

Actions of the 2021 House of Delegates

Constitutional Amendment 01-20

Title: "Amendments to TMA Constitution"

HOD Action: **Adopted by Unanimous Consent**

Bylaw Amendment 01-20

Title: "Omnibus Bylaw Revisions 2020"

HOD Action: **Adopted as Amended**

Bylaw Amendment No. 01-21

Title: "Changes to Corporate Annual Meeting and House of Delegates in Emergencies or Extraordinary Circumstances"

HOD Action: **Adopted**

Bylaw Amendment No. 02-21

Title: "Member Delinquent Date"

HOD Action: **Adopted**

Bylaw Amendment No. 03-21

Title: "Clarification That Resident and Fellow Members Cannot Vote in TMA Elections"

HOD Action: **Referred to the Constitution & Bylaws Committee**

Bylaw Amendment No. 04-21

Title: "Submission of Annual Reports and Delegate Lists"

HOD Action: **Adopted**

Bylaw Amendment No. 05-21

Title: "TMA Dues for New Members"

HOD Action: **Adopted**

Bylaw Amendment No. 06-21

Title: "Amend Bylaw Chapter V, Section 3 to Develop a More Representative and Diverse Board of Trustees"

HOD Action: **Referred to the Board**

Author: Autry Parker, MD, Ex-Officio & Nita Shumaker, MD, Ex-Officio

Resolution No. 01-20

Title: "Hospitals Charging for Physician Applications" [Reaffirmation of Resolution No. 17-99 and 3-13]
Author: Timothy S. Wilson, Chair, Board of Trustees

HOD Action: **Adopted by Unanimous Consent**

Resolution No. 02-20

Title: "Impairment Reporting"
Author: Timothy S. Wilson, MD, Chair, Board of Trustees

HOD Action: **Adopted**

Substitute Resolution No. 03-20

Title: "Reduction of Firearms Violence: Time for Action"
Author: Richard Lane, MD, Tennessee Chapter of American College of Physicians

HOD Action: **Referred to the Board**

Resolution No. 04-20

Title: "Defining What Constitutes Proper Use of the Terms "Residency" and "Fellowship" When Referring to Specialty Training"
Author: Leah Jesse, MD, Nashville Academy of Medicine

HOD Action: **Adopted by Unanimous Consent**

Resolution No. 05-20

Title: "Ending Rise in Maternal Mortality Rates by Extending Coverage to 12 Months Postpartum"
Author: Noah Harrison, Medical Student Section

HOD Action: **Adopted as Amended by Unanimous Consent**

Resolution No. 01-21 HOD Action: **Adopted by Unanimous Consent**

Title: "Inclusion of Electronic Communications in E-Health Reimbursement" [Reaffirmation of Resolution No. 3-14]

Author: Timothy S. Wilson, MD, Chair, Board of Trustees

Resolution No. 02-21 HOD Action: **Adopted by Unanimous Consent**

Title: "Advocacy for the Mentally Ill" [Reaffirmation of Resolution No. 17-93, 5-00, 17-07 and 8-14]

Author: Timothy S. Wilson, MD, Chair, Board of Trustees

Resolution No. 03-21 HOD Action: **Adopted**

Title: "Tobacco Tax"

Author: Bob Vegors, MD, Tennessee Chapter of American College of Physicians

Resolution No. 04-21 HOD Action: **Adopted as Amended**

Title: "Healthcare Coverage"

Author: Bob Vegors, MD, Tennessee Chapter of American College of Physicians

Resolution No. 05-21 HOD Action: **Referred to the Board**

Title: "Consent for Student Pelvic Exams Performed Under Anesthesia"

Author: Dan Whitfield, Student Delegate, Nashville Academy of Medicine

Resolution No. 06-21 HOD Action: **Adopted as Amended**

Title: "Prior Authorization Requirements to Prescribe Buprenorphine/Naloxone for Opioid Use Disorder"

Author: Leah Jesse, MD, Nashville Academy of Medicine & Noah Harrison, Medical Student Section

Resolution No. 07-21 HOD Action: **Adopted**

Title: "Support for Responsible and Comprehensive Tennessee Medical Marijuana Program"

Author: Clayton Bell, MD, Knoxville Academy of Medicine

Resolution No. 08-21 HOD Action: **Adopted as Amended**

Title: "Regional Representation on TMA Committees"

Author: Andrew Watson, MD, The Memphis Medical Society & J. Eugene Huffstutter, MD, Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Society

Resolution No. 09-21 HOD Action: **Adopted by Unanimous Consent**

Title: "Establishment of a Privacy Policy for Resolutions to the House of Delegates"

Author: Jeffery Ollis, MD, Knoxville Academy of Medicine

Resolution No. 10-21 HOD Action: **Adopted**

Title: "Policy on Organizational Unity"

Author: Nicole Schlechter, MD, Nashville Academy of Medicine

Resolution No. 11-21 HOD Action: **Referred to the Board**

Title: "Truth in Advertising When Defining Dermatology and Dermatologist"

Author: John Binhlam, MD, Tennessee Dermatology Society

Resolution No. 12-21 HOD Action: **Adopted**

Title: "Evaluation of Possible Incentives for Pharmacy-owned Medical Clinics by Pharmaceutical Companies"

Author: Rosalind Cadigan, MD, Knoxville Academy of Medicine

Resolution No. 13-21

HOD Action: **Adopted by Unanimous Consent**

Title: "Delegation of Cosmetic Surgical Procedures" [Reaffirmation of Resolution No. 6-13]

Author: Robin Williams, MD, Nashville Academy of Medicine

Resolution No. 14-21

HOD Action: **Adopted by Unanimous Consent**

Title: "Expanding Access to Care" [Reaffirmation of Resolution No. 7-13]

Author: Robin Williams, MD, Nashville Academy of Medicine

Resolution No. 15-21

HOD Action: **Adopted by Unanimous Consent**

Title: "Mental Health Screening" [Reaffirmation of Resolution No. 8-13]

Author: Robin Williams, MD, Nashville Academy of Medicine

Resolution of Commendation

HOD Action: **Adopted by Unanimous Consent**

Title: Recognition of Nashville Academy of Medicine's Bicentennial Anniversary

Author: Timothy S. Wilson, MD, Chair, Board of Trustees

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT MAY 22, 2021

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Constitutional Amendment No. 01-20

INTRODUCED BY: COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
ROBIN WILLIAMS, MD, CHAIR

SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO TMA CONSTITUTION

RESOLVED, That this Resolution be considered presented in open meeting of the 2020 TMA House of Delegates in compliance with Article VI of the TMA Constitution; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2020 House of Delegates is hereby on notice of the intent by the TMA Constitution & Bylaw Committee to introduce a resolution or resolutions at the 2021 TMA House of Delegates to amend the TMA Constitution as follows:

- a. By repealing Article III of the TMA Constitution, "Code of Ethics," and simultaneously placing it in an appropriate chapter of the TMA Bylaws along with reference to the A.O.A. Code of Ethics; and
- b. By repealing Article V of the TMA Constitution; and
- c. By renumbering the Articles of the TMA Constitution accordingly to accommodate the repealed Articles

ADOPTED AS AMENDED MAY 22, 2021

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Bylaw Amendment No. 01-20

INTRODUCED BY: ROBIN WILLIAMS, MD, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

SUBJECT: OMNIBUS BYLAW REVISIONS 2020

RESOLVED, That TMA Bylaw Chapter I, Section A.10 be amended by deletion so as to read as follows:

~~**Sec. 10.** No person who is under sentence of suspension or expulsion from any component society of this Association or whose name has been dropped from its roll of members shall be entitled to any of the rights or benefits of this Association, or be permitted to take part in any of its proceedings until such time as he or she has been relieved of such disability; and be it further~~

RESOLVED, That Chapter I, Section B.6 be amended by deletion so as to read as follows:

~~**Sec. 6.** Only one component society shall be chartered in any county. When more than one society exists, friendly overtures and concessions shall be made with the aid of the councilor for the district, if necessary, and all of the members brought into one organization. In case of failure to unite, an appeal may be made to the Judicial Council, which shall decide what action shall be taken; and be it further~~

RESOLVED, That Chapter I, Section B.7 be deleted in its entirety and the subsequent sections be renumbered accordingly.

~~**Sec. 7.** The Judicial Council shall have original jurisdiction in cases involving questions of membership eligibility due to loss or lack of Tennessee licensure for cause; and be it further~~

RESOLVED, That Chapter I, Section B.9 be amended by deletion so as to read as follows:

Sec. 9. A physician may hold membership in that component society most convenient for him or her to attend, on permission of the society in whose jurisdiction the physician principally practices and that of the society he or she seeks to join, ~~and with consent of the councilor of that district.~~ If a physician lives and practices in a county that does not have a chartered component society, or is not a part of one, or if a physician lives and practices in a county containing a component society designated as dormant, then he or she may join the Association directly. When more than ten physicians from a county belong to the Association directly, then that group of physicians may apply for a charter with the Association to form a component society pursuant to the procedures outlined in this Constitution and Bylaws; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Chapter I, Section B.12 be amended by deletion and insertion so as to read as follows:

Sec. 12. At some meeting in advance of the annual meeting of this Association, each component society shall elect a delegate or delegates to represent it in the House of Delegates of this Association, in the proportion of one delegate and one alternate delegate to each fifty members or fraction thereof; ~~and the secretary of the society shall send a list of such delegates to the secretary-treasurer of this Association on or before January 1 preceding the annual meeting,~~ and the secretary of the society shall send a list of such delegates to the secretary-treasurer of this Association before commencement of the annual meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Chapter III, Section 1 be amended by deletion so as to read as follows:

Sec. 1. The House of Delegates shall be the legislative and business body of the Association, and shall be composed of (1) delegates elected by the component societies and all sections of the Association; (2) ex-officio officers; (3) the former presidents of the Association; (4) the Association's delegates to the American Medical Association; (5) the general officers of the American Medical Association, members of councils elected by the American Medical Association House of Delegates, and former presidents of the American Medical Association; (6) the Commissioner of Health and the Commissioner of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities for the state of Tennessee or the chief medical officer of either of these departments if the

commissioner is ineligible; ~~(7) the editor of the Journal of the Tennessee Medical Association;~~ and (8) delegates representing statewide medical specialty societies that meet the requisite criteria established by the House of Delegates. All members of the House of Delegates must be members in good standing of the Association. The House of Delegates shall conduct its affairs in conformance with the Board of Trustees' current antitrust compliance policy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Chapter IV, Section A.1 be amended by deletion so as to read as follows:

Sec. 1. The officers of the Association shall be a president, president-elect, immediate past president, the elected trustees, ~~the councilors,~~ and a speaker of the House of Delegates; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Chapter IV, Subsection B.1 be amended by insertion and deletion so as to read as follows:

Elections for speaker of the House of Delegates and vice-speaker shall be by vote of the House of Delegates and the majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. The House of Delegates shall elect the speaker and vice speaker of the House of Delegates, ~~the vice-speaker, and confirm the selection of member(s) for the Outstanding Physician Award~~ from a slate of nominee(s) certified by the Nominating Committee and any nomination properly made during a session of the House of Delegates and reviewed by the Nominating Committee prior to the taking of a vote; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Chapter IV, Subsection B.2(b) be amended by deletion and the subsections be renumbered accordingly so as to read as follows:

Sec. 2. By September 1 of each year, each region shall appoint one representative to the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall be convened by the President who shall serve as chair of the Nominating Committee, but not vote. The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of one due-paying member in good standing from each of the eight regions. The term of the appointed members of the Nominating Committee shall be one year. No appointed member of the Nominating Committee may serve more than three consecutive years. No member of the Nominating Committee may be a TMA officer. No member serving on the Nominating Committee may

be nominated for an office or a position while he/she serves on the Nominating Committee. Vacancies on the Nominating Committee shall be filled as expeditiously as possible by appointment by the region. The elected trustee from each region shall report the region's representative to the Nominating Committee.

It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to:

- a) Appoint direct member delegates pursuant to Bylaw Chapter III, Section 4; and
- ~~b) Confirm the selection of the member recipients of the Outstanding Physician Award; up to one member per Grand Division of the state; and~~
- ~~e)b)~~ Solicit suggestions for nominees for each office or position from component medical societies, specialty societies eligible to be represented by a delegate in the TMA House of Delegates, and the membership at large; and
- ~~d)c)~~ Identify nominees and obtain the assent of each nominee to be placed in nomination for office or position; and
- ~~e)d)~~ Certify that each nominee meets the qualifications for the office or position to which he or she is nominated; and
- ~~f)e)~~ By December 1 of each year, submit nominees to the chief executive officer for open positions for: speaker and vice-speaker of the TMA House of Delegates, president-elect, councilors, and board of trustees.

The Nominating Committee may, and is encouraged to, submit more than one nominee for each office or position at its discretion. The Nominating Committee may be convened by the president by electronic means; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Chapter IV, Section C.1 be amended by deletion so as to read as follows:

Sec. 1. The president shall be the head of the profession of the state during his or her term of office and as far as practicable shall visit by invitation each of the various component societies of the state and assist ~~the councilors~~ in building up these societies and in making their work more practical and useful. In the event of the president's death, resignation, inability to serve, or removal from office, the Board of Trustees shall name a replacement from the following officers 1) president-elect; 2) chairman of the Board of Trustees; and 3) another member of the

Board of Trustees. In the event that this priority order leads to the election of the chairman of the board as president, the Board of Trustees shall then select a new chairman; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Chapter IV, Section C.2 be amended by deletion so as to read as follows:

Sec. 2. The secretary-treasurer of this Association shall be the custodian of all funds of the Association. The secretary-treasurer may be required by the Board to be bonded or to be adequately insured to fully indemnify the Association for any acts or omissions or both which may occur given the office's fiduciary duties and responsibilities and position of trust. This indemnity shall be in such amount as the remaining members of the Board of Trustees may name, which amount shall be paid for by the Association. The secretary-treasurer shall demand and receive all funds due the Association, together with bequests and donations. All funds shall be invested according to investment policy set by the Board of Trustees. Investment policy should be made available to the members of the House of Delegates as part of the Secretary-Treasurer's annual report. Money shall be paid out of the Association's accounts on valid bills received in due course by the secretary-treasurer or the chief executive officer of the Association only. All Association accounts shall be subject to such examination as the House of Delegates may order. The secretary-treasurer shall provide an accounting to the House of Delegates, ~~by an annual audit to be conducted by a certified public accountant retained by the Board,~~ concerning his or her acts and the state of the Association's funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Chapter IV, Section C.5 be deleted in its entirety and the remaining sections be renumbered accordingly:

~~**Sec. 5.** The editor of the Journal shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees. Subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees, the editor may select an editorial board to be composed of as many members as deemed appropriate. The editor's honorarium shall be determined by the Board of Trustees.; and be it further~~

RESOLVED, That Chapter IV, Section C.6 be amended by deletion so as to read as follows:

Sec. 6. The Board of Trustees shall be empowered to select and remove, without cause, the chief executive officer. The chief executive officer may or may not be a member of this Association, and may or may not be a graduate in medicine. The chief executive officer shall be custodian of all records, books, papers, building and property belonging to the Association, except such property belonging to ~~the editor of the Journal, the Judicial Council, and~~ the various committees, and shall keep account of and promptly turn over to the secretary-treasurer all funds of the Association. He or she shall provide for the registration of members and delegates at the annual meeting and upon request shall transmit a copy of this list to the American Medical Association. Insofar as possible, the chief executive officer shall use the printed matter, correspondence, and influence of the directorate to aid ~~the councilors~~ in the organization of the component societies and in the extension of the power and influence of this Association. If deemed necessary, the chief executive officer or a designee shall visit each ~~councilor~~ region at least once a year to assist ~~the councilors~~ in organizing unorganized counties, and to use every means possible to promote the interests of the Association. The chief executive officer's further duties shall include conducting the official correspondence, notifying members of meetings, officers of their election and committees of their appointment and duties, serving as recorder for the House of Delegates, and such other duties as the Board of Trustees shall direct. Finally, the chief executive officer shall ~~act as business manager of the Journal of the Association, and shall~~ be responsible for all personnel and the direction of all activities in the Association headquarters. The Board of Trustees shall determine the chief executive officer's salary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Chapter V, Section 2 be amended by deletion and insertion so as to read as follows:

Sec. 2. The prerequisites in order for a member to qualify for a Board position are that he/she have at least three consecutive years of membership in TMA immediately preceding nomination and have served as an officer or committee member in a component medical society or at the TMA level or be a graduate of ~~TMA's Physician Leadership College~~ leadership development program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Chapter V, Section 6 be deleted in its entirety and the remaining sections be renumbered accordingly so as to read as follows:

~~**Sec. 6.** The Board of Trustees shall have entire control of the publication, the policy, and the editorial and financial management of the Journal of the Association. It shall be authorized and empowered to make all contracts necessary for the conduct of the Journal. It shall appoint the editor of the Journal; and be it further~~

RESOLVED, That Chapter VI, Section 1 be amended by deletion and insertion so as to read as follows:

~~**Sec. 1.** The Judicial Council shall hold meetings during the annual meeting and such other times as necessity may require, subject to the call of the chair or on petition of three councilors. Following the election of councilors, t~~The Judicial Council shall meet for organizational purposes to elect a chair and a secretary; and to outline its work for the ensuing year. The Judicial Council shall keep a permanent record of its proceedings. Four councilors shall constitute a quorum. The president, ~~secretary treasurer, and speaker of the House of Delegates~~ shall be an ex-officio members of the Judicial Council without vote; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Chapter VI, Section 3 be amended by deletion and insertion so as to read as follows:

Sec. 3. A councilor shall be designated by the chair to investigate each matter referred to the Judicial Council relating to allegedly improper conduct or activities of officers or component societies. Such councilor shall file a written report to the findings with the Judicial Council and may participate in the Judicial Council's discussion of the matter. However, he or she shall not be entitled to vote thereon. ~~Councilors shall be responsible for indoctrination in all matters of ethics of each new member of the Tennessee Medical Association on an annual basis;~~ and be it further

RESOLVED, That the first sentence of Chapter VI, Subsection 4(a) be amended by deletion and insertion so as to read as follows:

- a) The Judicial Council shall hold hearings on all matters relating to the censure, suspension, expulsion, or other

disciplinary action, including the removal ~~from~~ of an
Association officer_ for cause; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Chapter VI, Subsections 4(c) and (d) be amended by deletion and insertion so as to read as follows:

(c) The decision of the Judicial Council shall be final and binding on all parties unless within thirty days from the date on which the decision was mailed as provided for herein, and aggrieved member mails a written notice of appeal to the ~~American Medical Association with a copy to the~~ chief executive officer. In the case of a component society or officer that is aggrieved by a Judicial Council decision about its charter or status within the Association, the component society or officer may appeal the decision to the House of Delegates within thirty days from the date of the decision. Thereafter, within sixty days, the president shall convene the House of Delegates for the purpose of having the House hear such component society's appeal. All interested parties shall be given at least thirty days written notice of such hearing and shall have the right to be represented by counsel.

(d) The House of Delegates shall make a written report of its decision and mail a copy of the same to the component society or officer with respect to which the matter relates. The decision of the House of Delegates shall be final; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Chapter VI, Section 5 be amended by deletion and insertion so as to read as follows:

Sec. 5. The Judicial Council may conduct its meetings or hearings by electronic means at the call of the Judicial Council ~~president chair;~~ and be it further

RESOLVED, That Chapter VIII, Section 1 be amended by deletion so as to read as follows:

Sec. 1. The annual dues shall be determined by the House of Delegates and shall be levied per capita on the active members ~~and on the intern and resident members~~ of the chartered component societies. No dues shall be paid by veteran, special, associate, resident/fellow, student, or honorary members. The annual dues shall be payable on or before January 1 of the year for which they are levied. Members whose dues are not reported to

the Tennessee Medical Association by March 31 shall be considered delinquent. The secretary of each component society shall collect and forward to the Association the dues for its members except for those members billed directly by or for the Association. Any member who is delinquent at the end of the year may be assessed a reinstatement fee at the discretion of the Board of Trustees, in addition to the regular dues when reapplying for membership in a subsequent year. ~~Every dues-paying member of the Association shall receive the Journal without cost;~~ and be it further

RESOLVED, That Chapter VIII, Section 3 be amended by deletion so as to read as follows:

Sec. 3. The honorary members of any component society are exempt from the payment of dues, but a complete list of the names, certified by the respective component society, will be reported annually to the Association. Likewise, a component society is required to report a list of its veteran members who have been elected by that society ~~and the Journal will be furnished to veteran members at nominal cost;~~ and be it further

RESOLVED, That Chapter VIII, Section 4 be amended by deletion so as to read as follows:

Sec. 4. The secretary or treasurer of each component society shall forward a roster of all officers, members, and delegates to the House of Delegates of the Tennessee Medical Association, together with a list of non-affiliated physicians of the county if practical, and also a list of members who have died during the year to the chief executive officer of this Association ~~thirty days~~ in advance of the annual meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this House of Delegates authorizes and approves housekeeping changes to the numbering of Bylaw sections and subsections and changes to the numbering of sections and subsections referenced by other Bylaw provisions.

ADOPTED MAY 22, 2021

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Bylaw Amendment No. 01-21

INTRODUCED BY: COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
ROBIN WILLIAMS, MD, CHAIR

SUBJECT: CHANGES TO CORPORATE ANNUAL MEETING AND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
IN EMERGENCIES OR EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

RESOLVED, That TMA Bylaw Chapter I, Section 12 be amended by insertion and deletion so as to read as follows:

Sec. 12. At some meeting in advance of the annual meeting of ~~this Association~~ the House of Delegates, each component society shall elect a delegate or delegates to represent it in the House of Delegates of this Association, in the proportion of one delegate and one alternate delegate to each fifty members or fraction thereof; and the secretary of the society shall send a list of such delegates to the secretary-treasurer of this Association on or before January 1 preceding the annual House of Delegates meeting. And be it further

RESOLVED, That the title of TMA Bylaw Chapter II be amended by insertion so as to read as follows:
Corporate Annual Meeting of the Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Chapter II, Section 1 be amended by deletion and insertion so as to read as follows:

Sec. 1. The Association shall hold a ~~an~~ corporate annual meeting on the dates and at such places as have been set by the Board of Trustees. Scientific meetings of the Association may be held in conjunction with the annual meetings, and shall be open to all registered members and guests. And be it further

RESOLVED, That Chapter II, Section 2 be amended by insertion and deletion so as to read as follows.

Sec. 2. Except for the provisions of Chapter III, Section 2, if for any reason a corporate annual meeting cannot be held on the date named, another date shall be set by the Board of Trustees, provided the component societies are notified of the change by the chief executive officer as far in advance as possible and, if time permits, direct individual notice shall be given to the entire membership. And be it further

RESOLVED, That Chapter II, Section 6 be amended by insertion so as to read as follows:

Sec. 6. The corporate annual meeting of the Association may be conducted by electronic means as authorized by state law and if so directed by the Board of Trustees. And be it further

RESOLVED, That Chapter III, Section 2 be amended by insertion and deletion so as to read as follows:

Sec. 2. The House of Delegates shall meet annually at the time and place of the corporate annual meeting of the Association unless the Board determines that because special circumstances exist, the corporate annual meeting and the annual meeting of the House of Delegates should take place separately. If such determination is made by the Board, the component societies shall be notified of the change by the chief executive officer as far in advance as possible and, if time permits, direct individual notice shall be given to the entire membership. Any additional special House of Delegates meeting other than ~~the~~ its annual meeting may be conducted by electronic means as authorized by state law. The annual meeting of the House of Delegates may be conducted by electronic means only if the Board determines that extraordinary circumstances exist such that it would be impossible, illegal, or a threat to public health to hold an in-person meeting. If such determination is made by the Board, the component societies shall be notified of the change by the chief executive officer as far in advance as possible and, if time permits, direct individual notice shall be given to the entire membership. Special meetings of the House of Delegates shall be called at the president's discretion or upon petition of twenty percent of the delegates. Delegates shall serve a term beginning with their credentialing at the House of Delegates meeting during the annual meeting until the House of Delegates is convened at the following annual meeting. The number of delegates from each component society to a special meeting shall be determined as set out in Section 3 of this chapter.

Each component society will determine term limits, if any, for its delegates. And be it further

RESOLVED, That Chapter III, Section 3 be amended by deletion so as to read as follows:

Sec. 3. Each component society shall be entitled to send to the House of Delegates each year one delegate for every fifty active, veteran, and intern and resident members, and one for every fraction thereof, based upon the number of such members in the component society in good standing as of the end of the year preceding the meeting of the House. Each component society shall also be entitled to send one student delegate from its membership to the House for each medical school in its territorial jurisdiction. Each component society holding a charter from the Association, which has made its annual report and paid its assessment as provided in the Constitution and Bylaws, shall be entitled to at least one delegate. No delegate from any chartered component society shall be entitled to be seated in the House of Delegates unless the component society which he or she represents has complied with the requirements of the Association by submitting the report to the councilor of the district in which the component society is located. Each delegate of a component society shall be a proxy representing all of the component society's members, except as to matters upon which a referendum is held as provided in Article IV of the Constitution, ~~and the meeting of the House of Delegates shall constitute the annual meeting of the members of the Association in accordance with the requirements of the law of the state of Tennessee relating to general welfare corporations.~~ And be it further

RESOLVED, That Chapter IV, Section A.5 be amended by deletion and insertion so as to read as follows:

Sec. 5. All officers of the Association shall assume office at the conclusion of the ~~second regular session of the House of Delegates~~ corporate annual meeting. And be it further

RESOLVED, That Chapter IV, Section C.6 be amended by insertion so as to read as follows:

Sec. 6. The Board of Trustees shall be empowered to select and remove, without cause, the chief executive officer. The chief executive officer may or may not be a member of this Association,

and may or may not be a graduate in medicine. The chief executive officer shall be custodian of all records, books, papers, building and property belonging to the Association, except such property belonging to the editor of the Journal, the Judicial Council, and the various committees, and shall keep account of and promptly turn over to the secretary-treasurer all funds of the Association. He or she shall provide for the registration of members and delegates at the annual House of Delegates meeting and upon request shall transmit a copy of this list to the American Medical Association. Insofar as possible, the chief executive officer shall use the printed matter, correspondence, and influence of the directorate to aid the councilors in the organization of the component societies and in the extension of the power and influence of this Association. If deemed necessary, the chief executive officer or a designee shall visit each councilor region at least once a year to assist the councilors in organizing unorganized counties, and to use every means possible to promote the interests of the Association. The chief executive officer's further duties shall include conducting the official correspondence, notifying members of meetings, officers of their election and committees of their appointment and duties, serving as recorder for the House of Delegates, and such other duties as the Board of Trustees shall direct. Finally, the chief executive officer shall act as business manager of the Journal of the Association, and shall be responsible for all personnel and the direction of all activities in the Association headquarters. The Board of Trustees shall determine the chief executive officer's salary. And be it further

RESOLVED, That Chapter V, Section 8 be amended by insertion so as to read as follows:

Sec. 8. In the event of a vacancy by death, resignation or removal of any member of the Board of Trustees between the corporate annual meetings of the Association, the Regional Nominating Committee in the region which the vacancy occurs shall fill the unexpired term.

ADOPTED MAY 22, 2021

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Bylaw Amendment 02-21

INTRODUCED BY: COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
ROBIN WILLIAMS, MD, CHAIR

SUBJECT: MEMBER DELINQUENT DATE

RESOLVED, That TMA Bylaw Chapter VIII, Section 1 be amended by deletion and insertion so as to read as follows:

Sec. 1. The annual dues shall be determined by the House of Delegates and shall be levied per capita on the active members and on the intern and resident members of the chartered component societies. No dues shall be paid by veteran, special, associate, resident/fellow, student, or honorary members. The annual dues shall be payable on or before January 1 of the year for which they are levied. ~~Members whose dues are not reported to the Tennessee Medical Association by March 31 shall be considered delinquent.~~ The Board may determine the date on which member dues shall be considered delinquent. The secretary of each component society shall collect and forward to the Association the dues for its members except for those members billed directly by or for the Association. Any member who is delinquent at the end of the year may be assessed a reinstatement fee at the discretion of the Board of Trustees, in addition to the regular dues when reapplying for membership in a subsequent year. Every dues-paying member of the Association shall receive the Journal without cost.

REFERRED TO THE CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS COMMITTEE MAY 22, 2021

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Bylaw Amendment 03-21

INTRODUCED BY: COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
ROBIN WILLIAMS, MD, CHAIR

SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION THAT RESIDENT AND FELLOW MEMBERS CANNOT VOTE
IN TMA ELECTIONS

RESOLVED, That Bylaw Chapter IV, Section B.4 be amended by deletion so as to read as follows:

Sec. 4. In the ~~membership-at-large~~ balloting for president-elect, if no one received a majority of the votes cast, the top two vote recipients shall be in a runoff to decide the election. There will be no runoff balloting...; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Chapter IV, Section B.6 be amended by insertion so as to read as follows:

Sec. 6. Only active and veteran members of the TMA in good standing at the time elections are held are eligible to participate on the Nominating Committee, or cast a vote in any election.

ADOPTED MAY 22, 2021

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Bylaw Amendment 04-21

INTRODUCED BY: COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
ROBIN WILLIAMS, MD, CHAIR

SUBJECT: SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL REPORTS AND DELEGATE LISTS

RESOLVED, That TMA Bylaw Chapter I, Section B.12 be amended by deletion and insertion so as to read as follows:

At some meeting in advance of the annual meeting...; and the secretary of the society shall send a list of such delegates to the secretary-treasurer of this Association on or before January 1 preceding the annual meeting. A component society may submit amendments to the delegate list up until, and during, the House of Delegates proceedings; and be it further

RESOLVED, That TMA Bylaw Chapter III, Section 3 be amended by deletion and insertion so as to read as follows:

Each component society shall... No delegate from any chartered component society shall be entitled to be seated in the House of Delegates unless the component society has complied with the requirements of the Association by submitting the annual report to the ~~councilor of the district in which the component society is located~~ secretary-treasurer of the Association. Each delegate of a component society shall...

ADOPTED MAY 22, 2021

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Bylaw Amendment 05-21

INTRODUCED BY: COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
ROBIN WILLIAMS, MD, CHAIR

SUBJECT: TMA DUES FOR NEW MEMBERS

RESOLVED, That TMA Bylaw Chapter VIII, Section 2 be deleted in its entirety and that the remaining sections of the Chapter be renumbered accordingly:
~~Sec. 2. A new member joining the Association for the first time and who is so reported after July 1 of a given year shall pay one half of the annual dues for the year only. During the first year of practice, he or she will pay one fourth dues for that year and one half for the following year.~~

REFERRED TO THE BOARD MAY 22, 2021

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Bylaw Amendment No. 06-21

INTRODUCED BY: DANIELLE HASSEL, MD, DELEGATE, MEMPHIS MEDICAL SOCIETY
NITA SHUMAKER, MD, EX-OFFICIO DELEGATE

SUBJECT: AMEND BYLAW CHAPTER V, SECTION 3 TO DEVELOP A MORE
REPRESENTATIVE AND DIVERSE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLVED, That Bylaw Chapter V, Section 3 be amended by deletion and insertion as follows:

Sec. 3. Members of the Board of Trustees shall be elected on a regional basis, one position elected from each of the eight regions with an additional position for each region with more than 500 ~~1000~~ dues paying members as determined by TMA in such region by October 1 of the year preceding the election. Additional position trustees shall serve their complete terms even if the region's membership falls below 500 ~~1000~~ members during non-election years. Members from counties without constituted medical societies are counted in their regional total. Regions will show a reasonable attempt toward recruiting diverse candidates for its elected positions in its report to the nominating committee. Regions which receive an additional trustee position will be financially responsible for that trustee's reimbursable expenses traditionally compensated by the Tennessee Medical Association.

The Resident/Fellow physician member of the Board of Trustees shall be selected by the Resident/Fellow Physician Section when its number reaches and maintains at least 300 members for a year, to be reviewed annually.

The student member of the Board of Trustees shall be selected by the Medical Student Section when its number reaches and maintains at least 300 members for a year, to be reviewed annually.

The Young Physician Section member of the Board of Trustees shall be selected by the Young Physician Section when its number reaches and maintains at least 300 members for a year, to be reviewed annually.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT MAY 22, 2021

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution No. 01-20

INTRODUCED BY: TMA BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TIMOTHY S WILSON, MD, CHAIR

SUBJECT: HOSPITALS CHARGING FOR PHYSICIAN APPLICATIONS
(REAFFIRMATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-99 and 3-13)

REFERRED TO: CONSENT CALENDAR

RESOLVED, That application fees associated with hospital staff membership be decided by the medical staff; and be it further

RESOLVED, That any monies raised by application fees associated with hospital staff membership be used for the collective good of the medical staff and do not offset the hospital's administrative costs.

Sunset: 2028

ADOPTED MAY 22, 2021

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution No. 02-20

INTRODUCED BY: TMA BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TIMOTHY S. WILSON, MD, CHAIR

SUBJECT: IMPAIRMENT REPORTING

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association align its policy with the current American Medical Association, Federation of State Medical Boards and other state policies that seek to remove barriers to physicians seeking mental health assistance; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association encourage other credentialing bodies such as hospital staffs and insurance companies to adopt similar policy focusing on current impairment rather than illness.

Sunset: 2028

REFERRED TO THE BOARD MAY 22, 2021

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Substitute Resolution No. 03-20

INTRODUCED BY: RICHARD G. LANE, MD, MACP, DELEGATE
TENNESSEE CHAPTER OF AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS

SUBJECT: REDUCTION OF FIREARMS VIOLENCE: TIME FOR ACTION

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association (TMA) work with police unions and law enforcement associations to develop and support legislative efforts promoting firearm safety education, as part of a public health approach to reduce firearm mortality; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the TMA develop educational materials to support physicians in screening and counseling patients regarding safe storage of firearms to reduce the risk of firearm injury in homes with children, adolescents, people with dementia, people with substance use disorders, or people with serious mental illness that are associated with greater risk of harming themselves or others; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the TMA recognizes that firearm-related injury and death is a public health issue and supports funding research to better understand the causes and consequences of firearm-related injury and death and to identify, test, and implement strategies to reduce these events.

Sunset: 2028

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT MAY 22, 2021

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution No. 04-20

INTRODUCED BY: LEAH JESSE, MD, DELEGATE
NASHVILLE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

SUBJECT: DEFINING WHAT CONSTITUTES PROPER USE OF THE TERMS “RESIDENCY”
AND “FELLOWSHIP” WHEN REFERRING TO SPECIALTY TRAINING

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association develops a position statement that highlights the historical value and current nature of the terminology “residency” and “fellowship” to describe physician post-graduate training, and addresses the ramifications of non-physician clinician groups utilizing similar nomenclature.

Sunset: 2028

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT MAY 22, 2021

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution No. 05-20

INTRODUCED BY: NOAH HARRISON, DELEGATE
MEDICAL STUDENT SECTION

SUBJECT: ENDING THE RISE IN MATERNAL MORTALITY RATES BY EXTENDING
COVERAGE TO 12 MONTHS POSTPARTUM

RESOLVED, That our Tennessee Medical Association support and actively work toward enactment of state legislation to permanently extend Medicaid coverage to 12-months postpartum in Tennessee.

Sunset: 2028

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT MAY 22, 2021

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution No. 01-21

INTRODUCED BY: TMA BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TIMOTHY S WILSON, MD, CHAIR

SUBJECT: INCLUSION OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS IN E-HEALTH
REIMBURSEMENT
(REAFFIRMATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 3-14)

REFERRED TO: CONSENT CALENDAR

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association support legislation to expand the definition of telehealth services provided to patients to include electronic means of communication and health care delivery, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association strongly support legislation that would require payers to reimburse all means of tele-health services provided to patients by providers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association work with the American Medical Association Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Editorial Panel for the development of CPT Codes for all electronic transmission of healthcare.

Sunset: 2028

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT MAY 22, 2021

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution No. 02-21

INTRODUCED BY: TMA BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TIMOTHY S WILSON, MD, CHAIR

SUBJECT: ADVOCACY FOR THE MENTALLY ILL
(REAFFIRMATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-93, 5-00, 17-07 AND 8-14)

REFERRED TO: CONSENT CALENDAR

1 **RESOLVED,** That the Tennessee Medical Association support an increase in health related
2 services for all mentally ill patients.

Sunset: 2028

ADOPTED MAY 22, 2021

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution No. 03-21

INTRODUCED BY: BOB VEGORS, MD, DELEGATE
TN CHAPTER, AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS

SUBJECT: TOBACCO TAX

RESOLVED, That Tennessee Medical Association support legislation that increases by at least 50% the state sales tax on all tobacco products including cigars, smokeless tobacco, e-cigarettes, and vaping products; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association support legislation that directs all tax revenue from the sale of all tobacco products to be spent for tobacco cessation education and other public health education and services.

Sunset: 2028

ADOPTED AS AMENDED MAY 22, 2021

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution No. 04-21

INTRODUCED BY: BOB VEGORS, MD, DELEGATE
TN CHAPTER, AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS

SUBJECT: HEALTHCARE COVERAGE

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association support state and federal legislation that increases the number of Tennesseans covered by basic healthcare insurance.

Sunset: 2028

REFERRED TO THE BOARD MAY 22, 2021

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution No. 05-21

INTRODUCED BY: DAN WHITFIELD, STUDENT DELEGATE
NASHVILLE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

SUBJECT: ENSURING WOMEN'S AUTONOMY IN TEACHING PROCEDURES

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association affirms the utility and necessity of pelvic exams under anesthesia in medical student education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association views informed consent as essential in the ethical performance of pelvic exams under anesthesia for teaching purposes; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association supports actions to create a legal requirement to obtain consent prior to performance of pelvic exams on anesthetized patients for teaching purposes.

Sunset: 2028

ADOPTED AS AMENDED MAY 22, 2021

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution No. 06-21

INTRODUCED BY: LEAH JESSE, MD, DELEGATE
NASHVILLE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE
NOAH HARRISON, DELEGATE
MEDICAL STUDENT SECTION

SUBJECT: PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS TO PRESCRIBE
BUPRENORPHINE/NALOXONE FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association will support legislating at both the state legislative and executive branches to prohibit insurers, including TennCare, from requiring prior authorization to cover buprenorphine/naloxone (branded as Suboxone, Zubsolv, and Sublocade, and any other oral combination of buprenorphine/naloxone approved by the FDA), for the first two years of treatment of opioid use disorder; and be it further,

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association insurance advocacy department will advocate for the removal of prior authorization requirements for medication-assisted treatment, buprenorphine/naloxone (branded as Suboxone, Zubsolv, and Sublocade, and any other oral combination of buprenorphine/naloxone approved by the FDA), when negotiating directly with insurance companies regarding prior authorization policies.

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TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution No. 07-21

INTRODUCED BY: CLAYTON BELL, MD, FAAFP, FAIOM, DELEGATE
KNOXVILLE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR RESPONSIBLE AND COMPREHENSIVE TENNESSEE MEDICAL
MARIJUANA PROGRAM

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association governmental affairs advocacy efforts support any Tennessee state legislative actions to enact any of the following recommendations:

1. Support of the recently approved Tennessee low-THC medical cannabis oil bill.
2. Support of the more comprehensive Medical Marijuana Program bill previously submitted by Rep. Bryan Terry, R-Murfreesboro, and strongly supported by Sen. Becky Massey, R-Knoxville.
3. Propose to nominate a Tennessee Medical Association representative to the Tennessee legislature nine-member medical marijuana commission which will be appointed by the House and Senate speakers and Gov. Bill Lee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association actively collaborate with Tennessee political officials and support evidence-based policy endorsing a responsible and medically necessary comprehensive medical marijuana approval and implementation plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association actively oppose any Tennessee state legislative actions that would prohibit patients' ability to obtain medical marijuana for approved medical conditions.

Sunset: 2028

ADOPTED AS AMENDED MAY 22, 2021

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution No. 08-21

INTRODUCED BY: J. EUGENE HUFFSTUTTER, MD, DELEGATE
CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY
ANDREW WATSON, MD, DELEGATE
MEMPHIS MEDICAL SOCIETY

SUBJECT: REGIONAL REPRESENTATION ON TMA COMMITTEES

RESOLVED, That the committees of the Tennessee Medical Association (TMA) also implement a regional structure with at least one representative from each TMA region of the state to allow for the representative voice of each TMA member to be heard; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the component medical societies within in each region will have the opportunity to nominate an individual to serve on each TMA committee by December 1. If a nomination is left unfilled after December 1, the TMA Board of Trustees will fill these spots with a physician from the appropriate region at its first meeting of the next calendar year.

Sunset: 2028

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT MAY 22, 2021

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution No. 09-21

INTRODUCED BY: JEFFERY OLLIS, MD, PRESIDENT
KNOXVILLE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRIVACY POLICY FOR RESOLUTIONS TO THE HOUSE
OF DELEGATES

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association House of Delegates approve a policy that all proposed resolutions for future delegate meetings be posted on the TMA website in a members-only section which would allow only TMA delegates and members in good standing the ability to review proposed resolutions.

Sunset: 2028

ADOPTED MAY 22, 2021

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution No. 10-21

INTRODUCED BY: NICOLE SCHLECHTER, MD, DELEGATE
NASHVILLE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

SUBJECT: POLICY ON ORGANIZATIONAL UNITY

RESOLVED, That the policy of the TMA House of Delegates is to support and strengthen the unified membership structure of our organization as a joint membership with both state and local medical societies.

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REFERRED TO THE BOARD MAY 22, 2021

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution No. 11-21

INTRODUCED BY: JOHN Q. BINHLAM, MD, DELEGATE
TENNESSEE DERMATOLOGY SOCIETY

SUBJECT: TRUTH IN ADVERTISING WHEN DEFINING DERMATOLOGY AND
DERMATOLOGIST

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association (TMA) support the position that no person shall hold oneself out as practicing dermatology or as a dermatologist, or specializing in dermatology without (i) successful completion of a postgraduate training program in dermatology approved by the Accreditation for Graduate Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association, or dermatology residency accredited by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; and (ii) holds current unrestricted license to practice medicine or osteopathy in the state or province of his or her residence in either the United States or Canada; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the TMA develop legislation directing the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners to deny licensure or impose penalties against any individual that claims to be a dermatologist or practicing dermatology under false, deceptive, or misleading advertising in violation of 63-1-109 (<https://www.aad.org/member/practice/compliance/tia/tia-states#TN>) due to violation of the requirements above.

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ADOPTED MAY 22, 2021

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution No. 12-21

INTRODUCED BY: ROSALIND CADIGAN, MD
KNOXVILLE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

SUBJECT: EVALUATION OF POSSIBLE INCENTIVES FOR PHARMACY-OWNED
MEDICAL CLINICS BY PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association (TMA) develop a task force to evaluate if a conflict of interest does exist between pharmacy-owned medical clinics and pharmaceutical companies; and be it further

RESOLVED, That any possible conflict of interest be evaluated by the TMA committee tasked with the study to assess the impact of the conflict and recommend a course of action via written report to the TMA House of Delegates for possible further action.

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ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT MAY 22, 2021

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution No. 13-21

INTRODUCED BY: ROBIN WILLIAMS, MD, DELEGATE
NASHVILLE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

SUBJECT: DELEGATION OF COSMETIC SURGICAL PROCEDURES
(REAFFIRMATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 6-13)

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association support efforts to prevent unlicensed and unsupervised cosmetic surgical procedures through legislative action and enforcement by the Board of Medical Examiners; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the legislative committee of the Tennessee Medical Association make the delegation of cosmetic surgical procedures without adequate physician supervision outside of a medical environment a priority item for legislative action in 2013.

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ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT MAY 22, 2021

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution No. 14-21

INTRODUCED BY: ROBIN WILLIAMS, MD, DELEGATE
NASHVILLE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

SUBJECT: EXPANDING ACCESS TO CARE
(REAFFIRMATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 7-13)

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RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association support access to affordable healthcare for all Tennesseans; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association supports a trial for three years to expand access to care by using Medicaid expansion funds either to subsidize uninsured residents to purchase health insurance through the Federal Insurance Exchanges or through direct Medicaid Expansion; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association insists that benefits to residents received via health insurance purchased through federal exchanges, be at a minimum at least comparable to Medicaid/TennCare benefits; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association will make itself fully available to the Governor and the state legislature to advocate for healthcare coverage in Tennessee.

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ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT MAY 22, 2021

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution No. 15-21

INTRODUCED BY: ROBIN WILLIAMS, MD, DELEGATE
NASHVILLE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

SUBJECT: MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING
(REAFFIRMATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 8-13)

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RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Medical Association support efforts for more state and Federal money for mental health screening and treatment in community hospitals and public health clinics.

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ADOPTED MAY 22, 2021

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution of Commendation

INTRODUCED BY: BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TIMOTHY WILSON, MD, CHAIR

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF NASHVILLE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE'S BICENTENNIAL
ANNIVERSARY

Whereas, Two hundred years ago, on March 5, 1821, the first medical society in the state of Tennessee was founded in Nashville, by seven physicians in the log courthouse on the Public Square; and

Whereas, This organization later took the name the Nashville Medical Society, and the first president was Dr. Felix Robertson, who was elected Mayor of Nashville in 1818 and again in 1827, and who was the third president of the Medical Society of Tennessee from 1834-1840 and again from 1853-1855; and

Whereas, The first secretary was Dr. James Roane, and the other five included Drs. Boyd McNairy, A.G. Goodlett, James Overton, John Waters, and R.A. Higginbotham, and their goal was to establish a society for doctors who had been formally trained in medical schools and to improve the health of the people of Middle Tennessee; and

Whereas, In 1830, Dr. James Roane from Nashville became the first president of the Medical Society of Tennessee, which is now the Tennessee Medical Association, and 79 of the 151 statewide charter members were from Middle Tennessee and three of the five inaugural officers were from Nashville, and "after thanking the Medical Society of Nashville for the accommodations that it had afforded to the state society, the new-born Medical Society of Tennessee adjourned;" and

Whereas, The Tennessee Medical Association would like to recognize the following charter members of the Medical Society of Tennessee from Davidson County: Dr. Samuel Hogg, Dr. James Roane, Dr. Felix Robertson, Dr. R.A. Higginbotham, Dr. Boyd McNairy, Dr. James M. Walker, Dr. Charles Pugsley, Dr. John Waters, Dr. John Maxey, and Dr. James Overton; and

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- Whereas, The Nashville Medical Society, already rich in history and service, was chartered on September 4, 1906, by the state of Tennessee as the "Nashville Academy of Medicine & Davidson County Medical Society," the name which it still bears today; and
- Whereas, The Tennessee Medical Association is honored to have had 46 members serve as TMA president from the Nashville Academy of Medicine in the past 191 years including: James Roane, MD; Felix Robertson, MD; Samuel Hogg, MD; A.H. Buchanan, MD; John M. Watson, MD; John P. Ford, MD; Charles K. Winston, MD; Robert Martin, MD; J.D. Winston, MD; Joseph E. Manlove, MD; Paul F. Eve, MD; W.F. Glenn, MD; Thomas L. Maddin, MD; W.T. Briggs, MD; Duncan Eve, MD; Giles C. Savage, MD; Deering J. Roberts, MD; A.B. Cooke, MD; John A. Witherspoon, MD; W.D. Haggard, MD; Charles N. Cowden, MD; H.M. Tigert, MD; W.C. Dixon, MD; Robert Cardwell, MD; J.O Manier, MD; L.W. Edwards, MD; O.N. Bryan, MD; C.M. Hamilton, MD; Nat S. Shofner, MD; Daugh W. Smith, MD; Charles C. Trabue, MD; James C. Gardner, MD; William O. Vaughan, MD; Rudolph H. Kampmeir, MD; Tom E. Nesbitt, MD; O. Morse Kochtitzky, MD; J. Kelley Avery, MD; Gordon Peerman, Jr., MD; James W. Hays, MD; George W. Holcomb, Jr., MD; John B. Thomison, MD; Howard L. Salyer, MD; R. Benton Adkins, Jr., MD; Barrett Rosen, MD; F. Michael Minch, MD; and M. Kevin Smith, MD; and
- Whereas, TMA also commends the eight members of the Nashville Academy of Medicine and Tennessee Medical Association who have served as president of the American Medical Association, the most AMA presidents known to come from any one city in the country, including: Paul F. Eve, MD (1867), William K. Bowling, MD (1875), William T. Briggs, MD (1891), John A. Witherspoon, MD (1913), William D. Haggard, MD (1925), H.H. Shoulders, MD (1946), Olin West, MD (1948), and Tom E. Nesbitt, Sr., MD (1978); and
- Whereas, Throughout the past 200 years, the physicians of Nashville have advocated for cleaner water, safer sewers, vaccinations, improved medical treatments and surgical techniques, and for those who needed medical care; they fought epidemics of cholera, yellow fever, influenza, and now COVID-19; they endured the Civil War and led in the Civil Rights Movement, built hospitals and clinics, taught the next generations of physicians at Vanderbilt and Meharry medical schools, and throughout it all, they consistently recommended improvements and standards in medicine, to improve the health of all; Now, therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That on this day, May 22, 2021, the House of Delegates of the Tennessee Medical Association hereby honors and commends the Nashville Academy of Medicine and its members, both past and present, for their leadership within the Tennessee Medical Association and their tireless dedication to the

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medical profession and congratulate them on the celebration of the association's bicentennial anniversary.