

RESOLUTION 42-08A

Title: Annual Theme for House of Delegates

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Referred to: Reference Committee C

House Action: Disapproved

Whereas, the annual meeting of the House of Delegates (HOD) is attended by physicians from throughout Michigan who represent diverse specialties, medical institutions, and communities, giving the House a high potential for, but largely unrealized, impact on public support for issues important to the House, and

Whereas, the HOD historically considers unrelated resolutions across such a wide spectrum of issues without a unifying concept that the potential influence of the House is limited, and

Whereas, adopting a theme for each meeting would concentrate public interest by focusing our resolutions on a contemporary public concern, and

Whereas, candidates for MSMS leadership typically run on the basis of personal stature instead of championing a theme for the tenure of their presidency as a measure of leadership; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS adopt a unifying medical theme for each House of Delegates (e.g. infant mortality, the uninsured, bioterrorism, influenza, stem cell research) and solicit resolutions germane to a programmatic set of solutions; and be it further

RESOLVED: That each candidate for president-elect of MSMS be required to offer a unifying medical theme and a rationale for it as part of a campaign for the office; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS staff support, guide, and publicize a unifying medical theme for the House of Delegates throughout the year prior to the annual meeting to achieve recognition for the program; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS publish a document comprised of adopted resolutions addressing the yearly unifying medical theme after the House of Delegates meeting.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE