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3 **RESOLUTION 41-09A**
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6 **Title: Support Reduction in Paper Utilization at the MSMS House**
7 **of Delegates**
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13 **Referred to: Reference Committee C**
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15 **House Action: Adopted as Amended**
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18 **Whereas, the AMA has passed a resolution entitled “Paperless**
19 **Meetings” at the 2008 Annual meeting of the AMA House of Delegates, and**
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21 **Whereas, the AMA has made an active effort to reduce paper utilization**
22 **at the 2008 Interim meeting of the House of Delegates following the passage of**
23 **the aforementioned resolution, and**
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25 **Whereas, there is an ongoing movement toward increased utilization of**
26 **technology including electronic medical records and the integration of**
27 **technology into daily medical practice is advancing rapidly, and**
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29 **Whereas, technologic advances including the MSMS website and digital**
30 **media such as CD-ROM and USB flash drives provide the ability to deliver**
31 **MSMS meeting materials, late resolutions, and real-time updates with minimal**
32 **cost as compared with production of paper materials, and**
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34 **Whereas, MSMS spent a total of \$9,915 on production of the 2008 House**
35 **of Delegates handbook (\$1,972 on paper, \$5,962 on copying, and \$1,981 on**
36 **UPS, and**
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38 **Whereas, the production and disposal of this amount of paper has a**
39 **significant environmental impact, and**
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41 **Whereas, reduction in paper utilization and adoption of a digital version**
42 **of the MSMS House of Delegates handbook does not preclude the creation of**
43 **printed handbooks for those delegates who wish to have one either through**
44 **their own resources or through MSMS; therefore be it**
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46 **RESOLVED: That MSMS implement the necessary technology changes**
47 **by the 2010 House of Delegates meeting that will allow participating members**
48 **to receive all handbook, supplemental, and daily meeting materials in a**
49 **paperless format; and be it further**

50 **RESOLVED:** That those members who want to receive a hard copy of
51 the MSMS House of Delegates handbook for the 2010 meeting will need to opt
52 in via email or by filling out an appropriate form at the time of registration; and
53 be it further

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55 **RESOLVED:** That MSMS commit to a significant reduction in the use of
56 paper handbooks at the 2010 House of Delegates meeting with the ultimate
57 goal of a paperless House of Delegates meeting; and be it further

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59 **RESOLVED:** That the MSMS Board of Directors demonstrate leadership
60 by committing to a significant reduction in paper utilization starting with its
61 2009 annual summer Board meeting.

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64 **WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE:** The estimate from the
65 Amway Grand Plaza to provide all meeting rooms with wireless internet at the
66 2009 House of Delegates, Friday afternoon through Sunday noon, was \$9,235.