

2017 HOD PROCEEDINGS

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 168TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PAMED HOUSE OF DELEGATES HERSHEY LODGE AND CONVENTION CENTER, HERSHEY, PA

OPENING SESSION—OCTOBER 14, 2017

John J. Pagan, MD, Speaker of the House, called the opening session of the House of Delegates to order at 8:30 am on Saturday, October 14, 2017 in the Aztec/Nigerian Rooms of the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Invocation

Sensei J. Anthony Stultz of the Blue Mountain Lotus Society offered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

John W. Spurlock, MD, Vice Speaker of the House, led the House of Delegates in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Committee on Rules and Credentials

Virginia E. Hall, MD (Dauphin County), Chair, reported there was a quorum of 194 credentialed delegates.

STANDING RULES NOS. 1-18

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED

The Committee on Rules and Credentials recommended Continuation without Amendment Standing Rules Nos. 1-18.

Approval of Proceedings

The Proceedings of the 167th Annual Business Meeting of the Pennsylvania Medical Society, held in Hershey on October 22-23, 2016, were approved.

Introduction of Official Reports Book

The Official Reports Book, containing the 2017 annual reports and resolutions, was accepted without objection as business of the House.

Dr. Pagan called to the attention of the House the information reports found in the front of the Official Reports Book before the Rules and Credentials materials, and asked if any of the delegates wished to extract any of the reports. There were no extractions.

The House filed the following information reports:

Reports of the Board of Trustees: Board Reports 1, 7, and 8; Necrology Report.

Reports of Standing Committees: Committee to Nominate Delegates & Alternates to the AMA.

Reports of Officers: Auditor; Executive Vice President; Secretary; Speaker, House of Delegates; and Treasurer.

Miscellaneous Reports: Pennsylvania Delegation to the AMA; Pennsylvania Medical Political Action Committee (PAMPAC); and the Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society.

Necrology Report

Dr. Pagan stated that the Necrology Report from the Board of Trustees could be found with the information reports in the Official Reports Book. He called attention to the Memorial Resolutions for Richard D. Baltz, MD; Paul C. Brucker, MD; William W. Lander, MD; Wallace G. McCune, MD; Rajendra N. Seth, MD, FACC, FACP; Charles R. Shuman, Jr., MD; and William Tasman, MD. These Memorial Resolutions were adopted, and the House observed a moment of silence in their honor.

Address of the President

Charles Cutler, MD, MACP (Montgomery County), President, addressed the House, and the House filed his report.

Address of the President Elect

Theodore Christopher, MD, FACEP (Philadelphia County), President Elect, addressed the House, and the House filed his remarks.

Remarks by the AMA Representative

Dr. Pagan recognized Dr. James A. Goodyear, Chair of the Pennsylvania Delegation to the AMA, who introduced Carl A. Sirio, MD, FACEP, member of the AMA Board of Trustees. Dr. Sirio addressed the House and accepted several questions from the floor. Dr. Sirio's remarks were filed by the House.

Remarks by the Chair of the Board, PAMPAC

Dr. Pagan recognized Timothy D. Welby, MD (Lackawanna County), Chair of the PAMPAC Board, who gave a brief presentation to, and shared a short video with, the House. Dr. Welby's remarks were filed by the House.

Remarks by the Secretary of the Board, AMPAC

Dr. Spurlock introduced Michael Suk, MD, JD, MPH (Montour County), a member of the AMPAC Board of Directors. Dr. Suk briefly addressed the House, and the House filed his remarks.

Remarks by the Chair of the Board, Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society

Dr. Spurlock recognized Dr. Virginia E. Hall, MD, FACOG, FACP (Dauphin County), Chair of the Foundation's Board, who gave a brief presentation and presented a video to the House. Dr. Hall's remarks were filed.

Remarks by the Pennsylvania Medical Society Alliance President

Dr. Spurlock introduced Mrs. Kathleen Hall, the 93rd President of the Pennsylvania Medical Society Alliance. Mrs. Hall briefly addressed the House, and her remarks were filed.

Remarks by the Executive Vice President of the Pennsylvania Medical Society

Dr. Pagan recognized Martin P. Raniowski, Executive Vice President of the Pennsylvania Medical Society, who briefly addressed the House. Mr. Raniowski's remarks were then filed.

Update on the Care Centered Collaborative

Dr. Pagan recognized Jaan Sidorov, MD (Dauphin County), President & CEO of the Care Centered Collaborative. Dr. Sidorov addressed the House, and his remarks were filed without objection.

Nominations/Elections

In accordance with Chapter X, Section 1 (“Nominations”) of the Bylaws of the Pennsylvania Medical Society, nominations for Vice President, Speaker and Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates, Trustees, AMA Delegates and Alternate Delegates, Committee to Nominate Delegates and Alternates to the AMA, and Judicial Council are in order at the first session of the House of Delegates.

Hearing no additional nominations from the floor for the position of Vice President, Dr. Pagan announced that nominations were closed and that the House had elected Lawrence R. John, MD (Allegheny County) by acclamation. Dr. John briefly addressed the House following his election by acclamation.

Hearing no additional nominations from the floor, it was announced that the House had elected the following individuals by acclamation:

Speaker, House of Delegates: John J. Pagan, MD (Bucks County)

Vice Speaker, House of Delegates: John W. Spurlock, MD (Northampton County)

Sixth District Trustee: Candace R. Good, MD (Centre County)

Seventh District Trustee: John P. Furia, MD (Union County)

Eighth District Trustee: John P. Gallagher, MD (Mercer County)

At-Large Specialties Trustee: Walter M. Klein, MD (Montgomery County)

Hospital-Based Trustee: Todd Fijewski, MD, FACEP (Allegheny County)

Obstetrics/Gynecology Trustee: John M. Mantione, Jr., MD (Dauphin County)

Primary Care (Internal Medicine) Trustee: Eileen M. Moser, MD (Dauphin County)

Early Career Physicians Section Trustee: John M. Vasudevan, MD (Philadelphia County)

Medical Students Section Trustee: Michael Loesche (Philadelphia County)

(There were no nominations from the floor for the Eleventh District Trustee position.)

Delegates to the AMA

Hearing no additional nominations from the floor, it was announced that the House had elected the following by acclamation: Theodore A. Christopher, MD (Philadelphia County); Michael A. DellaVecchia, MD (Philadelphia County); Marilyn J. Heine, MD (Bucks County); Peter S. Lund, MD (Erie County); Judith R. Pryblich, DO (Lehigh County); Ralph Schmeltz, MD (Allegheny County); John W. Spurlock, MD (Northampton County); and Martin D. Trichtinger, MD (Montgomery County).

Alternate Delegates to the AMA

Hearing no additional nominations from the floor, it was announced that the House had elected the following by acclamation: Erick J. Bergquist, MD (Indiana County); Stephen N. Clay, MD (Delaware County); Mark S. Friedlander, MD (Delaware County); Kevin O. Garrett, MD (Allegheny County); Jill M. Owens, MD (McKean County); Evan J. Pollack, MD (Delaware County); and Scott E. Shapiro, MD (Montgomery County).

Slotted Position for Alternate Delegate to the AMA for a Resident or Fellow Physician

Hearing no additional nominations from the floor, it was announced that the House had elected Dane Scantling, DO (Philadelphia County) by acclamation to the slotted position for Alternate Delegate to the AMA for a Resident or Fellow Physician.

Slotted Position for Alternate Delegate to the AMA for a Medical Student

Hearing no additional nominations from the floor, it was announced that the House had elected Rachel Thomas (Philadelphia County) by acclamation to the slotted position for Alternate Delegate to the AMA for a Medical Student.

Committee to Nominate Delegates & Alternates to the AMA

There were no nominations from the floor for one (1) member for a three-year term to serve on the Committee to Nominate Delegates & Alternates.

Judicial Council

Hearing no additional nominations from the floor, it was announced that the House had elected Edward H. Dench, Jr., MD (Centre County), Victor F. Greco, MD (Luzerne County), and C. Eve Kimball, MD (Berks County) to the Judicial Council by acclamation.

Presentation of AMES Scholarships

Mrs. Caryl Schmitz, AMES Fund Chair, and Mrs. Kathleen Hall, Alliance President, presented awards to the winners of this year's AMES scholarships as follows:

- 1) The Robert and Arlene Oyler Award (\$3000) – Elisa Giusto, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (Class of 2018)
- 2) The Dr. William J. West, Jr. Award in Memory of Dr. William B. West and in Honor of Dr. William J. West and Joyce West, Medical and Alliance Leaders (\$2500) – Rachel Polinski, Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine (Class of 2018)
- 3) The Barbara Prendergast Award (\$2500) – Carley Sokach, Sidney Kimmel Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University (Class of 2019)
- 4) Dauphin County Medical Society Alliance Award in Honor of Mrs. Laretta Jordan (\$2500) – Alexander Adams, Sidney Kimmel Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University (Class of 2018)
- 5) AMES Fund Scholarship (\$2500) – Linda Magana, Sidney Kimmel Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University (Class of 2019)
- 6) AMES Fund Scholarship (\$2500) – Ramzy Nagle, Sidney Kimmel Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University (Class of 2018)
- 7) AMES Fund Scholarship (\$2500) – Evan Jones, Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University (Class of 2019)
- 8) AMES Fund Scholarship (\$2500) – Alexis Lukach, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine (Class of 2018)
- 9) AMES Fund Scholarship (\$2500) – Adam Weaver, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (Class of 2019)

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The opening session of the 2017 House of Delegates recessed at 10:52 am.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Reference committee members for the 2017 House of Delegates & Annual Education Conference are listed below:

REFERENCE COMMITTEE A (Standing Committee on Bylaws)

MARK FRIEDLANDER, MD (DELAWARE COUNTY)-CHAIR
Kevin Garrett, MD (Allegheny County)
Todd Hertzberg, MD (Allegheny County)
Cadence Kim, MD (Philadelphia County)
Shyam Sabat, MD (Dauphin County)

REFERENCE COMMITTEE B (Education & Science/Public Health)

DANIEL KIMBALL, JR, MD (BERKS COUNTY)-CHAIR
Michael DellaVecchia, MD (Philadelphia County)
Ahashta Johnson, MD (Montgomery County)
Alesha Shaik (MSS-Philadelphia County)
Maria Sunseri, MD (Allegheny County)

REFERENCE COMMITTEE C (Managed Care & Other Third-Party Reimbursement)

ADELE TOWERS, MD (ALLEGHENY COUNTY)-CHAIR
Ronald Anderson, MD (Delaware County)
Ragunath Appasamy, MD (Allegheny County)
Everett Hills, MD (Dauphin County)

REFERENCE COMMITTEE D (Mcare Fund/Tort Reform/Other Legislation/Regulation)

KINNARI PATEL, MD (PHILADELPHIA COUNTY)-CHAIR
Thomas Falasca, DO (Erie County)
Mark Goodman, MD (Allegheny County)
Jill Owens, MD (McKean County)
Jay Rothkopf, MD (Montgomery County)

REFERENCE COMMITTEE E (Membership/Leadership/Subsidiaries)

TIMOTHY PELKOWSKI, MD (ERIE COUNTY)-CHAIR
David Lucas, MD (Westmoreland County)
Aasta Mehta, MD (Philadelphia County)
John P. Williams, MD (Allegheny County)
Hans Zuckerman, DO (Lebanon County)

COMMITTEE ON RULES & CREDENTIALS

VIRGINIA HALL, MD (DAUPHIN COUNTY)-CHAIR
H. Jordan Garber, MD (Allegheny County)
George Green, MD (Montgomery County)
Arlene Seid, MD (Cumberland County)
Carmen Spinney, MD (Lycoming County)
Matthew Straka, MD (Allegheny County)

TELLERS/SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS

PHILLIP LEVINE, MD (ALLEGHENY COUNTY)-CHIEF TELLER
Joseph Blood, Jr, MD (Bradford County)
Sharon Goldstein, MD (Allegheny County)
Howard Horne, MD (Carbon County)
Albert Kroser, DO (Philadelphia County)
Dale Mandel, MD (Philadelphia County)
Judith Pryblich, DO (Lehigh County)

Inaugural Program/Alliance Fundraiser

The Alliance Wine and Hors d'oeuvres Social and the AMES silent auction fundraiser opened at 5:00 pm on Saturday, October 14, 2017. Silent auction items were available for viewing during the afternoon, and the silent auction re-opened post-Inauguration.

The Inaugural program, dinner, entertainment, and dancing were also held on Saturday from 6:00-10:00 pm in the Red and White Rooms of the Hershey Lodge.

Opening Remarks

John J. Pagan, MD, Speaker of the House of Delegates, delivered opening remarks.

Introduction of Past Presidents and Visiting Dignitaries

Dr. Pagan introduced the Medical Society's past presidents and visiting dignitaries.

Clinical Poster Contest Results

1st prize (\$600): Ekamjeet Randhawa, "Evaluation of CT Angiograms from the Hahnemann Emergency Room"

2nd prize (\$350): Divya Akella, "Retrospective Analysis of Computed Tomography Angiography-Chest (CTA) for Pulmonary Embolism"

3rd prize (\$200): Umar Tariq, "Thief in the Night: A Rare Case of Double Steal Syndrome"

Crowd Pleaser (\$100): Jian Liang Tan, "Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy with Atrial Fibrillation Masquerading as STEMI"

Presentation of Physician Award for Community Voluntary Service

David A. Talenti, MD, Chair, Board of Trustees, presented the Community Voluntary Service award to Koroush Khalighi, MD.

Presentation of Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Talenti presented the Distinguished Service Award to Gerald P. Tracy, MD.

Presentation of Past President's Pin and Plaque

Dr. Talenti made the presentation of the Past President's Pin and Plaque to Charles Cutler, MD, MACP.

Installation of President

Dr. Talenti installed Theodore A. Christopher, MD, FACEP as the 168th President of the Pennsylvania Medical Society.

Dinner Blessing

The dinner blessing was provided by Robert D. Snyder, MD, FACEP, President of International Health Services.

Post Inauguration Activities

The Silent Auction was re-opened and the evening's entertainment, a variety act, was provided by Tony Braithwaite.

FINAL SESSION—October 15, 2017

The closing session of the 2017 House of Delegates was called to order at 8:04 am on Sunday, October 15, 2017 in the Aztec/Nigerian Rooms of the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Committee on Rules and Credentials

Virginia E. Hall, MD (Dauphin County), Chair, reported that there was a quorum of 214 credentialed delegates present for the closing session.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS

Reference Committee Hearing: [Can be viewed at www.pamedsoc.org/PastProceedings](http://www.pamedsoc.org/PastProceedings).

REPORT 2, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 2016 PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT: SUBJECT EIGHT –AFFILIATE MEMBER CATEGORY

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED

The Board of Trustees recommended that the House of Delegates adopt the proposed Bylaws amendment to expand the Affiliate Member Category to include physicians 70 years of age or older.

2017 PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT: SUBJECT ONE – ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

HOUSE ACTION: REFERRED BACK TO BYLAWS COMMITTEE FOR STUDY

2017 PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT: SUBJECT TWO – ADMINISTRATIVE MEMBER

HOUSE ACTION: REFERRED BACK TO BYLAWS COMMITTEE FOR STUDY

2017 PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT: SUBJECT THREE – EARLY CAREER PHYSICIANS SECTION

HOUSE ACTION: REFERRED BACK TO BYLAWS COMMITTEE FOR STUDY

Reference Committee Hearing: Can be viewed at <https://www.pamedsoc.org/PastProceedings>

REPORT 3, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, RESOLUTION 16-203: PENNSYLVANIA IMMUNIZATION COALITION

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED

The Board recommended that staff continue to monitor the status of the Immunization Coalition.

REPORT 9, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, RESOLUTION 15-204: PARITY FOR INTERNATIONAL AND US MEDICAL GRADUATES IN GME REQUIREMENTS

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED

The Board recommended the adoption of Board Report 9, and asked PAMED staff to follow the progress and lobby for the passage of the bill that was drafted to amend section 29(c) of the MPA.

RESOLUTION 17-201: STOP THE BLEED PUBLIC EDUCATION

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society support the American College of Surgeons' national public educational campaign entitled "Stop the Bleed" and encourage its component county and specialty associations and all physicians within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to promote this education for the health of all patients.

RESOLUTION 17-202: TEEN HEALTH WEEK

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society actively promote Teen Health Week and encourage its component county and specialty associations to also work with their local schools to adopt Teen Health Week.

RESOLUTION 17-203: MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society coordinate public and professional education campaigns and programs to promote more widespread use of the safe and effective medication-assisted treatments in coordination with counseling and evidence-based therapies which are available; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society promote training programs for those Pennsylvania physicians interested in becoming medication-assisted treatment providers.

RESOLUTION 17-204: ABORTION COVERAGE IN HEALTH INSURANCE

HOUSE ACTION: REFERRED TO BOARD FOR STUDY

RESOLUTION 17-205: VA HEALTH SERVICES FOR WOMEN VETERANS

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) recognize the disparity in access to care for women veterans; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED encourage research to address this population's specific needs to improve patient outcomes; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Delegation to the American Medical Association present this resolution to the upcoming interim meeting of the AMA (I-2017) for national adoption.

RESOLUTION 17-206: BABY BOXES FOR INFANTS

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that PAMED encourage the research of safe sleeping environments which could include the study of the safety, efficacy, and methods of implementation of boxes for babies to sleep in as a potential initiative to decrease the incidence of sudden unexpected infant death in Pennsylvania.

Reference Committee Hearing: Can be viewed at <https://www.pamedsoc.org/PastProceedings>

RESOLUTION 17-301: MEDICAID REFORM

HOUSE ACTION: REFERRED TO BOARD FOR STUDY

RESOLUTION 17-302: PAMED SUPPORT OF DIRECT PRIMARY CARE

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) provide a written description of the Direct Primary Care model to its members for the purpose of educating on alternative practice models; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, that PAMED submit a press release outlining PAMED's support of the Direct Primary Care model and publishing said press release; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED work with State legislators to support the practice of Direct Primary Care models.

RESOLUTION 17-303: AIR AMBULANCE REGULATIONS AND REIMBURSEMENTS

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) present this resolution for national adoption to direct that the AMA, and appropriate stakeholders identified by the AMA, study the role, clinical efficacy, and cost-effectiveness of air ambulance services, including barriers to adequate competition, reimbursement, quality improvement and other areas identified by the AMA and its stakeholders, and provide appropriate recommendations addressing the areas to be studied.

RESOLUTION 17-304: PATIENT PROTECTION FROM OUT-OF-NETWORK COSTS

HOUSE ACTION: NOT ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 17-305: MEDICAID PHYSICIAN REIMBURSEMENT FOR
TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION SERVICES**

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS ORIGINAL

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) work to obtain state Medicaid funding for medical interpretive services; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED urge the Pennsylvania General Assembly to pass legislation that installs a system of reimbursement for interpretation and translation services accrued during medical encounters.

Reference Committee Hearing: Can be viewed at <https://www.pamedsoc.org/PastProceedings>

REPORT 4, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, RESOLUTION 16-406: HEPATITIS C SCREENING ACT

HOUSE ACTION: REPORT ADOPTED IN LIEU OF RESOLUTION 16-406

The Board recommended that the House adopt Report 4 in lieu of Resolution 16-406. In their conclusory remarks, the Board recommended that PAMED staff seek to work with the legislature to draft an amendment to Act 87 that clarifies the issues highlighted by PAMED in its letter to DOH.

REPORT 5, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, RESOLUTION 16-408: NEGATIVE STATEMENTS AND REPORTS TO THE NATIONAL PRACTITIONER DATA BANK

HOUSE ACTION: REPORT ADOPTED IN LIEU OF RESOLUTION 16-408

The Board recommended that the House adopt Report 5 in lieu of Resolution 16-408, and concluded that PAMED should oppose the use of the National Practitioner Data Bank to manipulate or dissuade physicians from application and participation on medical staffs, and should provide members with education on the National Practitioner Data Bank and the National Practitioner Data Bank's dispute process.

RESOLUTION 17-401: PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT OF PHYSICIANS WITH HOSPITAL PRIVILEGES

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society work with the Pennsylvania Legislature, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Pennsylvania Insurance Department, and other appropriate agencies to establish legislation or regulation that any physician who is not practicing in a hospital may not be required to maintain hospital privileges by any entity including, but not limited to, a health insurance company, malpractice insurance company, surgery center, or outpatient facility; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society work with the Pennsylvania Legislature, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Pennsylvania Insurance Department, and other appropriate agencies to establish legislation or regulation that no insurance company may grant or deny preferred or in-network status to physicians according to the presence or absence of their hospital privileges.

RESOLUTION 17-402: CPR TRAINING

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) support state legislation advocating for Basic Life Support (BLS) training in schools for students prior to graduation from high school; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED work with other stakeholder organizations, including the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, and county medical societies to advocate for increased BLS training for laypersons.

RESOLUTION 17-403: DEFENDING THE PHYSICIAN-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society strongly oppose current and future legislations which would establish independent practice for Nurse Practitioners; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society reaffirm Policy Number 35.986.

RESOLUTION 17-404: OVERSIGHT OF PA BOARDS OF MEDICINE

HOUSE ACTION: WITHDRAWN AT AUTHOR'S REQUEST

**RESOLUTION 17-405: FORMULARY EQUIVALENT ALTERNATIVES
FROM DENYING INSURERS**

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society seek through legislation or regulation the requirement that all insurers or their agents provide formulary alternates with similar mechanism of action at the time of prescription denial.

**RESOLUTION 17-406: FIXING INFORMED CONSENT WAS CONSIDERED WITH
RESOLUTION 17-409: INFORMED CONSENT**

**HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY SUBSTITUTION RESOLUTION 17-406 IN LIEU OF
RESOLUTION 17-409**

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society work in cooperation with the Hospital and Health System Association of Pennsylvania to introduce legislation that will allow a qualified physician to delegate his or her duty to obtain informed consent to another provider who has knowledge of the patient, the patient's condition, and the procedures to be performed on the patient; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this legislation include language to ensure that all information exchanged between the patient and the individual obtaining informed consent be admissible in court.

RESOLUTION 17-407: GOVERNMENT FORCED MANDATES IN PHYSICIAN PRACTICE

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) actively oppose any legislation seeking to mandate clinical guidelines upon the physician; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED notify its membership in a timely manner of any new legislation from the Pennsylvania General Assembly that seeks to mandate clinical guidelines.

**RESOLUTION 17-408: IMMUNITY FOR FREE OR
LOW-COST OR EMERGENT HEALTHCARE**

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) reaffirm PAMED policy 435.967 (Liability Protection for All Uncompensated Care); and, be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED advocate for physicians who volunteer at free clinics to have the same liability protections afforded to physicians who volunteer at Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC).

**RESOLUTION 17-410: PENNSYLVANIA DACA
STUDENTS, PHYSICIANS, AND PATIENTS**

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) support legislative efforts to protect Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status medical students, physicians, and patients; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED issue a statement in support of current U.S. healthcare professionals, including those currently training as medical students or residents and fellows, who are DACA recipients in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

RESOLUTION 17-411: AMEND PENNSYLVANIA DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE CONTROL ACT

HOUSE ACTION: NOT ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 17-412: SURVEY OF HEALTHCARE SPENDING, CONSOLIDATION, AND EXCLUSION OF
PRIVATE PRACTICE PHYSICIANS**

HOUSE ACTION: REFERRED TO BOARD FOR STUDY

RESOLUTION 17-413: SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) oppose legislation that promotes physician assistant independent practice; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the PAMED oppose any legislation that erodes the supervisory role of the physician with or in relation to the physician assistant.

Reference Committee Hearing: [can be found at https://www.pamedsoc.org/PastProceedings](https://www.pamedsoc.org/PastProceedings).

**REPORT 6, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, RESOLUTION 16-506: PHYSICIAN-DRIVEN,
FREE MARKET-BASED HEALTHCARE PAYMENT MODEL**

HOUSE ACTION: REPORT ADOPTED IN LIEU OF RESOLUTION 16-506

The Board recommended the adoption of Report 6 in lieu of Resolution 16-506, and stated that they believe fostering the development of one or more CINs offers a more realistic alternative to eschewing traditional insurance and market realities.

REPORT 7, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, POLICY SUNSET

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED/REPORT FILED

REPORT 8, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES CATEGORIES

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED/REPORT FILED

RESOLUTION 17-501: SURVEY OF PAMED TO PRIORITIZE MEMBERS' NEEDS

HOUSE ACTION: NOT ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 17-502: FINANCING FOR STUDENT AND RESIDENT DELEGATES WAS CONSIDERED
WITH RESOLUTION 17-504: SUPPORT DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES**

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY SUBSTITUTION RESOLUTION 17-502 IN LIEU OF RESOLUTION 17-504

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) explore multiple funding avenues, collaborative relationships, and engagement opportunities as methods by which to engage students, residents, fellows, and physicians in the annual House of Delegates meeting.

RESOLUTION 17-503: PRACTICING PHYSICIAN DECLINING MEMBERSHIP ANALYSIS

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) petition the American Medical Association (AMA) to release to its membership in its annual report all aggregate survey data for the given year pertaining to reasons physicians are either leaving or not joining the AMA.

RESOLUTION 17-505: LAW FIRM TO REVIEW EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS

HOUSE ACTION: REFERRED TO BOARD FOR DECISION

RESOLUTION 17-506: TRANSPARENCY WITHIN PAMED

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society disseminate to the counties and subsequently their members information to include but not limited to: Agenda Action Forms, Executive Summary of Issues, and Discussion Items for upcoming Board Meetings.

Nominations and Elections

In accordance with Chapter X, Section 1 ("Nominations") of the Bylaws of the Pennsylvania Medical Society, nominations for Vice President, Speaker and Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates, Trustees, AMA Delegates and Alternate Delegates, Committee to Nominate Delegates and Alternates to the AMA, and Judicial Council were in order at the first session of the House of Delegates held on Saturday morning, October 14, 2017.

OFFICERS FOR 2017-18 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

President: Theodore A. Christopher, MD (Philadelphia County) was formally installed as the 168th President on Saturday evening, October 14, 2017.

President Elect: Danae M. Powers, MD (Centre County) assumed the office of President Elect.

Vice President: Lawrence R. John, MD (Allegheny County) was elected Vice President by acclamation during the opening session of the House on Saturday, October 14, 2017.

Speaker, House of Delegates: John J. Pagan, MD (Bucks County) was re-elected Speaker by acclamation at the opening session of the House on Saturday, October 14, 2017.

Vice Speaker, House of Delegates: John W. Spurlock, MD (Northampton County) was re-elected Vice Speaker by acclamation at the opening session of the House on Saturday, October 14, 2017.

The following individuals were elected by acclamation to positions as District/Specialty/Section Trustees at the opening session of the House on Saturday, October 14, 2017:

Sixth District Trustee: Candace R. Good, MD (Centre County)

Seventh District Trustee: John P. Furia, MD (Union County)

Eighth District Trustee: John P. Gallagher, MD (Mercer County)

Eleventh District Trustee: *There were no nominations and this position remains unfilled at this time.*

At-Large Specialties Trustee: Walter M. Klein, MD (Montgomery County)

Hospital-Based Trustee: Todd Fijewski, MD, FACEP (Allegheny County)

Obstetrics/Gynecology Trustee: John M. Mantione, Jr., MD (Dauphin County)

Primary Care (Internal Medicine): Eileen M. Moser, MD (Dauphin County)

Early Career Physicians Section Trustee: John M. Vasudevan, MD (Philadelphia County)

Medical Students Section Trustee: Michael Loesche (Philadelphia County)

Committee to Nominate Delegates and Alternates to the AMA

The nominations of the Committee to Nominate Delegates and Alternates to the AMA were published in the Official Call and contained in the Official Reports Book.

The following were elected by acclamation at the opening session on October 14, 2017 to serve as Delegates to the AMA for eight (8) two-year terms commencing January 1, 2018 and expiring December 31, 2019:

- 1) Theodore A. Christopher, MD (Philadelphia County)
- 2) Michael A. DellaVecchia, MD (Philadelphia County)
- 3) Marilyn J. Heine, MD (Bucks County)
- 4) Peter S. Lund, MD (Erie County)
- 5) Judith R. Pryblich, DO (Lehigh County)
- 6) Ralph Schmeltz, MD (Allegheny County)
- 7) John W. Spurlock, MD (Northampton County)
- 8) Martin D. Trichtinger, MD (Montgomery County)

The following were elected by acclamation at the opening session of the House to serve as Alternate Delegates to the AMA for seven (7) two-year terms commencing January 1, 2018 and expiring December 31, 2019:

- 1) Erick J. Bergquist, MD (Indiana County)
- 2) Stephen N. Clay, MD (Delaware County)
- 3) Mark S. Friedlander, MD (Delaware County)
- 4) Kevin O. Garrett, MD (Allegheny County)
- 5) Jill M. Owens, MD (McKean County)
- 6) Evan J. Pollack, MD (Delaware County)
- 7) Scott E. Shapiro, MD (Montgomery County)

Slotted Position for Alternate Delegate to the AMA for a Resident or Fellow Physician:

Dane Scantling, DO (Philadelphia County) was elected by acclamation at the Saturday session of the House to the slotted position for a resident or fellow physician to serve as Alternate Delegate to the AMA for a one-year term commencing October 15, 2017 and expiring October 28, 2018.

Slotted Position for Alternate Delegate to the AMA for a Medical Student:

Rachel Thomas (Philadelphia County) was elected by acclamation at the opening session of the House to the slotted AMA Alternate Delegate position for a medical student for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2018 and expiring December 31, 2018.

Committee to Nominate Delegates & Alternates to the AMA:

For one (1) member to serve a three-year term on the Committee to Nominate Delegates and Alternates to the AMA, there were/are no known nominees.

Judicial Council:

Edward H. Dench, Jr., MD (Centre County), Victor F. Greco, MD (Luzerne County), and C. Eve Kimball, MD (Berks County) were elected by acclamation at the opening session to serve on the Judicial Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The 2017 House of Delegates adjourned at 10:14 am.

Respectfully submitted,



John J. Pagan, MD, Speaker



John W. Spurlock, MD, Vice Speaker



Erick J. Bergquist, MD, PhD, Secretary