

WASHINGTON STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
OFFICIAL ACTIONS OF THE 2016 HOUSE OF DELEGATES

REFERENCE COMMITTEE B

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Report A – 2016 Bylaws Amendments (ADOPTED)

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Classes of Membership.

A member shall be in a class of membership comparable to that in the member’s component county society, provided that the member meets the qualifications of this Association. For a ~~direct member~~Direct Member or where the component county society does not have a comparable class of membership, the Executive Committee shall be the judge of qualification for class of membership. A member who meets the qualifications in more than one class of membership shall select one class of membership.

Section 2. Active Members.

An ~~active member~~Active Member shall be one who:

- a. holds the degree of Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Osteopathy, or Bachelor of Medicine, or its equivalent, which has been issued by an institution accepted by the Washington State Medical Quality Assurance Commission or the Washington State Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery;
- b. holds a license to practice medicine in the State of Washington, or is practicing in the state of Washington with a federal waiver (~~±~~e.g. military or U.S. Public Health Service)

RESOLVED, that our WSMA study and report back in 2017 on all current and planned WSMA activities to develop a vibrant Medical Student Section. (Directive to Take Action).

B-4 – Climate Change (ADOPTED AS AMENDED)

RESOLVED, that the WSMA acknowledge that climate change is a critical public health issue; (New HOD Policy) and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the WSMA support policies that both reduce pollution and address the issues of climate change and that will promote healthier, sustainable communities. (New HOD Policy)

B-5 – Preservation of Physician-Patient Relationships and Promotion of Patient Care (ADOPTED AS AMENDED)

RESOLVED, that the WSMA reaffirm its current policy (EC Report A, A-93) that supports the freedom of patients to choose the health care delivery system that best suits their needs and provides them with a choice of physicians; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the WSMA support the freedom of choice of physicians to refer their patients to the physician practice or hospital that they think is most able to provide the best medical care (New HOD Policy); and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the WSMA support policies that encourage patients to return to their established primary care provider after emergency department visits, hospitalization or specialty consultation. (New HOD Policy)

B-6 – Development of Meaningful Physician Assessment (ADOPTED AS AMENDED)

RESOLVED, that our WSMA call for the immediate end of any mandatory, secured recertifying examination by the American Board of Medical Specialties or other certifying organizations as part of the recertification process for all those specialties that still require a secure, high-stakes recertification examination (Directive to Take Action; New HOD Policy); and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that our WSMA continue to work with the American Medical Association, state and specialty medical organizations, and other interested stakeholders to promote legislation and policies that prevent Maintenance of Certification from being used as a condition of licensure, reimbursement, employment or hospital admitting privileges (Directive to Take Action; New HOD Policy); and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that there be a report back to the WSMA House of Delegates by the 2017 Annual Meeting outlining steps WSMA has taken regarding Maintenance of Certification and a general update on the status of MOC in Washington state (Directive to Take Action); and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that our WSMA support development of meaningful physician assessment that promotes clinical care and patient well-being. (Directive to Take Action)