Resident Fellow Section (RFS)
2017-18 Committee Appointments

Ethics and Medical-Legal Affairs
Mission: To safeguard the highest ethical and moral standards in the delivery of healthcare in Minnesota and to champion professionalism in medicine.

- Address issues that deal with the legal, ethical and moral aspects of medical practice.
- Monitor the issues and activities of the state body responsible for the competency and discipline of Minnesota physicians (Board of Medical Practice).
- Develop and support activities that enhance the role of professionalism in the practice of medicine.
- Monitor and address legislative, regulatory, and judicial activities related to the ethical, moral, and legal delivery of health care.
- Educate Minnesota physician about ethical, moral, and legal issues.
- Communicate relevant issues to the Board of Trustees and MMA membership.

Finance and Audit
Mission: To safeguard the fiscal health and stability of the Minnesota Medical Association.

- Monitor the financial status of the MMA.
- Review the association's financial activities and make recommendations on membership dues levels.
- Develop a budget for recommendation to the Board of Trustees.
- Review proposed non-budgeted projects requiring financial expenditures.
- Review requests for financial assistance.
- Monitor the performance of the Permanent Investment Fund.
- Explore opportunities for economic growth and development to maximize fiscal health and stability.
- Communicate issues pertinent to budget and financial stability to the Board of Trustees and MMA membership.

Medical Practice and Quality
Mission: To understand and influence the socioeconomic, structural, and care delivery changes that affect the practice of medicine in Minnesota and to position the MMA as an influential organization in the areas of quality improvement and patient safety.

- Investigate social and economic factors influencing the practice of medicine.
- Identify and address public and private sector payment and coverage policies that may change or limit access to high quality health care.
- Examine the implications of changes in scopes of practice on access to high quality health care.
• Influence physician culture (norms, attitudes and beliefs) to one that supports the advancement of team care, individualized and population health, measurement and public reporting, use of data, and the robust use of health information technology.

• Serve as a physician voice for measurement and use of data by ensuring measurement, public reporting, and transparency efforts are implemented fairly.

• Understand and monitor relevant legislative and regulatory issues.

• Identify opportunities to integrate information about practice and quality into activities that support physician professionalism and continuing medical education.

• Communicate relevant issues to the Board of Trustees and MMA membership.

**Membership and Communications**

**Charge:** To attract, engage, and support physicians in a manner so compelling and irreplaceable that MMA membership is identified by Minnesota physicians as essential to providing the highest quality health care in Minnesota.

• Assess MMA membership trends, satisfaction, and interests.

• Work to ensure and encourage diversity in membership to ensure membership that is reflective of Minnesota physicians in terms of gender, geography, specialty, practice style, and racial and ethnic diversity. Identify and strengthen the MMA opportunities, activities, and features that incent and facilitate membership recruitment and retention.

• Identify and strengthen opportunities, activities and features for engagement and involvement.

• Identify, create, and facilitate programs designed to attract, maintain, and support membership and enhance MMA membership and involvement.

• Monitor and address legislative and political issues that may create opportunities for, or barriers to, membership.

• Communicate opportunities for involvement, activism, advocacy and leadership to Minnesota physicians. Maximize communication tools and technologies (e.g., Internet, email, social media, Skype, etc.). Communicate issues pertinent to MMA membership issues and activities to the Board of Trustees and MMA membership.

**Public Health**

**Mission:** To optimize the health and wellness of Minnesotans and to address health equity issues and the social determinants of health.

• Address issues related to public and population health (e.g., obesity, diet and exercise, maternal and child care, substance abuse, crime, lifestyle, preventive medicine, environmental and occupational health, etc.). Advocate the importance of a healthy population.

• Work to reduce disparities in health care and to increase equity in health care outcomes.

• Examine opportunities to strengthen relationships between medicine and public health.

• Monitor and address legislative and regulatory issues affecting public health, wellness, and safety. Communicate relevant issues to the Board of Trustees and MMA membership.