

**2006 ANNUAL MEETING
MEDICAL SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY**

Report: Reference Committee on Constitution and Bylaws/A

Presented by: William M. Sugarmann, MD, Chair

1 **PRESIDENT/CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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3 **Recommendation:**

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5 The Reference Committee recommends that the report be filed.

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7 **JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

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9 **Recommendation:**

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11 The Reference Committee recommends that the report be filed.

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13 **COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**
14 **RESOLUTION 4 – AMA DELEGATION TENURE**

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16 The Reference Committee combined consideration of these two items because of the
17 similarity of their subject matter.

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19 **Recommendation (1):**

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21 The Reference Committee recommends that Chapter VI – AMA Delegates
22 and Other Representatives, Subparagraph (a) be amended to read as
23 follows:

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25 No member shall serve more than six, two-year terms as an AMA
26 delegate. There are no term limits for alternate delegates. The delegate
27 tenure limitation does not apply to members serving on an elected or
28 appointed AMA council or section for as long as their tenure continues on
29 that AMA council or section. If a delegate's tenure on the AMA
30 delegation expires while he or she is serving in the capacity noted, the
31 delegate will relinquish the position on the AMA delegation at the
32 completion of service on the AMA council or section.

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34 Once an individual has completed six, two-year terms as a delegate on the
35 AMA delegation, that individual is ineligible to return to the delegation as
36 either a delegate or an alternate.

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1 The Nominating Committee shall nominate a “single slate,” for open
2 positions as AMA delegate or alternate delegate. (See *Sturgis’ Standard*
3 *Code of Parliamentary Procedure*.) The Committee shall nominate only
4 that number of people needed to fill the open delegation seats. However,
5 the House of Delegates shall vote for each seat holder individually, and
6 shall not vote for a block of candidates. Additional candidates for any
7 given seat may be nominated from the floor.

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9 For description of a “single slate” see *Sturgis’ Standard Code of Parliamentary*
10 *Procedure*, 4th ed., pp. 155–156.

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12 **Recommendation (2):**

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14 The Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 4 not be adopted.

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16 After extensive discussion and input, the Reference Committee believes that by
17 eliminating the term limits for alternates and eliminating block voting, ample opportunity
18 is provided for delegates to participate effectively in the American Medical Association,
19 while allowing for new membership in the delegation.

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21 **RESOLUTION 17 – MEDICAL PEER REVIEW PANEL**

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23 **Recommendation:**

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25 The Reference Committee agrees with the concept of Resolution 17 and
26 recommends that it be referred to the Board of Trustees so that they can
27 work with sub-specialty medical societies to develop a task force, within
28 the next four months, to address the concept represented in Resolution 17.

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30 **RESOLUTION 19 – UNIFORM VISION STANDARDS FOR ALL DRIVERS IN**
31 **THE UNITED STATES**

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33 **Recommendation:**

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35 The Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 19 be referred to
36 the Council on Public Health for further investigation and
37 recommendation.

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39 **RESOLUTION 20 – PAY FOR PERFORMANCE INITIATIVE**

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41 **Recommendation:**

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43 The Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 20 be adopted.

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1 **RESOLUTION 28 – PHYSICIAN CONTRACTS WITH NURSING HOMES**

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Recommendation:

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The Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 28 be adopted.

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The Reference Committee suggests that this resolution is an adjunct to advocacy for Medicare rule changes that would allow physicians to bill Medicare directly for services performed in a skilled nursing facility.

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10 **RESOLUTION 29 – DEFICIT REDUCTION ACT OF 2005**

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Recommendation:

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The Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 29 be adopted.

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Membership of the Committee:

William M. Sugarmann, MD, chair; David S. Handlin, MD, Josephine Jasper, MD, Francis J. Lumia, MD, Scott R. Schaffer, MD, and Bernardo Toro-Echague, MD (Dean A. Dent, MD, was unable to attend the meeting.)