbro Valley Medical Society	11 members	1 vacancy (2 changes)
Lake Superior Medical Society	2 members	Full
Sterns Benton Medical Society	2 members	Full
Range Medical Society	1 member	Full
Medical Student Section	1 member	Full
Resident and Fellow Section	1 member	Full (1 change)
Young Physicians Section	1 member	Full

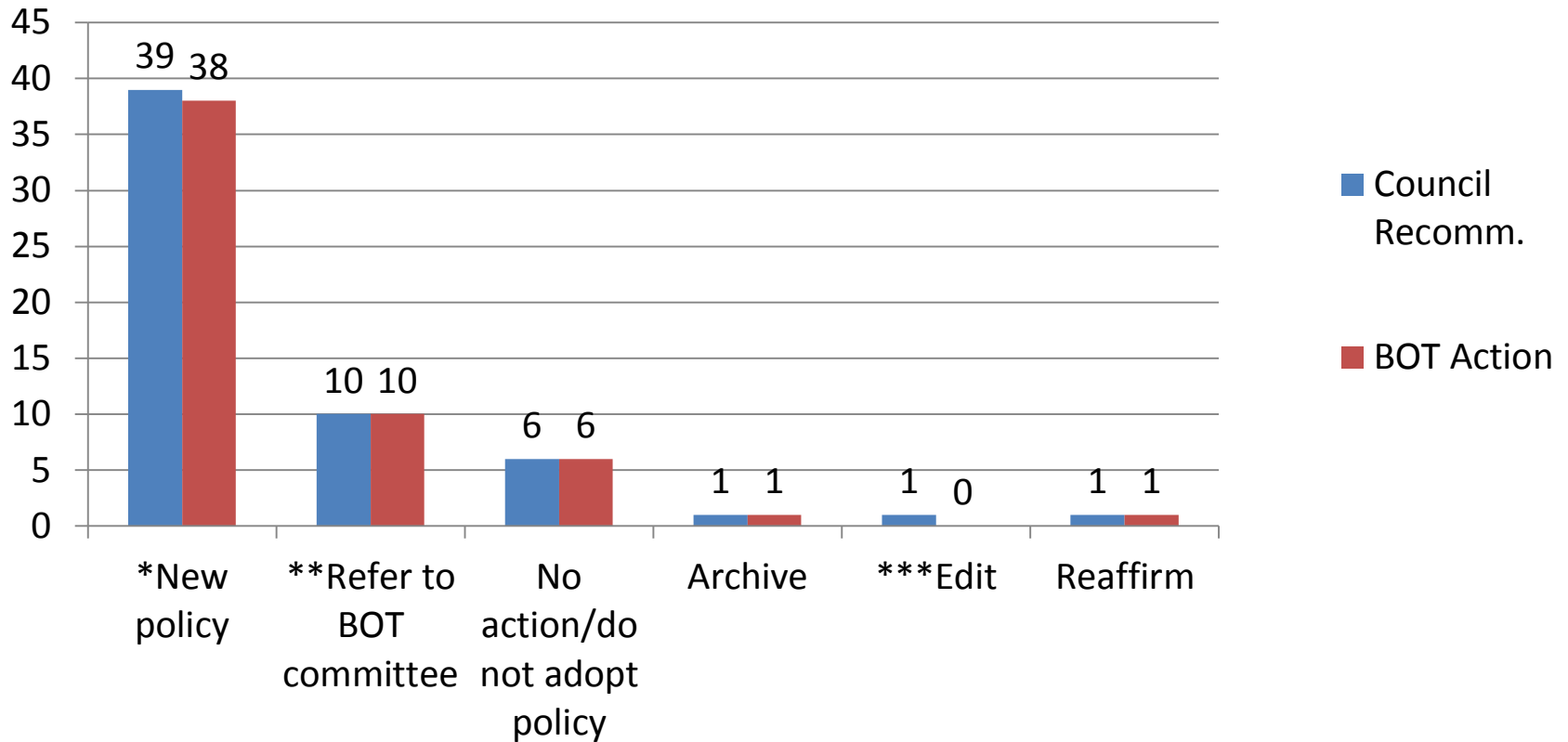
10 Meetings Held (through July 2016)

Meeting	Attendance (Avg: 63.2%)
April 2014	87.5%
August 2014	62.5%
September 2014	85%
October 2014	62.5%
January 2015	52.5%
April 2015	56.4%
August 2015	44.7%
October 2015	37.8%
January 2016	65.8%
April 2016	76.9%
August 2016	TBD
October 2016	TBD

59 Policies/Actions: Council Recommendations



Council and BOT Alignment



Note: counts exclude 1 item tabled by Council (not brought to BOT)

*BOT did not adopt 1 Council recommendation on restrictive covenants policy (Feb. 2016 BOT meeting)

** 1 referral/further study still in process (physician aid-in-dying)

*** BOT tabled 1 Council recommendation to edit existing physician-assisted suicide policy (Nov. 2015 BOT meeting)

Policy Topics

- Climate change
- Aligning MMA/AMA abortion policy
- National practitioner database reporting
- Hospital privileges for procedures
- APRN resources for physicians
- Tobacco sales for under 21
- MMA, MHA expanded roles
- Medicaid sterilization
- Anti-marriage incentives for welfare
- Physician input on candidate endorsement
- Pain management and Joint Commission standards
- Access to birth control
- Personhood proposals
- Gestational carriers
- Prior authorization for surgical procedures
- Comprehensive eye exams
- Telemedicine for reproductive health and informed consent
- Medical liability/tort reform
- Insurance network adequacy/transparency

Policy Topics

- Unilateral hospital bylaws
- Restrictive covenants
- Radon testing
- Physician aid-in-dying
- Paid sick leave
- Provider-based billing
- ATV use by children
- MMA-sponsored insurance
- Telehealth
- Medical cannabis and intractable pain
- Vaccine exemptions
- Prescription Monitoring Program registration
- Prescription drug fraud
- MinnesotaCare financing
- Medical cannabis and PMP reporting
- CPR and food care workers