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3 Title: Rescind Membership Categories Active Emeritus and Emeritus
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9 Referred to: Reference Committee C
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11 House Action: **DISAPPROVE**
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14 Whereas, House of Delegates (HOD) Resolution 7-11, "Elimination of Life Membership
15 Category;" HOD Resolution 8-11, "Dues for Retired Members;" and HOD Resolution 40-11, "Dues
16 Payment and Membership Categories," were referred to the MSMS Board of Directors (BOD) for
17 study by the 2011 House of Delegates, and
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19 Whereas, the MSMS BOD resolved that the 2012 MSMS House of Delegates adopt their
20 Board Action Report in lieu of Resolutions 7-11, 8-11, and 40-11, specifically referring this report to
21 the MSMS Committee on Membership Recruitment and Retention for a recommendation, and
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23 Whereas, the Committee on Membership Recruitment and Retention asked that the MSMS
24 Board of Directors recommend that the 2012 House of Delegates approve changes to the MSMS
25 Constitution and Bylaws regarding membership categories and ask MSMS Legal Counsel to draft
26 appropriate bylaws amendments for first reading at the 2013 House of Delegates meeting, referred
27 to as the 2012 Action Report of the Board of Directors #1, Resolutions 7-11, 8-11, 40-11; which
28 amendments were approved, and
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30 Whereas, the most active counties were negatively impacted in the first year since
31 implementation of those amendments as follows: Washtenaw County - 128 members declined
32 Active Emeritus status and one District Director seat was lost; Genesee County - membership fell by
33 over 20 percent due to the institution of Active Emeritus dues, causing a reduction in delegate
34 allotment; Kent County - only 12 members accepted Active Emeritus status; Saginaw County - only
35 seven out of 102 retired members choose to pay Active Emeritus dues, resulting in a 19 percent loss
36 of total membership and two delegate seats, and
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38 Whereas, the loss of institutional memory, capacity and fellowship of the Emeritus
39 members has been a detriment to the active membership; therefore be it
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41 RESOLVED: That MSMS rescind the changes implemented as a result of the adoption of the
42 2012 Action Report of the Board of Directors #1, Resolutions 7-11, 8-11, 40-11.
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45 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: MSMS currently receives about \$20,000 in dues
46 revenue from retirees who choose the "Active Emeritus" membership category. If rescinded,
47 MSMS annual dues revenue would decline by \$20,000.