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Title: Amendments to MSMS Young Physicians Section Bylaws
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Referred to: Reference Committee C
House Action: **APPROVE – 1st READING**

Whereas, the MSMS Young Physicians Section (YPS) bylaws regarding county and specialty society representation are outdated and not in conformance with current practice, and

Whereas, the MSMS YPS bylaws are not in conformance with all other MSMS section bylaws regarding eligibility to participate in meetings of the YPS, and

Whereas, this non-conformance could cause confusion and/or reduced participation in the MSMS YPS, and

Whereas, the MSMS YPS Governing Council has voted unanimously to seek approval of the MSMS House of Delegates to amend the MSMS YPS bylaws to conform with other MSMS section bylaws regarding eligibility to participate in YPS meetings; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the MSMS House of Delegates approve on first reading the following amendments to the bylaws of the MSMS Young Physicians Section to bring them into conformance with other MSMS sections and, if approved, that these changes be brought back to the 2017 MSMS House of Delegates for second and final reading:

Deletions are indicated by ~~strikethroughs~~, additions are indicated in **bold type**.

MSMS YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION BYLAWS

1.00 YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION. There shall be a special section for physicians under 40 years of age and/or professionally employed through eight years after residency and fellowship training programs.

1.01 PURPOSE. The purpose of the Michigan State Medical Society Young Physicians Section is to increase the involvement of young physicians in organized medicine and to provide a forum within the organizational structure of the Society for the study and consideration of matters of special interest or significance to young

46 physicians in Michigan. The section will support the purpose of MSMS, as stated
47 in its Constitution.

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49 1.02 MEMBERSHIP. Membership is open to all MSMS members under 40 years of age
50 and/or professionally employed through eight years after residency and
51 fellowship training programs. Professional employment shall exclude
52 postgraduate training and obligated military service. ~~A Delegate and Alternate~~
53 ~~Delegate to the Annual Meeting of the MSMS-YPS (young physicians who are~~
54 ~~voting members of MSMS) will be appointed by society presidents of each of the~~
55 ~~component societies. Each specialty society recognized by the MSMS and AMA~~
56 ~~House of Delegates will be allowed by their society president the appointment of~~
57 ~~one Delegate and one Alternate Delegate.~~

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59 1.03 GOVERNING COUNCIL. There shall be a Governing Council to direct the
60 programs and activities of the Section. A Governing Council member may serve
61 simultaneously in more than one of the positions listed in this section, but shall
62 have only one vote.

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64 1.031 MEMBERS. The Governing Council shall consist of elected officers,
65 delegates, and at-large members elected by the MSMS-YPS. The voting
66 members of the Governing Council shall consist of a Chair, Vice-Chair,
67 Immediate Past Chair, Secretary, one elected Delegate and one elected
68 Alternate Delegate, and two At-Large Members. These members shall be
69 elected at the business meeting of the Section as provided in 1.04 of
70 these Bylaws. There shall never be more votes than council members.
71 Members may serve out their term regardless of age, except for AMA YPS
72 Delegates and Alternate Delegates as described in 1.033.

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74 1.032 OFFICERS. The officers of the Section will have the following duties and
75 responsibilities:

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77 1.0321 Chair: The Chair will preside at the business meetings and meetings of
78 the Governing Council. These responsibilities shall also include serving
79 concurrently at the AMA YPS meetings as an Alternate Delegate (or an
80 appointed designee) and as the MSMS YPS representative to the MSMS
81 Board of Directors for a two-year renewable term to begin at the first
82 Board of Directors meeting after the MSMS House of Delegates. If a
83 vacancy in the YPS seat should occur during a term, a representative
84 chosen by the YPS Governing Council may be appointed to fill the term,
85 with the approval of the Board of Directors.

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87 1.0322 Vice-Chair: The Vice-Chair shall assist the Chair and preside in the
88 absence of the Chair or at the Chair's request. Includes attendance at the
89 AMA YPS meetings as a Delegate (or an appointed designee).

- 90 1.0323 Immediate Past Chair: The Immediate Past Chair shall attend all
91 meetings of the Section and Governing Council and shall assist and advise
92 the Chair.
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- 94 1.0324 Secretary: The Secretary shall maintain such records as may be necessary
95 or advisable for the conduct of the activities of this section.
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- 97 1.033 Two Delegates and Two Alternate Delegates to the AMA YPS (Allocation
98 from AMA varies by year). The AMA YPS Delegates and Alternate
99 Delegates shall represent the members of the Section in the AMA YPS.
100 The delegates and alternates to the AMA YPS meetings must be active
101 members of the AMA and cannot turn 40, or, if in their eighth year in
102 professional employment and over 40, may not enter their ninth year of
103 professional employment, during their term as an AMA YPS Delegate or
104 Alternate. The Chair and Chair-Elect or designees of the Chair shall serve
105 as the additional Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the AMA YPS.
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- 107 1.034 One Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the MSMS HOD. The elected
108 AMA YPS Delegate and Alternate Delegate shall represent the members
109 of the Section at the MSMS House of Delegates.
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- 111 1.035 Two At-Large Members. The Members At-Large will participate in all
112 deliberations of the Governing Council and will perform other duties as
113 directed by the Governing Council.
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- 115 1.036 Term. The Chair shall be elected to a two-year term, after which the
116 Chair shall become the Immediate Past Chair for a two-year term. The
117 Vice-Chair shall be elected to a two-year term, automatically advancing
118 to Chair the third year. The Secretary shall be elected to a two-year term.
119 One MSMS/AMA YPS Delegate and one MSMS/AMA YPS Alternate
120 Delegate shall be elected to two-year terms. At-Large members shall be
121 elected to one-year terms.
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- 123 Nominations are open to all members of the Section. Officers will serve
124 out terms regardless of changes in age or length of professional
125 employment that occur during their terms except as described in Section
126 1.033 above. Governing Council members shall serve their terms
127 beginning at the conclusion of the annual meetings at which they are
128 elected and ending at the conclusion of the next or second annual
129 meeting as described above.
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- 131 1.037 Vacancies. The Chair of the Governing Council has the power to appoint
132 interim replacements for vacancies that occur on the Governing Council.
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- 134 1.038 Authority. The Governing Council shall direct the programs and activities
135 of the YPS during the interval between meetings of the Section. The

136 Council will act on behalf of the Section in formulating decisions relating
137 to the development, administration, and implementation of section
138 activities, subject to approval by the MSMS Board. The Governing
139 Council shall have the authority to debate and approve resolutions for
140 submission to the AMA YPS meetings.

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142 1.039 Meetings. The Governing Council shall meet at least twice yearly under
143 the direction of the chair.

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145 1.04 Business Meetings. The Section shall meet as a whole at least once a year, the
146 annual meeting to be called at the discretion of the Governing Council. ~~A~~
147 ~~Delegate and Alternate Delegate, MSMS young physician members, appointed~~
148 ~~by society presidents of each of the 58 counties and recognized specialty~~
149 ~~societies, will be invited to participate at the Annual Meeting. Any other MSMS~~
150 ~~young physicians may attend and observe during the Annual Meeting, but will~~
151 ~~not have voting privileges; they will also be invited to participate in the~~
152 ~~educational part of the program.~~ Special meetings may be called by the
153 Governing Council when it is deemed that business so requires.

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155 1.041 Voting Membership. The voting membership shall consist of all physician
156 members of the MSMS who qualify for membership in the Section ~~and~~
157 ~~have been selected as Delegate representatives~~ or are members of the
158 Governing Council. If needed, the Secretary and/or designated tellers
159 (alternate delegates) shall count hand written or standing votes and
160 ballots.

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162 1.042 Purpose. The purpose of the business meetings of the Section shall be:
163 a) to hear such reports as may be appropriate;
164 b) to consider and vote upon such matters as may properly come
165 before the meeting;
166 c) to adopt resolutions for submission by the YPS to the House of
167 Delegates of the MSMS and/or the AMA YPS.
168 d) to elect, at the annual business meeting, the members of the
169 Governing Council; and
170 e) to conduct such other business as may properly come before the
171 meeting.

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173 1.043 Quorum. A majority of the voting members present at any meeting of
174 the Section shall constitute a quorum.

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176 1.044 Rules of Order. The rules of order for conduct of business shall be the
177 rules of order of the House of Delegates of the MSMS.

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179 1.0441 Voting and Voice. Any member of the Section may attend,
180 introduce resolutions or reports, and debate issues. ~~Only~~
181 ~~qualified members of the Section shall have the right to vote at~~

182 ~~business meetings of the Section, but~~ Meetings shall be open to
183 any member of MSMS **who qualifies for membership in the**
184 **Section**. The meeting shall be conducted pursuant to rules of
185 procedure adopted by the Governing Council of the Section and
186 approved by the MSMS Board. Any member of MSMS may be
187 permitted to speak at the Section meeting at the discretion of the
188 Chair.

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190 1.0442 Notice. Notice of the meeting to be held shall be provided to the
191 membership of the Section at least 30 days prior to the meeting.
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193 1.05 ELECTIONS. Elections shall take place at every annual business meeting
194 according to the terms described in Section 1.36 of these Bylaws.
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196 1.051 Nominations. Nominations for an office on the MSMS YPS Governing
197 Council shall take place using at least one of the following procedures:

- 198 1) The current Governing Council may submit a slate of candidates
199 for open offices prior to the Section's annual business meeting.
- 200 2) A representative may nominate an individual physician or
201 him/herself to an open position prior to the business meeting.
- 202 3) A representative may nominate an individual physician or
203 him/herself to an open position at the business meeting from the
204 floor.
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206 1.06 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. Funding: ~~dues, if needed, will be determined by the~~
207 ~~Governing Council~~. Any necessary funding of the YPS shall be the responsibility
208 of the MSMS.
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210 1.07 **AMENDMENTS**. These bylaws may be amended during any business meeting of
211 the Section by a majority vote and must be approved by the **MSMS Board of**
212 **Directors or by the MSMS House of Delegates if an amendment affects the**
213 **MSMS Constitution and Bylaws**.
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216 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE