

**Proceedings of the Ohio State Medical Association
2019 House of Delegates
Hilton Columbus at Easton, Columbus, Ohio
April 6 – 7, 2019**

Saturday, April 6, 2019

There was a meeting of the Ohio State Medical Association House of Delegates on April 6 – 7, 2019, in Columbus, Ohio.

Call to Order

Evangeline Andarsio, MD, President, convened the House of Delegates at 9:02 am on Saturday, April 6, 2019, at the Hilton Columbus at Easton in Columbus, Ohio, and led the House of Delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Oath of Hippocrates.

Welcome

Dr. Andarsio welcomed the delegates and expressed her appreciation for those in attendance.

HOD Business

Dr. Andarsio informed the House that there were 22 resolutions to be considered this year. Dr. Andarsio then explained the red and yellow credential cards and how to use the microphones to address the House and that only credentialed delegates are entitled to vote.

Introduction of Speakers Table

Dr. Andarsio introduced those seated at the Speakers' Table: Andrew Thomas, MD, Secretary-Treasurer, Robyn Chatman, MD, Immediate Past President, Nancy Gillette, General Counsel, Lisa Egbert, MD, Parliamentarian, (Evangeline Andarsio, MD, President), Todd Baker, Chief Executive Officer, and Susan Hubbell, MD, President-Elect.

Introduction of Presidents of Other State Medical Societies

Dr. Andarsio introduced and welcomed the following out-of-state guests to the 2019 House of Delegates:

Indiana State Medical Association, Dr. Stacey Wenk
Pennsylvania Medical Society, Dr. Danae Powers

Introduction of Honored Guests:

Dr. Andarsio welcomed and thanked Terri Marchiori, Director, AMA Federation Relations

Introduction of Exhibitors

Dr. Andarsio recognized the following exhibitors:

American Medical Association
DE Broker
Ohio Health Information Partnership/CliniSync
Ohio Physicians Health Program
Ohio State Medical Association Government Relations (OSMAPAC)
OSMA Insurance Agency
State Medical Board of Ohio
The Doctors Company
WesBanco Bank

Recognition of Past Presidents and Former Councilors of the Ohio State Medical Association

Dr. Andarsio explained the addition of ribbons to the name badges to recognize Past Presidents, Councilors and AMA Delegation members. Dr. Andarsio stated that all living Past Presidents are listed on the OSMA website and led the House in a round of applause.

Memorial Moment

Dr. Andarsio asked that the House to pause for a moment of silence for all the physician members

who died between March 20, 2018 and March 19, 2019.

Dr. Andarsio announced that there were two (2) memorial resolutions this year and the House adopted the resolutions by acclamation.

Recognition of Sponsors and Mentors

Dr. Andarsio asked those who volunteered as a mentor for the meeting or sponsored a medical student dinner dance ticket to stand. Dr. Andarsio explained the OSMA Champion ribbons and led the house in a round of applause.

Nominating Committee Report

Dr. Andarsio announced that the final Nominating Committee report was available on the OSMA website and that additional nominations could be made from the floor.

Alliance Report

Dr. Andarsio announced that copies of the OSMA Alliance report were available on the OSMA website and thanked the members for their service.

Appointments to Resolutions Committees

Dr. Andarsio appointed Andrew Rudawsky, MD, to chair Resolutions Committee 1 and Christopher Paprzycki, MD, to chair Resolutions Committee 2.

Appointment of Committee on Tellers and Judges

Dr. Andarsio appointed Daniel Sullivan, MD, to chair the Committee on Tellers and Judges and appointed the student tellers.

Appointment of Credentials Committee

Dr. Andarsio appointed Anne Worth, DO, as Chair of Credentials.

Bylaws Change

Dr. Andarsio discussed the proposed changes to the OSMA Bylaws.

Evangeline C. Andarsio, MD, Speech to the House of Delegate

Dr. Andarsio addressed the House on her year as President of the Ohio State Medical Association and recognized and thanked many individuals for their effort and support during her tenure.

Distinguished Service Citation Awards

Dr. Andarsio presented Service Citation Awards to Margaret M. Dunn, MD, Dean, Boonshoft School of Medicine at Wright State University, and Theodore Wymyslo, MD, Chief Medical Officer of the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers. Dr. Andarsio then presented awards to Connie Mahle, Executive Director, Montgomery County Medical Society, and Gerri Creel, Director of Communications, Montgomery County Medical Society, for their service.

Nominations for President-Elect Candidates and Candidates' Speeches

Dr. Andarsio called for nominations for candidates for President-Elect and asked the nominators to come forward for nominating speeches.

Richard Ellison, MD, nominated Anthony Armstrong, MD, for President-Elect. William Sternfeld, MD, seconded the nomination.

Dr. Andarsio asked if there were further nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations, Dr. Andarsio closed the slate for President-Elect.

Dr. Andarsio called Dr. Armstrong to the lower podium to address the House.

Dr. Andarsio announced the nominations for District Councilors would be addressed on Sunday morning.

Young Physician Chair

Dr. Andarsio announced that the Nominating Committee proposed Alisha Reiss, MD, as Councilor from the Young Physician Section. Dr. Andarsio asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations, Dr. Andarsio closed the slate for Councilor, Young Physician Section.

Councilors-at-Large

Dr. Andarsio directed the House to the screen at the front of the room for the names of four (4) candidates to fill the three (3) at-Large positions on Council. Dr. Andarsio asked if there were any further nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations, the slate for at-Large Councilors was closed.

John Bastulli, MD, Independence
John Corker, MD, Cincinnati
Suman Mishr, MD, Lima
Anne Taylor, MD, Worthington

Delegate to the AMA for a term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2020 - one to be elected

The candidate's name was displayed at the front of the room:

William Sternfeld, MD, Toledo

Dr. Andarsio called for further nominations from the floor. There being none, Dr. Andarsio closed the slate for delegates to the AMA with the term beginning immediately to December 31, 2020.

Delegates to the AMA for a term beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2021 Nominations – five to be elected

The candidate names were displayed at the front of the room:

Anthony Armstrong, MD, Toledo
Tyler Campbell, MD, Seaman
Louito Edje, MD, Toledo
Gary Katz, MD, Dublin
Andrew Rudawsky, MD, Lakewood
Carl Wehri, MD, Delphos
Donna Woodson, MD, Toledo

Dr. Andarsio called for further nominations from the floor. There being none, Dr. Andarsio closed the slate for delegates to the AMA with the term of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021.

Alternate Delegate to the AMA for a term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2019 Nominations – one to be elected

The candidate's name was displayed at the front of the room:

John Corker, MD, Cincinnati

Dr. Andarsio called for further nominations from the floor. There being none, Dr. Andarsio closed the slate for delegates to the AMA with the term beginning immediately to December 31, 2019

Alternate Delegate to the AMA for a term beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2021 Nominations – five to be elected

The candidates' names were displayed at the front of the room:

John Corker, MD, Cincinnati
Regina Whitfield-Kekessi, MD, Cincinnati

Dr. Andarsio called for further nominations from the floor. There being none, Dr. Andarsio closed the slate for alternate delegates to the AMA with the term beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2021.

Dr. Andarsio announced that after the conclusion of Resolutions Committee 2 open hearing, all candidates will have an opportunity to present a two-minute speech to the House and encouraged all members to stay to listen. Dr. Andarsio informed the house that candidate information was posted on the OSMA website.

Test of Election Buddy

Dr. Andarsio conducted a test of the Election Buddy voting system in advance of Sunday's elections.

Call for Introduction of 2019 Resolutions

Dr. Andarsio announced that there were twenty-three (23) resolutions properly submitted, one was withdrawn. Twenty-two (22) resolutions were assigned to a Resolutions Committee as follows: Resolutions 01 – 2019 through 11 – 2019 were assigned to Resolutions Committee No. 1 and Resolutions 12 – 2019 through 23 – 2019 were assigned to Resolutions Committee No. 2.

Transmittal of OMSS Resolutions

Dr. Andarsio reported that no resolutions were submitted by the Organized Medical Staff Section.

Emergency Resolutions – Explanation and Report

Dr. Andarsio informed the HOD that there were no emergency resolutions submitted.

Announcement of the Resolutions Committees Hearings Schedule

The House of Delegates was informed that Resolutions Committee 1 open hearing would begin after conclusion of the HOD and that Resolutions Committee 2 open hearing would follow immediately after Resolutions Committee 1.

The OSMA House of Delegates for Saturday, April 6, 2019, recessed at 10:01 am and was scheduled to reconvene on Sunday, April 7, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.

The following awards and reports were presented during the all member lunch:

Legislative Update

Monica Hueckel provided a brief legislative update and then introduced Karen King, MD, Chair of the OSMAPAC.

2018 OSMAPAC Donor of the Year Award

Karen King, MD, Chair of the OSMAPAC, presented the annual OSMAPAC update. Dr. King then announced there were three recipients of the 2018 OSMAPAC Donor of the year Award. They were Jeff Studebaker, MD, Jeff Cameron, MD, and Evangeline Andarsio, MD.

2018 Physician Advocate of the Year Award

Karen King, MD, presented the 2018 Ohio State Medical Association Physician Advocate of the Year Award to Beth Liston, MD, member of the Ohio House of Representatives.

Supreme Court Justice Judi French Introduction

Karen King, MD, introduced Justice Judi French, Supreme Court of Ohio, who addressed the group.

OSMAPAC

Monica Hueckel spoke briefly about the importance of supporting advocacy efforts through OSMAPAC contributions.

Ms. Hueckel then reminded everyone to return to the Easton Ballroom for the Resolutions Committee hearings.

The House of Delegates reconvened Sunday, April 7, 2019.

Call to Order

Dr. Andarsio reconvened the House at 9:33 am. Dr. Andarsio explained the blue and green credential cards to the Delegates and Alternate Delegates and reminded them about ElectionBuddy and the need to register their cell phone numbers at the registration desk in order to participate in voting.

Motion:

A motion was properly moved and seconded to reopen nominations of Alternate Delegates to the AMA for a term beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2021.

The following candidates were nominated for the position of Alternate Delegate to the AMA for a term beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2021 (five to be elected):

Deserene Brown, MD
William Michael "Mike" McCullough, Jr., MD, MBA, CPE
Suzanne Sampang, MD
David Savage, MD, PhD
Anita Somani, MD, FACOG
Shannon Trotter, DO
Regina Whitfield-Kekessi, MD
Carl Wehri, MD
Donna Woodson, MD
Susan Zwiebel, MD

AMA Update

Dr. Andarsio called on Richard Ellison, MD, Chair, Ohio Delegation to the American Medical Association to present the AMA update. Dr. Ellison addressed the House. Dr. Ellison called on William Sternfeld, MD to provide an update on the AMA Foundation. Dr. Sternfeld addressed the House.

OSMA Budget Update

Dr. Andarsio called on Andrew Thomas, MD, Secretary/Treasurer, to present an update on the OSMA budget. Dr. Thomas presented the budget and answered questions from the House of Delegates.

Report of the Committee on Credentials

Dr. Andarsio asked Anne Worth, DO, Chair of the Committee on Credentials, to report. Dr. Worth announced there was a quorum with 119 Delegates.

Candidate Speeches

Dr. Andarsio called on Alternate Delegate candidates to the AMA to present their speeches at the front of the House. Candidates addressed the House.

Consideration of 2018 House of Delegates Minutes

Dr. Andarsio called for a motion to approve the 2018 Proceedings of the House of Delegates as presented.

Motion:

A motion was properly moved, seconded and adopted to approve the 2018 Proceedings of the House of Delegates as presented.

Election One – President-Elect (Term: one year)

Anthony Armstrong, MD, Toledo

There being only one candidate, Dr. Armstrong was elected by acclamation.

Election Two – District Councilors (Term: two years)

The candidates for District Councilors were shown on the screen at the front of the room. Dr.

Andarsio called for nominations from the floor. There being none, Dr. Andarsio closed the slate of candidates. The following candidates were elected by acclamation:

Second District:	Lisa Egbert, MD, Dayton
Fourth District:	Karl Fernandes, MD, Maumee
Sixth District:	Denise Bobovnyik, MD, Canfield
Eighth District:	Marla Haller, DO, Jackson

Election Three – Young Physician Section Councilor (Term: two years)

Alisha Reiss, MD, Greenville

There being one candidate and one position to fill, Dr. Reiss was elected by acclamation.

Election Five – Delegate to the AMA (Term: Immediately - December 21, 2020)

William Sternfeld, MD, Toledo

There being one candidate and one position to fill, Dr. Sternfeld was elected by acclamation.

Election Seven – Alternate Delegate to the AMA (Term: Immediately – December 31, 2019)

John Corker, MD, Cincinnati

There being one candidate and one position to fill, Dr. Corker was elected by acclamation.

Review of Voting System

Dr. Andarsio called Daniel Sullivan, MD, Chair, Committee on Tellers and Judges, to review the ElectionBuddy election system.

Ballot One

Dr. Sullivan announced that ballot one would be for the election of Councilors-at-Large (two-year term beginning immediately and ending with elections at the OSMA House of Delegates in 2021 – three to be elected) and Delegates to the Ohio Delegation to the AMA (term beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2021 – five to be elected).

Dr. Sullivan announced the start and close of voting for Ballot One.

Election Four (decided on Ballot One) – Councilors-at-Large (Term: April 7, 2019 and ending with elections at the 2021 Annual Meeting)

John Bastulli, MD, Independence
John Corker, MD, Cincinnati
Suman Mishr, MD, Lima
Anne Taylor, MD, Worthington

Election Six (decided on Ballot One) – Delegate to the AMA (Term: Jan. 1, 2020 to Dec. 31, 2021)

Anthony Armstrong, MD, Toledo
Tyler Campbell, MD, Seaman
Louito Edje, MD, Toledo
Gary Katz, MD, Dublin
Andrew Rudawsky, MD, Lakewood
Carl Wehri, MD, Delphos
Donna Woodson, MD, Toledo

Todd Baker's Speech to the House of Delegates

Todd Baker addressed the House.

Ballot One Results:

Those elected to the 3 Councilor-at-Large positions (two-year term beginning immediately and ending with elections at the OSMA House of Delegates in 2021) were:

John Bastulli, MD, Independence
John Corker, MD, Cincinnati
Anne Taylor, MD, Worthington

Those elected to the five slots as Delegates to the Ohio Delegation to the AMA (term beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2021) were:

Anthony Armstrong, MD, Toledo
Tyler Campbell, MD, Seaman
Louito Edje, MD, Toledo
Gary Katz, MD, Dublin
Andrew Rudawsky, MD, Lakewood

Susan Hubbell, MD, Address to the House of Delegates

Dr. Hubbell addressed the House.

Ballot Two

Dr. Sullivan announced Election Eight for Alternate Delegate to the AMA for a term beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2021 (five to be elected):

Desrene Brown, MD, Bluffton
William Michael "Mike" McCullough, Jr., MD, MBA, CPE, Dayton
Suzanne Sampang, MD, Cincinnati
David Savage, MD, PhD, Cleveland
Anita Somani, MD, FACOG, Columbus
Shannon Trotter, DO, Springfield
Regina Whitfield-Kekessi, MD, Cincinnati
Carl Wehri, MD, Delphos
Donna Woodson, MD, Toledo
Susan Zwiebel, MD, Granville

Dr. Sullivan announced the start and close of voting for Ballot Two.

Those elected to the five Alternate Delegates to the AMA positions (Term: Jan. 1, 2020 and ending Dec. 31, 2021) were:

William Michael "Mike" McCullough, Jr., MD, MBA, FACOG, Dayton
Anita Somani, MD, FACOG, Columbus
Shannon Trotter, DO, Springfield
Regina Whitfield-Kekessi, MD, West Chester
Carl Wehri, MD, Delphos

Report of Resolutions Committee No. 1

Dr. Andarsio called Andrew Rudawsky, MD, Chair, and the members of the Resolutions Committee No. 1 to the lower front table to present their report. The House of Delegates action on the report is attached to these minutes.

Report of Resolutions Committee No. 2

Dr. Hubbell called Christopher Paprzycki, MD, Chair, and the members of Resolutions Committee No. 2 to the lower front table to present their report. The House of Delegates action on the report is attached to these minutes.

Dr. Hubbell announced that the dates for the 2020 OSMA Annual Meeting are March 20 - 22, 2020, at The Hilton Columbus at Easton.

Dr. Hubbell announced there would be a Council meeting immediately following adjournment of the House of Delegates in Easton D and E and asked the departing Councilors and the newly elected Councilors to attend the meeting.

Dr. Hubbell thanked OSMA staff for their efforts in preparing for the 2019 Annual Meeting.

Adjournment

The 2019 House of Delegates was adjourned sine die at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew M. Thomas, MD
OSMA Secretary/Treasurer

Reports of 2019 Final Floor Actions on Resolutions

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE 1 Final Floor Actions

Presented by Andrew Rudawsky, MD, Chair, Fifth District

Resolution 01-2019 – Membership Participation Rights

RESOLVED, that the OSMA Constitution and Bylaws be amended as follows (only affected Sections shown):

ARTICLE III COMPOSITION OF THIS ASSOCIATION

Section 1. Classes of Members. The Voting Members of this Association shall consist of the following classes of members who have paid the appropriate dues amounts, if any, to the association by January 31 of each year: active members:

1. retired members
2. members in training
3. military members
4. student members

Non-voting members of this association shall consist of the following classes of members who have paid the appropriate dues amounts, if any, to the association by January 31 of each year: non-resident members; honorary members; affiliate members; associate members.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

Section 6. Conduct of Meetings. Meetings of the Association may be held in person or by means of authorized communications equipment as defined in this Article if use of such equipment is approved by the Council except as stated in Section 2 of this Article. Voting members who are not physically present at a meeting of voting members may attend the meeting by the use of authorized communications equipment that enables the voting members an opportunity to participate in the meeting and to vote on matters submitted to the voting members, including an opportunity to read or hear the proceedings of the meeting, participate in the proceedings, and contemporaneously communicate with the persons who are physically present at the meeting. Any voting member who uses authorized communications equipment is deemed to be present in person at the meeting whether the meeting is held at a designated place or solely by means of authorized communications equipment. The Council may adopt procedures and guidelines for the use of authorized communications equipment in connection with a meeting of voting members to permit the Association to verify that a person is a voting member and to maintain a record of any vote or other action taken at the meeting.

BYLAWS

CHAPTER 1 MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Rights of Members. All members in good standing of this Association shall have the right to attend all meetings of this Association.

Section 2. Classification of Membership.

(a) Active Members. The active Members of this Association are those physicians in good standing with the OSMA who practice, work or reside in Ohio and who pay the appropriate dues to this association by January 31 of each year. Active Members in good standing shall have the right to vote and hold office.

(b) Retired Members. Retired Members of this Association shall be those members of this

Association who have retired from the active practice of medicine and who do not receive regular and significant income for their participation in any professional activity related to the practice of medicine. They must have been Members of this Association and in good standing for ten (10) years prior to retirement. Retired Members shall have the right to vote and hold office.

(c) Members in Training. Members in Training shall comprise all physicians who are pursuing studies and training in a program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), the American Medical Association or the American Osteopathic Association and their associated groups and who are approved for membership by the Council. Members in Training shall comprise the Resident and Fellows Section and shall have the right to vote and hold office.

(d) Nonresident Members. Nonresident Members shall include those physicians who reside and practice outside Ohio but who hold a license to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio or any other state and who are approved for Nonresident Membership by the Council.

(e) Honorary Members. The House of Delegates may elect as an Honorary Member any person distinguished for services or attainments in medicine or the allied sciences or who has rendered other services of unusual value to medicine. An Honorary Member shall pay no dues or assessments.

(f) Military Members. Military Members comprise all those Active Members of this Association in good standing who are serving a limited tour of active duty with the Armed Services of the United States.

(g) Life Active Members. Individuals who currently are Life Active Members having made a single payment for lifetime membership dues will continue as Life Active Members, but no new life memberships will be permitted. Life Active Members will have all of the rights and privileges of an Active Member under these Bylaws for life. Wherever the term "Active Member" is used in these Bylaws it shall include Life Active Members.

(h) Affiliate Members. Executives of the Ohio State Medical Association, county medical societies in Ohio, and other medical organizations in Ohio and specialty societies in Ohio with three (3) years or more experience in the sponsoring organization or individuals recommended by a county medical society in Ohio, medical specialty society in Ohio, or physician representative organization in Ohio are eligible for Affiliate Membership in the Ohio State Medical Association. Such Affiliate Membership shall be at the discretion of the Council.

(i) Student Members. Student Members of this Association shall comprise those students in good standing who are pursuing the diploma of Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathy in an approved medical or osteopathic college or institution in the State of Ohio and are approved for Student Membership by the Council. Student Members shall comprise the medical group known as the Medical Student Section. Said section shall be governed by and operate under separate Bylaws approved by the Council. Except as otherwise provided in Article VII of the Constitution, Student Members in good standing of this Association shall have the right to vote and hold office in this Association.

(j) Associate Members. Non-physician administrators and managers of medical practices are eligible for Associate Membership. Associate Members of the Ohio State Medical Association may attend all meetings of the Association, but shall not have the right to make a motion, vote or hold office in this Association.

Section 3. Eligibility. To be eligible for any class of membership other than honorary, affiliate, associate, retired or student in this Association, a person must hold a limited, temporary, or unlimited certificate to practice medicine and surgery, or osteopathic medicine and surgery, issued by the licensing authority of the State of Ohio, which license must be in full force and effect.

Section 4. Disqualification. No person whose license to practice medicine and surgery, or osteopathic medicine and surgery, issued by the licensing authority of the state of Ohio has expired, been suspended or revoked shall be entitled to any of the rights or benefits of this Association.

Section 5. Effect of Expiration, Revocation, or Termination of Certificate. Membership in this Association of a member in active practice whose certificate to practice medicine and surgery has expired, has been revoked, or has been otherwise terminated, shall be cancelled automatically as of the effective date of such expiration, revocation or termination. The provisions of this Section 5 shall not apply to members who have retired from active practice or to members whose certificate has been voluntarily surrendered due to illness, or to members whose license has automatically expired because of problems

of communication.

CHAPTER 4

THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Section 2. Ratio of Representation. Each Component Society shall be entitled to one (1) delegate in the House of Delegates for each one hundred (100) active members; and retired members in good standing in this Association as of December 31st of the preceding year; provided, however, that each Component Society shall be entitled to at least one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate delegate. If the total number of active Members; and retired Members in good standing in the Component Society is not evenly divisible by one hundred (100), that Component Society shall be entitled to one (1) additional delegate in the House of Delegates. The names of such delegates and alternate delegates shall be submitted to the Association prior to the opening of the House of Delegates.

Members in Training and Students are represented through separately seated sections of the House of Delegates and shall not be included in the member count/ratio of representation of component societies for purposes of determining component society representation in the House of Delegates.

From forty-five (45) days up to the opening of the Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates, in case a Delegate or Alternate Delegate of a Component Society is unable to serve, the district Councilor representing that Component Society may at any time certify to the Chair of the Committee on Credentials the name of an Active OSMA Member who resides or works within the district to serve in the place of such absent Delegate or absent Alternate Delegate. The Committee on Credentials shall rule on the eligibility of such certified individual or individuals to act in the place of such absent Delegate or Alternate Delegate.

By official action, the House adopted Resolution 01-2019.

Resolution 02-2019 – OSMA Elections

RESOLVED, that the OSMA Constitution and Bylaws be amended as follows (showing only affected sections):

ARTICLE IV

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The House of Delegates shall be the legislative body of this Association and shall consist of: (1) Delegates Selected by the Active and retired Members residing or working within designated OSMA districts; (2) Officers of this Association enumerated in Article V; (3) Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the American Medical Association from Ohio, Past Presidents and Past Councilors of this Association each of whom shall be an ex-officio member without the right to vote unless such Delegate, Alternate Delegate or Past President be a duly elected Delegate or a duly elected officer of this Association; and (4) such representatives of other medical groups as may be determined by the House of Delegates, including the following:

The Medical Student Section shall have seven (7) representatives to the House of Delegates, said Delegates to be selected in accordance with the Bylaws of the Medical Student Section; provided that the Bylaws of the Medical Student Section have been approved by Council. For purposes of representation in the House of Delegates, Student Members shall not be counted at the individual district level, but shall constitute a separate section which shall be treated and seated as if it were an additional district in which the Student Members of each Ohio medical and osteopathic medical school elect their own Delegate.

The Organized Medical Staff Section shall have one (1) representative to the House of Delegates, said Delegate to be selected in accordance with Bylaws of the Organized Medical Staff Section; provided that the Bylaws of the Organized Medical Staff Section have been approved by Council.

The Resident and Fellows Section shall have five (5) representatives to the House of Delegates who must be Members in Training of this Association, said representatives to be selected in accordance with the Resident and Fellows Section Bylaws; provided that the Bylaws of the Resident and Fellows Section have been approved by Council. For purposes of representation in the House of Delegates,

Members in Training shall not be counted at the individual district level, but shall constitute a separate section which shall be treated and seated as if it were an additional district in which the Members in Training elect their own delegates.

The Young Physician Section shall have five (5) representatives to the House of Delegates who must be physicians in active practice and under the age of forty or in the first eight years of practice after residency and fellowship training. The Young Physician Section Delegates shall be selected in accordance with the Young Physicians Section bylaws; provided that the bylaws of the Young Physician Section have been approved by Council.

The primary medical specialties and subspecialties listed by the American Board of Medical Specialties are eligible to have a Delegate and Alternate Delegate to be selected in accordance with Chapter 4, Section 3 of the Bylaws of this Association.

The medical subspecialty societies whose members hold such subspecialty certificates approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties with 100 or more members in Ohio and, of whom, at least 50% are OSMA members are eligible to have a Delegate and Alternate Delegate to be selected in accordance with Chapter 4, Section 3 of the Bylaws of this Association.

BYLAWS

CHAPTER 4 THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Section 2. Ratio of Representation. Each OSMA district shall be entitled to one (1) Delegate and one alternate delegate in the House of Delegates for each one hundred (100) Active Members—and Retired Members working or residing in the district as of December 31st of the preceding year; provided, however, that each county within a district shall be entitled to at least one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate Delegate who works or resides in the county. If the total number of Active Members and Retired Members in good standing in the district is not evenly divisible by one hundred (100), that district shall be entitled to one (1) additional Delegate in the House of Delegates. The names of such Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be submitted to the Association prior to the opening of the House of Delegates.

Members in Training and Students are represented through separately seated sections of the House of Delegates and shall not be included in the member count/ratio of representation of OSMA districts for purposes of determining representation in the House of Delegates.

From forty-five (45) days up to the opening of the Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates, in case a district Delegate or Alternate Delegate is unable to serve, the district Councilor representing that district may at any time certify to the Chair of the Committee on Credentials the name of an Active OSMA Member who resides or works within the district to serve in the place of such absent Delegate or absent Alternate Delegate. The Committee on Credentials shall rule on the eligibility of such certified individual or individuals to act in the place of such absent Delegate or Alternate Delegate.

Section 3. Representation of Medical Specialties. All primary medical specialties listed by the American Board of Medical Specialties are eligible for representation in the House of Delegates. All medical subspecialty societies whose members hold such subspecialty certificates approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties with 100 or more members in Ohio and, of whom, at least 50% are OSMA members, are eligible for representation in the House of Delegates. An OSMA member may be represented by only one subspecialty organization in the OSMA House of Delegates.

A medical specialty or subspecialty society seeking representation shall apply to the Council. The Council shall consider applications and then recommend to the House of Delegates whether the specialty society qualifies for representation.

Each medical specialty and subspecialty society approved by the OSMA House of Delegates shall have one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate Delegate who must be Voting Members of this Association. Each specialty society will certify to this Association at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting both the names of its Delegate and Alternate, and its membership certification as required above. In case a Delegate or Alternate Delegate is unable to serve, the President of the recognized medical specialty society may at any time certify to the Chair of the Committee on Credentials the name of a Voting Member of this Association to serve in place of the absent Delegate or absent Alternate Delegate. The Committee on Credentials shall rule on the eligibility of such certified individual or individuals to act in the place of such

absent Delegate or Alternate Delegate. A Medical Specialty or subspecialty Society Delegate shall have all rights, privileges and duties as other Delegates. The Delegate will be seated in the House of Delegates with the Councilor District in which that Delegate's Component Society is represented.

Section 11. Councilor Districts. The House of Delegates shall establish Councilor Districts. The districts shall comprise one (1) or more contiguous counties. Each councilor district shall determine the process to be used in the district for selecting delegates and alternate delegates to the OSMA House of Delegates. The district councilor shall submit the process in writing to the OSMA council for approval. All voting members in the councilor district will be eligible to vote for the district councilor. Each nominee for district councilor must be a resident of or work or conduct a majority of their practice in the councilor district for which that nominee for councilor is nominated. The OSMA shall allocate funding for one physical meeting of a council district in preparation for the OSMA annual meeting, if requested by the district councilor, and shall assist in conducting any necessary district-wide elections.

CHAPTER 5 NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Committee on Nominations. The Committee on Nominations shall consist of eight members including the OSMA President, the OSMA President-Elect and six additional members appointed by the OSMA President and approved by the Council. The President shall appoint the chair of the Committee. The President and President-Elect serve on the Committee on Nominations during his or her term of office. Other committee members shall serve not more than one, three-year term with two new members rotating on each year.

The Committee on Nominations shall report to the House of Delegates a ticket containing the name of one (1) or more members for each of the offices to be filled at that Annual Meeting, except that of President-Elect. Each nominee must have a majority vote of the Committee in order to be placed on the ticket for presentation to the House of Delegates except that the Committee shall accept the nominees from the Organized Medical Staff Section, the Resident and Fellows Section, the Medical Student Section and the Young Physician Section, except that in 2019 the Committee on Nominations shall name the initial Young Physician nominee for a seat on the OSMA Council, and the Committee shall not alter or add to these section nominations.

The six at-large council seats shall be elected at large in annual statewide direct elections. Each year the Committee on Nominations shall recommend nominees for three at large seats. The Committee on Nominations may recommend more than three candidates for the at large seats to be filled; however, not more than two at large delegates can reside or practice in the same Councilor geographic district.

OSMA officers and delegates and alternate delegates to the American Medical Association shall be elected by the House of Delegates.

All nominees shall meet qualifications set forth in the OSMA bylaws. Additionally, the Committee on Nominations shall determine candidate selection criteria for at large council positions that may include, but are not limited to, diversity, experience, engagement with organized medicine, experience with strategic planning, physician practice demographics, physician practice settings, current organizational needs, House of Delegates input, OSMA staff input and individual physician self-selection. The precise selection criteria may vary year to year to reflect the current needs of the OSMA. The Committee on Nominations makes the final determination about the selection criteria it will use in any given year and shall inform the membership of the selection criteria used. The Committee on Nominations shall also determine how best to solicit candidates.

Section 4. Nomination and Elections at the House of Delegates. Nominations for officers, section councilors and AMA delegates and alternate delegates shall be made by the Committee on Nominations at the first session of the House of Delegates. Only those candidates may be nominated whose names have been filed with the Committee on Nominations through the office of the Chief Executive Officer. Compliance with the foregoing filing requirement may be waived or dispensed with by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Delegates present at the opening session of such meeting.

Section 7. Election of Officers and of Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the American Medical Association. If there is more than one (1) nominee for an office, the election of officers of this Association and of delegates and alternate delegates to the American Medical Association shall be by ballot during the House of Delegates. The alternate delegates from the Resident and Fellows Section and the Medical Student Section shall be selected in accordance with the Bylaws of their respective sections.

In the event there is only one (1) position to be filled, the nominee receiving the majority of all votes cast shall be declared elected. In case no nominee receives a majority on the first (1st) ballot, the two (2) nominees receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped and a new ballot taken; this procedure shall be continued until there are two (2) nominees remaining. The nominee receiving a majority of all votes cast shall be declared elected.

In the event there is more than one (1) position to be filled from among any number of nominees, a nominee, in order to be declared elected, must receive the votes of a majority of those voting, provided, however, that if upon any ballot the number of nominees receiving a majority vote is greater than the number of positions to be filled on such ballot, those nominees (not to exceed the number of positions to be filled on such ballot) receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected. If upon any ballot some, but not all of such positions are filled, a new ballot shall be taken from among all of the remaining nominees; except that the two (2) nominees receiving the lowest number of votes on the previous ballot shall be dropped on each new ballot until there are two (2) more nominees than positions available, after which the nominee receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped. On every ballot a nominee, in order to be declared elected, must receive the votes of a majority of those voting, provided, however, that if upon such new ballot the number of nominees receiving a majority vote is greater than the number of positions to be filled on such ballot, those nominees (not to exceed the number of positions to be filled on such ballot) receiving the greatest number of votes cast shall be declared elected. If upon any ballot no nominee receives the votes of a majority of those voting, the two (2) nominees receiving the lower number of votes shall be dropped and a new ballot will be taken; this procedure shall be continued until there are two (2) more nominees than positions available, after which the nominee receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped; and this procedure shall be continued until all positions have been filled. No ballot shall be counted if it contains fewer or more votes than the number of positions to be filled or if the ballot purports to cast more than one (1) vote for any nominee. (For example: if upon any ballot the number of positions to be filled is four (4), then each Delegate voting must vote for four (4) of the nominees for such positions.)

CHAPTER 6 DUTIES AND TERMS OF OFFICERS AND OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Section 6. Terms of Officers. The President shall serve one (1) year and shall be succeeded by the President-Elect. The term of office of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be for three (3) years. The term of office of Councilors shall be for two (2) years. Councilors of the odd-numbered districts shall be elected in even-numbered years; and the Councilors of the even-numbered districts shall be elected in odd numbered years. All these Officers shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

For the purposes of this section, the period from one Annual Meeting until the next shall be regarded as one (1) year.

CHAPTER 7 THE COUNCIL

Section 7. Elections and Vacancies. The council shall develop rules and procedures for the conduct of statewide and district wide elections. In the event of a conflict between district wide election procedures developed by the council and the process developed by a councilor district in chapter 4, section 11 of these bylaws, the process developed by the district shall be used to conduct elections. Except as otherwise provided by Chapter 6 hereof, the Council shall fill by appointment any vacancy in office occurring in the interval between the Annual Meetings of the House of Delegates or a statewide or district wide election. Any such appointee shall serve until the next district or statewide election or Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates at which time the office shall be filled in the manner provided for in the Constitution and in these Bylaws.

CHAPTER 11 MEMBERSHIP IN COMPONENT SOCIETIES

Section 1. Qualifications for Membership in a Component Society. Each Component Society shall be the sole judge of the qualifications necessary for any and all classes of membership in such society.

By official action, the House adopted Resolution 02-2019.

Resolution 03-2019 – Increase Specialty Participation in the HOD

RESOLVED, that the OSMA Constitution and Bylaws be amended as follows (showing only affected sections):

ARTICLE IV HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The House of Delegates shall be the legislative body of this Association and shall consist of: (1) Delegates elected by the Active Members of the OSMA; (2) Officers of this Association enumerated in Article V; (3) Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the American Medical Association from Ohio, Past Presidents and Past Councilors of this Association each of whom shall be an ex-officio member without the right to vote unless such Delegate, Alternate Delegate or Past President be a duly elected Delegate or a duly elected officer of this Association; and (4) such representatives of other medical groups as may be determined by the House of Delegates, including the following:

The Medical Student Section shall have seven (7) representatives to the House of Delegates, said Delegates to be selected in accordance with the Bylaws of the Medical Student Section; provided that the Bylaws of the Medical Student Section have been approved by Council. For purposes of representation in the House of Delegates, Student Members shall not be counted at the individual district level, but shall constitute a separate section which shall be treated and seated as if it were an additional district in which the Student Members of each Ohio medical and osteopathic medical school elect their own Delegate.

The Organized Medical Staff Section shall have one (1) representative to the House of Delegates, said Delegate to be selected in accordance with Bylaws of the Organized Medical Staff Section; provided that the Bylaws of the Organized Medical Staff Section have been approved by Council.

The Resident and Fellows Section shall have five (5) representatives to the House of Delegates who must be Members in Training of this Association, said representatives to be selected in accordance with the Resident and Fellows Section Bylaws; provided that the Bylaws of the Resident and Fellows Section have been approved by Council. For purposes of representation in the House of Delegates, Members in Training shall not be counted at the individual district level, but shall constitute a separate section which shall be treated and seated as if it were an additional district in which the Members in Training elect their own delegates.

The Young Physician Section shall have five (5) representatives to the House of Delegates who must be physicians in active practice and under the age of forty or in the first eight years of practice after residency and fellowship training. The Young Physician Section Delegates shall be selected in accordance with the Young Physicians Section bylaws; provided that the bylaws of the Young Physician Section have been approved by Council.

The primary medical specialties and subspecialties listed by the American Board of Medical Specialties are eligible to have a one delegate and one alternate delegate for every 100 specialty or subspecialty members who are also OSMA voting members to be selected in accordance with Chapter 4, Section 3 of the Bylaws of this Association.

The medical subspecialty societies whose members hold such subspecialty certificates approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties with 100 or more members in Ohio and, of whom, at least 50% are OSMA members are eligible to have a delegate and alternate delegate to be selected in accordance with Chapter 4, Section 3 of the Bylaws of this Association.

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CHAPTER 4 THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Section 2. Ratio of Representation. Each Component Society shall be entitled to one (1) Delegate in the House of Delegates for each one hundred (100) Direct Members residing in the Component County, Active Members, and Retired Members in good standing in this Association as of December 31st of the preceding year; provided, however, that each Component Society shall be entitled to at least one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate Delegate. If the total number of Direct Members, Active Members, and Retired Members in good standing in the Component Society is not evenly divisible by one hundred (100), that Component Society shall be entitled to one (1) additional Delegate in the House of Delegates. The

names of such Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be submitted to the Association prior to the opening of the House of Delegates.

Members in Training and Students are represented through separately seated sections of the House of Delegates and shall not be included in the member count/ratio of representation of component societies for purposes of determining component society representation in the House of Delegates.

From forty-five (45) days up to the opening of the Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates, in case a Delegate or Alternate Delegate of a Component Society is unable to serve, the district Councilor representing that Component Society may at any time certify to the Chair of the Committee on Credentials the name of an Active OSMA Member who resides or works within the district to serve in the place of such absent Delegate or absent Alternate Delegate. The Committee on Credentials shall rule on the eligibility of such certified individual or individuals to act in the place of such absent Delegate or Alternate Delegate.

Section 3. Representation of Medical Specialties. All primary medical specialties listed by the American Board of Medical Specialties are eligible for representation in the House of Delegates. All medical subspecialty societies whose members hold such subspecialty certificates approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties with 100 or more members in Ohio and, of whom, at least 50% are OSMA members, are eligible for representation in the House of Delegates. An OSMA member may be represented by only one subspecialty organization in the OSMA House of Delegates.

A medical specialty or subspecialty society seeking representation shall apply to the Council. The Council shall consider applications and then recommend to the House of Delegates whether the specialty society qualifies for representation.

Each medical specialty and subspecialty society approved by the OSMA House of Delegates shall have one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate Delegate for every 100 specialty or subspecialty members who are also Voting Members of this Association. Each specialty society will certify to this Association at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting both the names of the delegates and alternates selected who must also be Voting Members of the OSMA. The OSMA will verify OSMA membership of the names submitted. In case a Delegate or Alternate Delegate is unable to serve, the President of the recognized medical specialty society may at any time certify to the Chair of the Committee on Credentials the name of a Voting Member of this Association to serve in place of the absent Delegate or absent Alternate Delegate. The Committee on Credentials shall rule on the eligibility of such certified individual or individuals to act in the place of such absent Delegate or Alternate Delegate. A Medical Specialty or subspecialty Society Delegate shall have all rights, privileges and duties as other Delegates. The Delegate will be seated in the House of Delegates with the Councilor District in which that Delegate's Component Society is represented.

By official action, the House adopted Resolution 03-2019.

Resolution 04-2019 – Addressing the Pay Gap in Medicine

RESOLVED, The OSMA supports policies that promote data collection in physician compensation that is de-identified for personal and academic research use; and, **be it further**

RESOLVED, The OSMA supports pay based on objective, gender-neutral criteria; and, **be it further**

RESOLVED, The OSMA supports pay equality to ensure equal pay for equal work.

By official action, the House of Delegates adopted Resolution 04-2019.

Resolution 05-2019 – Advancing Gender Equity in Medicine

RESOLVED, That OSMA adopt the following, which is adapted from American Medical Association policy/directives:

1. That OSMA draft and disseminate a report detailing its positions and recommendations for gender equity in medicine, including clarifying principles for state and specialty societies, academic medical centers, and other entities that employ physicians, to be submitted to the

House for consideration at the 2020 Annual Meeting;

2. That OSMA: (a) Promote institutional, departmental, and practice policies, consistent with federal and Ohio law, that offer transparent criteria for initial and subsequent physician compensation; (b) Continue to advocate for pay structures based on objective, gender-neutral criteria; (c) Advocate for training to identify and mitigate implicit bias in compensation decision making for those in positions to determine salary and bonuses, with a focus on how subtle differences in the further evaluation of physicians of different genders may impede compensation and career advancement;
3. That OSMA recommend as immediate actions to reduce gender bias to: (a) Inform physicians about their rights under the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which restores protection against pay discrimination; (b) Promote educational programs to help empower physicians of all genders to negotiate equitable compensation; and (c) Work with relevant stakeholders to develop and host a workshop on the role of medical societies in advancing women in medicine, with co-development and broad dissemination of a report based on workshop findings;
4. That OSMA collect and analyze comprehensive demographic data and produce a study on gender equity, including, but not limited to, membership; representation in the House of Delegates; reference committee makeup; and leadership positions within OSMA, including the Board of Trustees, Councils and Section governance, plenary speaker invitations (including, but not limited to, the Annual Meeting Education Program, the Annual Oration, and the Public Health Leadership Forum), recognition awards, and grant funding (including, but not limited to, grants from OSMA and Alliance Charitable Foundation); and disseminate such findings in regular reports to the House of Delegates, beginning at A-20 and continuing yearly thereafter, with recommendations to support ongoing gender equity efforts;
5. That OSMA commit to the principles of pay equity across the organization and take steps aligned with this commitment.

By official action, the House of Delegates referred Resolution 05-2019.

Resolution 06-2019 – Increase Awareness of Disparities in Medical Access and Treatment in Ohio

RESOLVED, that our OSMA work with appropriate stakeholders to increase awareness of Ohio physicians, residents, and medical students of disparities in medical access and treatment in Ohio based on disability, race, ethnicity, geography, and other social and demographic factors through the utilization of existing media resources.

By official action, the House of Delegates adopted Resolution 06-2019.

Resolution 07-2019 – Female Genital Mutilation Ban

RESOLVED, That our Ohio State Medical Association condemns the practice of female genital mutilation as defined by the World Health Organization and considers female genital mutilation a form of child abuse; and, **be it further**

RESOLVED, That the Ohio State Medical Association encourages physicians to engage in culturally competent counseling to individuals at risk of female genital mutilation.

By official action, the House of Delegates adopted Resolution 07-2019.

Resolution 08-2019 – HPV Immunization

RESOLVED, That the Ohio State Medical Association supports increased access to the HPV vaccine, and **be it further**

RESOLVED, That the OSMA supports adding the HPV vaccine to the current schedule of

required vaccines for attendance at public and private schools, subject to existing exemption policies.

By official action, the House of Delegates adopted Resolution 08-2019.

Resolution 09-2019 – Impact of Climate Change on Human Health

RESOLVED, That the Ohio State Medical Association supports efforts at the state level for expansion of renewable sources of energy; ~~and be it further~~

~~**RESOLVED**, that the Ohio State Medical Association supports efforts of physicians and other health professional associations to raise awareness of the impact of greenhouse gases and the importance of sustainable energy, including to create policy analyses, supports continuing medical education, and to inform our patients, the public, legislators, and governmental policy makers.~~

By official action, the House of Delegates adopted Amended Resolution 09-2019.

Resolution 10-2019 – Reaffirm Existing Policy 24-2010 – Safe Drinking Water

OSMA policy 24-2010: The OSMA shall petition the appropriate state agencies to identify those local water utilities at risk and to take appropriate steps to assure safe drinking water.

By official action, the House of Delegates reaffirmed existing OSMA policy 24 – 2010 in lieu of Resolution 10-2019.

Resolution 11-2019 – Reaffirm OSMA Emergency Resolution 01-2018 – Firearms and Public Health

1. The OSMA opposes gun violence and supports policy that enforces patient safety.
2. The OSMA lobby for physician immunity from civil and criminal liability, if physicians are required to report potential violent threats by patients.
3. The OSMA encourages firearm safety education.

By official action, the House of Delegates reaffirmed existing OSMA Emergency Resolution 01-2018 in lieu of Resolution 11-2019.

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Presented by Christopher Paprzycki, MD, Chair, First District

Resolution 12-2019 – Creation of a Yoga Board in the State of Ohio

RESOLVED, That our OSMA recommend that the State of Ohio create a State Yoga Board that will create standards of yoga practices and supervise the implementation of standardized curriculum for education of Certified Yoga teachers and practice of yoga therapy, in the State of Ohio; and, **be it further**

RESOLVED, That our OSMA suggest inclusion of education regarding the use and benefits of yoga therapy in the medical curriculum of Ohio medical colleges; and, **be it further**

RESOLVED, That Yoga Practices be promoted to the members of the medical profession for lifestyle change for reduction of stress and improving peace of mind.

By official action, the House of Delegates rejected Resolution 12-2019.

Resolution 13-2019 – Hospital Closures and Physician Credentialing Repository

RESOLVED, That the OSMA take whatever legislative and/or administrative steps necessary to

initiate action by the Ohio Department of Health to create and maintain a repository of credentialing files of those physicians affected by hospital closures, so that such records will be easily accessible for future needs.

By official action, the House of Delegates adopted Resolution 13-2019.

Resolution 14-2019 – Compensation for Prior Authorization Services

RESOLVED, That the OSMA opposes pre-authorization as a requirement for patient care; and **be it further**

RESOLVED, that OSMA seek legislation that provides for appropriate compensation to physician offices for expenses incurred in obtaining prior authorizations for patient care.

By official action, the House of Delegates adopted Resolution 14-2019.

Editorial note: Resolution 15-2019 was withdrawn prior to its acceptance by the House of Delegates.

Resolution 16-2019 – OSMA Support of Direct Primary Care

RESOLVED, That the Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA) provide a written description of the Direct Primary Care model to physicians and medical students for the purpose of educating on alternative practice models.

By official action, the House of Delegates adopted Resolution 16-2019.

Resolution 17-2019 – Part A Medicare Payments to Physicians

RESOLVED, That the OSMA work for enactment of legislation to direct cash payments from Part A Medicare to physicians in direct proportion to demonstrated savings that are made in Part A Medicare through the efforts of physicians; and, **be it further**

RESOLVED, That this Resolution on Part A Medicare Payments to Physicians, be forwarded on to the AMA for consideration at the Annual AMA HOD Meeting in June 2019.

By official action, the House of Delegates adopted Resolution 17-2019.

Resolution 18-2019 – Practice Overhead Expense and the Site-of-Service Differential

RESOLVED, That the OSMA appeal to the Ohio congressional delegation for legislation to direct CMS to eliminate any site-of-service differential payments to hospitals for the same service that can safely be performed in a doctor's office; and, **be it further**

RESOLVED, That the OSMA appeal to the Ohio congressional delegation for legislation to direct CMS in regards to any savings to Part B Medicare, through elimination of the site-of-service differential payments to hospitals, (for the same service that can safely be performed in a doctor's office), be distributed to all physicians who participate in Part B Medicare, by means of improved payments for office-based Evaluation and Management Codes, so as to immediately redress underpayment to physicians in regards to overhead expense; and, **be it further**

RESOLVED, That the OSMA appeal to the Ohio congressional delegation for legislation to direct CMS to make Medicare payments for the same service routinely and safely provided in multiple outpatient settings (e.g., physician offices, HOPDs and ASCs) that are based on sufficient and accurate data regarding the actual costs of providing the service in each setting-; and, **be it further**

RESOLVED, THAT THIS RESOLUTION ON PRACTICE OVERHEAD EXPENSE AND SITE-OF-SERVICE DIFFERENTIAL BE FORWARDED ON TO OUR AMA FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE

ANNUAL HOD MEETING IN JUNE 2019.

By official action, the House of Delegates adopted amended Resolution 18-2019.

Resolution 19-2019 – Investigate Medicare Part D - Insurance Company Upcharge

RESOLVED, That the OSMA Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to investigate Medicare Part D rules which allow insurance providers to keep up to 5% more than their actual cost of providing pharmacy prescription services while at the same time they are eligible to get paid by CMS reinsurance rules for certain losses.

By official action, the House of Delegates adopted Resolution 19-2019.

Resolution 20-2019 – Establishing Fair Medicare Payor Rates

RESOLVED, That the OSMA Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to pursue CMS intervention and direction to prevent commercial Medicare payors from compensating physicians at rates below Medicare's established rates.

By official action, the House of Delegates adopted Resolution 20-2019.

Resolution 21-2019 – 2019 Congressional Health Care Proposals

RESOLVED, That the OSMA supports provisions in Federal and State legislation that:

1. Do not limit the choices available for Americans for health care coverage
2. Support ~~successful~~ IMPROVING existing programs such as CHIP, Tricare, MEDICAID and Medicare HEALTH PLANS
3. Make any new plan voluntary
4. ~~Allow Americans to purchase other health coverage for basic benefits~~
- 5.4 Do not eliminate the private insurance market; and, **be it further**

RESOLVED, That the OSMA reaffirm our basic principles for health care (Policy 63 - 1994 and Policy 01 - 2017); and, **be it further**

RESOLVED, That the OSMA AMA Delegation take this resolution to the AMA Annual meeting in Chicago for further discussion and action.

By official action, the House of Delegates adopted amended Resolution 21-2019.

Resolution 22-2019 – Opposition to Medicaid Eligibility Barriers

RESOLVED, That the Ohio State Medical Association oppose drug testing as a requirement to determine eligibility for Medicaid enrollees and applicants; and, **be it further**

RESOLVED, That the Ohio State Medical Association oppose employment criteria for Medicaid enrollees and applicants.

By official action, the House of Delegates adopted Resolution 22-2019.

Resolution 23-2019 – 2019 OSMA Policy Sunset Report

RESOLVED, That the recommendations of the OSMA Council published prior to the House of Delegates as the 2019 OSMA Policy Sunset Report be adopted by the OSMA House of Delegates.

By official action, the House of Delegates adopted Resolution 23-2019.