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3 Title: Inclusion of Northern Michigan in the Rotation for the HOD Meeting
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11 House Action: **APPROVED**
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14 Whereas, MSMS traditionally rotates its annual House of Delegates (HOD) meeting between
15 the east and west side of Michigan, but always holds its meeting in the southern quarter of the
16 state, and

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18 Whereas, MSMS represents physicians from the entire state of Michigan, and

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20 Whereas, travel time for HOD meetings for delegates from the northern half of Michigan is
21 always dramatically longer than that of physicians in the southern portion of the state, and

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23 Whereas, this places a higher burden on delegates from northern Michigan which may
24 impact their representation in the HOD, and

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26 Whereas, the majority of Michigan's population is in the southeastern portion of the state,
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29 Whereas, while many counties in the northern portion of Michigan lack a facility large
30 enough to hold a MSMS meeting, communities such as Traverse City and Mackinac Island have
31 sufficient facilities, and

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33 Whereas, Traverse City has previously hosted an MSMS HOD; therefore be it

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35 RESOLVED: That MSMS continue to rotate the HOD meeting between the east and west
36 side of the state, but at least once every 12 years, the western meeting shall take place in a
37 northern county.
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40 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: \$1,000-\$2,000 for new MSMS policy.

Relevant MSMS Policy:

Bylaws 12.70 MEETINGS - ANNUAL SESSION—The House of Delegates shall meet at least annually at the time and place of the Annual Session of this Society and may hold such number of meetings as the House may determine or its business require, recessing from day to day as may be necessary to complete its business and specifying its own time for the holding of its meeting. The House of Delegates may also be called into session at any time by the Speaker upon a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors, or on petition

of twenty-five percent of the Delegates. The purposes of such special session shall be stated in the notice of call and no other business shall be transacted.

Relevant AMA Policy:

Meetings of the House of Delegates. B-2.12

2.12.1 Regular Meetings of the House of Delegates. The House of Delegates shall meet twice annually, at an Annual Meeting and an Interim Meeting.

2.12.1.1 Business of Interim Meeting. The business of an Interim Meeting shall be focused on advocacy and legislation. Resolutions pertaining to ethics, and opinions and reports of the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs, may also be considered at an Interim Meeting. Other business requiring action prior to the following Annual Meeting may also be considered at an Interim Meeting. In addition, any other business may be considered at an Interim Meeting by majority vote of delegates present and voting.

2.12.2 Special Meetings of the House of Delegates. Special Meetings of the House of Delegates shall be called by the Speaker on written or electronic request by one-third of the members of the House of Delegates, or on request of a majority of the Board of Trustees. When a special meeting is called, the Executive Vice President of the AMA shall mail a notice to the last known address of each member of the House of Delegates at least 20 days before the special meeting is to be held. The notice shall specify the time and place of meeting and the purpose for which it is called, and the House of Delegates shall consider no business except that for which the meeting is called.

2.12.3 Locations. The House of Delegates shall meet in cities selected by the Board of Trustees.

2.12.3.1 Invitation from Constituent Association. A constituent association desiring a meeting within its borders shall submit an invitation in writing, together with significant data, to the Board of Trustees. The dates and the city selected may be changed by action of the Board of Trustees at any time, but not later than 60 days prior to the dates selected for that meeting.

2.12.4 Meetings.

2.12.4.1 Open. The House of Delegates may meet in an open meeting to which any person may be admitted. By majority vote of delegates present and voting, an open meeting may be moved into either a closed or an executive meeting.

2.12.4.2 Closed. A closed meeting shall be restricted to members of the AMA, and to employees of the AMA and of organizations represented in the House of Delegates.

2.12.4.3 Executive. An executive meeting shall be limited to the members of the House of Delegates and to such employees of the AMA necessary for its functioning.