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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
169TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PAMED HOUSE OF DELEGATES
HERSHEY LODGE AND CONVENTION CENTER, HERSHEY, PA**

OPENING SESSION—OCTOBER 27, 2018

John J. Pagan, MD, Speaker of the House, called the opening session of the House of Delegates to order at 10:36 am on Saturday, October 27, 2018 in the Aztec/Nigerian Rooms of the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Invocation

Rev. Daniel E. Lebo, Chaplain and Spiritual Life Coordinator at Lebanon Valley College, 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

Jay E. Rothkopf, MD (Montgomery County), Chair, reported there was a quorum of 228 credentialed delegates.

STANDING RULES NOS. 1-18

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED

The Committee on Rules and Credentials recommended that Standing Rules Nos. 1-18 of the House of Delegates, as published in the 2018 Official Reports Book, remain in effect with a proposed amendment to clarify Standing Rule No. 2, Procedure for Submitting Resolutions, to align with House policy.

The House approved the Committee's recommendations.

Approval of Proceedings

The Proceedings of the 168th Annual Business Meeting of the Pennsylvania Medical Society, held in Hershey on October 14-15, 2017, were approved.

Introduction of the Official Reports Book

The Official Reports Book, containing the 2018 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 Official Reports Book 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 Luther W. Brady, MD; Bernard M. Margolis, MD; James A. Raub, MD; and Robert D. Reinecke, MD. These Memorial Resolutions were adopted, and the House observed a moment of silence in their honor.

Address of the President

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

Address of the President Elect

Danae M. Powers, MD (Centre County), President Elect, addressed the House, and the House filed her remarks.

Remarks by the AMA Representative

Dr. Pagan recognized Dr. Scott E. Shapiro, MD, FACC (Montgomery County), Chair of the Pennsylvania Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA), who introduced Barbara L. McAneny, MD, 173rd President of the AMA. Dr. McAneny addressed the House and her remarks were filed.

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 Executive Vice President of the Pennsylvania Medical Society

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

Remarks by Jaan Sidorov, MD on Behalf of 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.

Martin D. Trichtinger, MD (Montgomery County) nominated Steven A. Shapiro, DO for the office of Vice President, and gave a nominating speech to the House.

Aleesha Shaik, Medical Student (Philadelphia County), nominated Michael A. DellaVecchia, MD (Philadelphia County) for the office of Vice President, and gave a nominating speech to the House.

Hearing no additional qualified 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)

Fifth District Trustee: Heath B. Mackley, MD (Dauphin County)

Eleventh District Trustee: David A. Csikos, MD (Cambria County)

Surgical Specialties Trustee: Christopher J. Buzas, DO (Montour County)

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

Residents & Fellows Section Trustee: Robert Kucejko, MD (Philadelphia County)

Medical Students Section Trustee: Matthew R. Hope (Lackawanna County)

Medical Students Section Trustee-Elect: Gillian Naro (Dauphin County)

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

Delegates to the AMA

Stephen N. Clay, MD (Delaware County) nominated Danae M. Powers, MD (Centre County) for a Delegate seat on the Pennsylvania Delegation to the AMA. There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Alternate Delegates to the AMA

Danae M. Powers, MD (Centre County) announced that she was withdrawing her name from consideration for an Alternate Delegate slot. There were no additional nominations from the floor.

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 Jordan Kirsch, DO (York County) by acclamation to the slotted position for Alternate Delegate to the AMA for a Resident or Fellow Physician.

Slotted Position for Medical Student-Elect 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) to the slotted position for Alternate Delegate to the AMA for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2019 and expiring December 31, 2019. Shyama Sathianathan (Dauphin County) will serve as the Medical Students Section Student-Elect from January 1, 2019 and expiring December 31, 2019.

Committee to Nominate Delegates & Alternates to the AMA

There were no additional nominations from the floor for four (4) members to serve a three-year term on the Committee to Nominate Delegates & Alternates to the AMA. It was announced to the House that Edward P. Balaban, DO (Centre County) and Richard T. Bell, MD (Berks County) were elected by acclamation to fill two (2) of the available seats on the Committee.

Judicial Council

Since there were no additional nominations from the floor, it was announced that James W. Redka, MD (Lycoming County) had been elected by acclamation to the Judicial Council, filling the seat left vacant by John A. Malcolm, Jr., MD (Union County), who was not eligible for re-election this year.

Remarks by the Co-President of the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) Alliance

Mrs. Donna Rovito, Co-President of the PAMED Alliance, gave brief remarks updating the House on the Alliance's accomplishments in 2018. Her remarks were then filed.

Presentation of AMES Scholarships

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

- 1) The Robert and Arlene Oyler Award (\$3000) – Carly Sokach, Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University (Class of 2019)
- 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) – Kent Upham, Penn State University College of Medicine (Class of 2019)
- 3) The Barbara Prendergast Award (\$2500) – Cristine Oh, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine (Class of 2020)
- 4) Dauphin County Medical Society Alliance Award in Honor of Mrs. Sheron Andrews (\$2500) – Gillian Naro, Penn State University College of Medicine (Class of 2020)
- 5) AMES Fund Scholarship (\$2500) – Katherine Shoemaker, Penn State University College of Medicine (Class of 2020)
- 6) AMES Fund Scholarship (\$2500) – Meghann Zapcic, Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University (Class of 2020)
- 7) AMES Fund Scholarship (\$2500) – Sarah Minney, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine (Class of 2020)
- 8) AMES Fund Scholarship (\$2500) – Grace O'Neill, Penn State University College of Medicine (Class of 2020)
- 9) AMES Fund Scholarship (\$2500) – Benjamin Carnahan, Penn State University College of Medicine (Class of 2020)

2018 Clinical Poster Contest Results

- 1) 1st place (\$600): Nihit Shah (Easton Hospital), “Transoral Incisionless Fundoplication: Effectiveness in Improving Typical and Atypical Symptoms of Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease Incompletely Controlled with Medical Therapy”
- 2) 2nd place (\$350): Jennifer Colella (Wellspring York Hospital), “A Case of Neuroborreliosis Causing SIADH”
- 3) 3rd place (\$200): Rashmi Dhital (Reading Hospital), “Hyperthyroidism with Right Heart Failure and Cirrhotic Transformation of the Liver: A Case Report”
- 4) Crowd Favorite (\$100): Bindiya Shah (Easton Hospital), “Dysphagia Lusoria: An Uncommon Cause of Dysphagia Caused by a Common Vascular Anomaly”

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The opening session of the 2018 House of Delegates recessed at 1:03 pm.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Reference committee members for the 2018 House of Delegates & Annual Education Conference are listed below:

REFERENCE COMMITTEE A (Committee on Bylaws)

MARK FRIEDLANDER, MD, CHAIR – DELAWARE COUNTY

Aaron E. George, DO – Franklin County

Todd M. Hertzberg, MD – Allegheny County

Shyam Sabat, MD – Dauphin County

REFERENCE COMMITTEE B (Education & Science/Public Health)

JUDITH R. PRYBLICK, DO, CHAIR – LEHIGH COUNTY

Ragunath Appasamy, MD – Allegheny County

Diane I. Meisles, DO – York County

Loretta A. Opila, MD – Cambria County

Aleesha Shaik – Philadelphia County

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

MARK GOODMAN, MD, CHAIR – ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Christopher J. Buzas, DO – Surgery Specialty (ACS)

Virginia E. Hall, MD – Dauphin County

Thomas J. Weida, MD – Lancaster County

Graeme Williams, MD – Philadelphia County

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

KINNARI PATEL, MD, CHAIR – PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

Coleen A. Carignan, MD – Allegheny County

Ahashta T. Johnson, MD – Montgomery County

Timothy D. Pelkowski, MD – Erie County

Lindsey T. Surace, MD – Early Career Physicians Section

REFERENCE COMMITTEE E (Membership/Leadership/Subsidiaries)

ANDREW LUTZKANIN, III, MD, CHAIR – EARLY CAREER PHYSICIANS SECTION

Richard E. Buckley, MD – Wayne/Pike County
Jordan M. Kirsch, DO – Residents & Fellows Section
Minh Q. Nguyen, MD – Northampton County
John P. Williams, MD – Allegheny County

COMMITTEE ON RULES & CREDENTIALS

JAY E. ROTHKOPF, MD, CHAIR – MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Betsy A. Egglar, MD – Centre County
George R. Green, MD – Montgomery County
Nathan A. Hoff – Wayne/Pike County
Daniel B. Kimball, Jr., MD – Berks County
Arlene G. Seid, MD – Cumberland County
Raymond C. Truex, MD – Berks County

TELLERS/SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS

JOSEPH BLOOD, JR., MD, CHIEF TELLER – BRADFORD COUNTY

Jason Fodeman, MD – Early Career Physicians Section
Kevin O. Garrett, MD – Allegheny County
Ziba R. Rahjoi-Monfared, MD – Northampton County
Jill M. Owens, MD – McKean County
Raghuveer Puttagunta, MD – Montour County
Martin D. Trichtinger, MD – Montgomery County

Inaugural Program/Alliance Fundraiser

The Alliance Social and the AMES silent auction fundraiser opened at 5:00 pm on Saturday, October 27, 2018. 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.

Presentation of Physician Award for International Voluntary Service

John P. Gallagher, MD, Chair, Board of Trustees, presented the International Voluntary Service award to Daniel Mascarenhas, MD.

Presentation of Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Gallagher presented the Distinguished Service Award to Andrew W. Gurman, MD.

Presentation of Past President's Pin and Plaque

Dr. Gallagher made the presentation of the Past President's Pin and Plaque to Theodore A. Christopher, MD, FACEP.

Installation of President

Dr. Gallagher installed Danae M. Powers, MD as the 169th President of the Pennsylvania Medical Society.

Dinner Blessing

The dinner blessing was provided by PAMED Past President Charles Cutler, MD.

Post Inauguration Activities

The Silent Auction was re-opened and attendees enjoyed the evening’s entertainment, a high school chorale.

FINAL SESSION—October 28, 2018

The closing session of the 2018 House of Delegates was called to order at 8:09 am on Sunday, October 28, 2018 in the Aztec/Nigerian Rooms of the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Committee on Rules and Credentials

Jay E. Rothkopf, MD (Montgomery County), Chair of the Committee on Rules and Credentials, reported that there was a quorum of 240 credentialed delegates present for the closing session.

A Motion and a Second made from the floor of the House to suspend the Judicial Council’s ruling on ex officio voting privileges did not pass. The vote tally was 93-93; the Judicial Council’s ruling stands.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS

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

2017 PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT: SUBJECT ONE – AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP FOR PHYSICIANS OVER 70

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED

Reference Committee recommended that the amendments proposed by the Membership 2020 Task Force be adopted in lieu of 2017 Board Report 2.

2018 PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT: SUBJECT TWO – UNRESTRICTED LICENSE REQUIREMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP

HOUSE ACTION: NOT ADOPTED

Reference Committee felt that current Bylaws were sufficient and should not be revised. Therefore, they recommended not adopting the proposed amendment.

2018 PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT: SUBJECT THREE – MEDICAL STAFF COORDINATORS PAYING DUES

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED

Proposed amendment would clarify that medical staff coordinators are not exempt from paying dues and would align the Bylaws with current and historical practice. Reference Committee recommended adoption of this proposal.

2018 PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT: SUBJECT FOUR – STREAMLINED MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED

Proposed amendment would reduce membership categories to the following: Active; Retired; Supporter; Honorary; and Administrative. Reference Committee recommended adoption of this proposed amendment.

2018 PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT: SUBJECT FIVE – OPTIONAL ALIGNMENT OF COMPONENT MEDICAL SOCIETY DUES

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED

Current Bylaws mandate that component medical societies' dues categories and the percentages of the full annual dues to be paid by each category must be in accord with PAMED's categories and percentages. Subject Five would allow flexibility for the component medical societies to set their own dues percentages to address the fiscal realities that each component society faces. Reference Committee recommended adoption.

2018 PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT: SUBJECT SIX – AMA EARLY CAREER PHYSICIANS SECTION ELIGIBILITY

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED

Proposed Bylaws Amendment: Subject Six would revise the term of eligibility in PAMED's Early Career Physicians Section to match the AMA's Young Physicians Section [members who are under 40 years of age or in the first eight (8) years of professional endeavor after residency and fellowship training programs]. Reference Committee recommended adoption of this proposed amendment.

2018 PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT: SUBJECT SEVEN – WOMEN PHYSICIANS SECTION

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED

This proposal would add a Women Physicians Section to the existing special sections currently recognized by the Bylaws. Reference Committee recommended adoption.

2018 PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT: SUBJECT EIGHT – UPDATE MEDICAL STUDENTS SECTION

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED

Subject Eight proposed an update to the Bylaws to reflect the current makeup and practices of the Medical Students Section (MSS) and the MSS Governing Council. Reference Committee recommended adoption.

2018 BOARD REPORT 6: 2015 BOARD REPORT 9: 2014 BYLAWS AMENDMENT – BALLOT VOTING

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED

The 2014 proposed amendment sought to amend the Bylaws to allow the House to vote by ballot—either via mail or electronically—without convening an in-person meeting. Reference Committee found that the Board thoroughly examined the issue and recommended adoption of 2018 Board Report 6.

Reference Committee Hearing: Can be found at <https://www.pamedsociety.org/PastProceedings>

RESOLUTION 18-201: SUBSTANCE ABUSE MAT IN PRISONS

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) support the availability and usage of counseling and all approved medications for treatment of substance use disorder as part of medication-assisted treatment for all inmates in Pennsylvania correctional institutions.

RESOLUTION 18-202: ROUTINE IMMUNIZATION OF OLDER ADOLESCENTS

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) promote American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) and/or Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians (PAFP) outreach campaigns to educate health care providers about current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for routine immunizations at age 16.

RESOLUTION 18-203: MEDICAL ETHICS CME

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY SUBSTITUTION ON THE FLOOR

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) initiate a forum for Continuing Medical Education (CME) at the House of Delegates (HOD) for review of cutting-edge science and technology as it relates to the ethics of medical practice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED initiate further online CME activities regarding these important scientific discoveries and debates of medical ethical challenges for forum discussion.

RESOLUTION 18-204: SAMHSA HOTLINE FOR OPIOID ABUSE

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) continue to promote awareness of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) national helpline, which is available 24/7 for use by patients, families, and care providers to find counseling and care.

RESOLUTION 18-205: FIREARMS SAFETY EDUCATION FOR PHYSICIANS

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) explore partnerships with other stakeholders to provide physicians with a comprehensive educational resource on firearms safety.

RESOLUTION 18-206: DEPRESSION IN OLDER ADULTS

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY DELETION ON THE FLOOR

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) support the widespread implementation of evidence-based treatment programs to improve treatment outcomes of depression in older adults.

RESOLUTION 18-207: SUICIDE PREVENTION IN MILITARY VETERANS

HOUSE ACTION: REFERRED TO BOARD FOR STUDY

RESOLVED, that our Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) encourage physicians to educate their patients regarding the services of the Veterans Crisis Hotline and promote suicide prevention as a core component of their health care services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our PAMED promote and implement effective clinical and professional practices for assessing and treating those Veterans identified as being at risk for suicidal behavior.

RESOLUTION 18-208: ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE (ACE) SCREENINGS

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) encourage primary care providers to recognize the correlation between adverse childhood experiences and chronic disease to appropriately tailor care to the unique needs of the patient.

RESOLUTION 18-209: ACCELERATED PRIMARY CARE TRAINING PROGRAMS

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) recognize the implementation of combined 6-year medical school-residency accelerated primary care (i.e., family, internal, and pediatric medicine) programs as one possible pathway to tackle the shortage of primary care physicians, and provide pre-clinical education focused on primary care mentorship and patient interaction to produce more prepared primary care physicians.

RESOLUTION 18-210: FEMININE HYGIENE IN PRISONS

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) work with stakeholders to advocate for the removal of barriers to feminine hygiene products in state correctional institutions to ensure incarcerated women be provided appropriate feminine hygiene products at no cost.

RESOLUTION 18-211: HYGIENE AND HEALTH EDUCATION IN PRISONS

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) emphasize the importance of hygiene and health literacy information sessions for both inmates and staff in Pennsylvania's state and local prison systems to prevent transmission of oral, foodborne, and sexually-transmitted infections; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) put forward a resolution for the 2019 Annual Meeting requesting the AMA collaborate with state medical societies to emphasize the importance of hygiene and health literacy information sessions for both inmates and staff in state and local prison systems.

RESOLUTION 18-212: PRISON VACCINATIONS

HOUSE ACTION: REFERRED TO BOARD FOR STUDY

RESOLVED, that our AMA-MSS and PAMED advocate for state funding to prison systems for public health and disease prevention programs such as the administration of vaccines and health education for incarcerated individuals. These will empower this vulnerable population in accessing quality healthcare, reduce preventable diseases and their transmission, and reduce the healthcare costs associated with such diseases (20.002MSS, AIDS Education; H-19 160.931, Health Literacy; H-440.877, Distribution and Administration of Vaccines).

RESOLUTION 18-213: MED SCHOOL SEXUAL HARASSMENT AWARENESS

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) encourage medical schools to work with students to assess the effectiveness of their existing training resources to recognize and respond to sexual harassment.

RESOLUTION 18-214: SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH (SDOH)

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) support addressing Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) to provide comprehensive care to patients.

**2018 BOARD REPORT 2: RES. 17-204: COMPREHENSIVE WOMEN'S
HEALTHCARE COVERAGE**

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED

House adopted Board Report 2, which called for amending Res. 17-204 as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) support access to preventive and reproductive health services for all patients and oppose legislative and regulatory actions that utilize federal or state health care funding mechanisms to deny established and accepted medical care to any segment of the population; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED call on Governor Wolf to actively support these and all other measures to insure and protect the rights of women everywhere to have unhindered access to safe and comprehensive health care.

Reference Committee Hearing: Can be found at <https://www.pamedsociety.org/PastProceedings>

RESOLUTION 18-301: PATIENT ACCESS TO EXPERIENCED PHYSICIANS

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) advocate that physician credentialing by insurance companies be based on professional training and licensure rather than solely on employment status and/or hospital affiliation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED advocate to payers that, once credentialed, all physicians must be listed as equal-tiered providers to those employed by the hospital or health insurer.

RESOLUTION 18-302: MEDICARE ZERO

HOUSE ACTION: REFERRED TO BOARD FOR STUDY

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) explore the concept of Medicare Zero in which all Americans who do not qualify for traditional Medicare may pay an administrative fee to have Medicare serve as their primary health insurance. Medicare would process all claims according to its fee schedule but would not make any payments towards claims. If a patient has other insurance, Medicare would automatically crossover the claims to the patient's employer-based or individually-purchased health insurance. These health insurances must act as secondary insurers when a patient has Medicare Zero; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED's delegation to the American Medical Association propose the concept of Medicare Zero at its national meeting.

RESOLUTION 18-303: CORPORATE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE IN PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) will commission a study:

- 1) to determine the current extent of corporate ownership of physician practices in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;
- 2) to determine the nature of all corporate entities involved;
- 3) to determine the pattern of such corporate ownership within the state as it relates to geography and/or physician specialty; and
- 4) to compile physician and patient feedback regarding various models of corporate ownership of physician practices; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED report the findings of the above-referenced study at the next meeting of the House of Delegates.

RESOLUTION 18-304: PHARMACEUTICAL SAFE HARBORS

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY ADDITION/DELETION ON THE FLOOR

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) educate its members on the issue of Safe Harbors in pharmaceutical sales.

RESOLUTION 18-305: COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) advocate for essential health benefits and seek legislation to ensure that Pennsylvania consumers are protected; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED ask the Pennsylvania Insurance Department to provide information and resources to help guide consumers to secure comprehensive health insurance.

RESOLUTION 18-306: REPEALING MIPS AND REGULATORY BURDENS

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) support the repeal of MIPS; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED petition the American Medical Association (AMA) to support the repeal of MIPS; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon repeal of MIPS, PAMED petition the AMA to oppose any federal efforts to implement any pay-for-performance programs unless such programs add no significant regulatory or paperwork burdens to the practice of medicine and have been shown, by evidence-based research, to improve the quality of care for those served.

RESOLUTION 18-307: OUT OF NETWORK BALANCE BILLING

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) support state legislation to “get patients out of the middle” of billing disputes between insurers and providers that result from surprise insurance gaps, out of network emergency services or other situations where patients do not have the ability to select their provider. In doing so, PAMED will use resources to ensure that any legislation follows PAMED and AMA principles and includes:

1. a framework that will truly “get the patient out of the middle” of billing disputes between insurers and providers not under contract, including elimination of restrictive assignment of benefit and similar insurer payment practices;

2. a simple, uniform billing process for physicians not under contract with an insurer that is both transparent and subject to prompt payment requirements;

3. a benchmark or default payment rate for services provided by non-contracting physicians that is market driven, based on a national reference claims database which is conflict free and not affiliated with or controlled by either providers or insurers; and

4. a fair and transparent independent dispute resolution process administered by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department that is streamlined, efficient, and targeted only on the net amount in dispute; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED will use advocacy resources to oppose any legislative or regulatory initiative that bases the benchmark or default payment rate for non-contracted physician services on Medicare rates or methodology including engaging in discussions with any legislative and governmental representatives, as well as leadership in other advocacy organizations that propose using Medicare rates, to emphasize the negative consequences of this approach; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED will work with the appropriate state agencies, legislature and other stakeholder groups to conduct a comprehensive review of the statutory and regulatory framework governing limits on health insurance benefits, provider network adequacy standards for managed care organizations, PPOs, other forms of health care coverage, and access to out-of-network emergency services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED shall make the appropriate resolution of out-of-network balance billing issues a priority in its advocacy agenda for 2019.

RESOLUTION 18-308: PHARMACEUTICAL PRICING STUDIES

HOUSE ACTION: REFERRED TO BOARD FOR STUDY

RESOLVED, that PAMED study and adopt such recommendations of the US, Canadian Pharmaceutical Policy Reform Working Group as are consistent with its existing policies; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED introduce a similar resolution to the American Medical Association at its annual meeting in November 2018.

RESOLUTION 18-309: ADVOCACY ON DRUG PRICES AND SHORTAGES

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) support evidence-based collaborative policy to address drug shortages and drug prices; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED advocate for effective implementation of legislation to prohibit pharmacist gag clauses, to help ensure patients are informed of the least costly payment method for drug purchase; and be it further RESOLVED, that PAMED advocate for increased supply chain transparency and pharmacy choice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED not take a position regarding the Anti-Kickback Statute safe harbor for Group Purchasing Organizations (GPOs) or Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) until data exists that specifically examines the effect of the safe harbor on drug shortages and drug prices.

2018 BOARD REPORT 3: RES. 17-301: MEDICAID REFORM

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED

The House concurred with the Board's recommendation that 2018 Board Report 3 be adopted in lieu of Resolution 17-301.

Given the research performed and the information provided, the Board agreed with the recommendations of Reference Committee C in its 2017 report that, while a laudable goal, the concern that current regulations from multiple state and federal agencies prevent PAMED from attaining the goals named in this resolution are problematic.

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

RESOLUTION 18-401: ACT 70 ASC COMPLIANCE CHALLENGES

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) actively engage with appropriate stakeholders, such as the Pennsylvania Ambulatory Surgery Association (PASA), the Department of Health, and legislative committees of purview, to ensure that Act 70 of 2017 is executed as originally intended by the legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event further clarification is not achieved, that PAMED seek a legislative remedy that specifically states that 28 PA Code §553.21 is inconsistent with Act 70 of 2017 and is, therefore, abrogated.

RESOLUTION 18-402: MATERNITY LEAVE

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) accept as principle that pregnancy is a unique medical condition, and that maternity leave should not be treated as sick leave; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED support the elimination of punitive salary policies and negative influences on the future career opportunities of women physicians who become mothers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Women Physicians Caucus study the appropriate length for maternity leave and develop best practice guidelines to be promoted by PAMED to physician employers.

RESOLUTION 18-403: SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER TRAINING STANDARDS

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) strongly and urgently advocate for minimum standards of training for School Resource Officers (SRO) to include childhood development, conflict de-escalation and resolution, restorative justice, crime awareness, implicit/explicit biases, diversity inclusion, cultural competency, and individual and institutional safety; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this initiative be a priority to protect the health and safety of the schoolchildren, teachers, and school staff of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

RESOLUTION 18-404: REPORTING OPIOID OVERDOSE EPISODES

HOUSE ACTION: REFERRED TO BOARD FOR STUDY

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) work towards passing legislation which will ensure that the HIPAA Law be lifted so communication regarding opioid overdoses can occur AMONG HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED and the AMA work with state regulatory agencies to add opioid overdose episodes to the state's PDMP; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED bring awareness to this critical communication documentation piece issue to the AMA to advocate so that other state regulatory agencies adding opioid overdose episodes to their respective state PDMP's can create a red flag if the patient in question has overdosed on the medication.

RESOLUTION 18-405: FAIR SHARE ACT PHYSICIAN LIABILITY MODIFICATION

HOUSE ACTION: NOT ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 18-406: REAFFIRMING PHYSICIAN OVERSIGHT OF CARE

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) reaffirm policy numbers 35.986 and 270.971 pertaining to scope of practice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that both PAMED policies 35.986 and 270.91 shall appear in and be listed as Scope of Policy issues under Section 35, Allied Health Professions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED reaffirm Policy Number 35.986 as amended.

RESOLUTION 18-407: EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDERS

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) support efforts to establish Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs) in the Commonwealth.

RESOLUTION 18-408: PAMED AND COUNTY LEGISLATIVE COLLABORATION

HOUSE ACTION: REFERRED TO BOARD FOR STUDY

RESOLVED, that the House of Delegates approve a council, commission and/ or committee composed of Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) Legislative Staff and County Leadership/ Executive Staff created to specifically target local legislative initiatives that directly impact the practicing physician as well as PAMED legislative priorities through collaboration on a grassroots level; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said legislative council, commission and/ or committee include at least one leadership member or executive staff and one resident or student member of any county society that would be interested in participating quarterly in person or through video conferencing and modern methodologies on local and state legislative initiatives in Pennsylvania; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a structure be developed that would coordinate efforts to put forth both a state and local priority agenda and facilitate interaction and support with multiple local county and state lobbying efforts.

RESOLUTION 18-409: DOJ OPINION FOR MOC COMPETITION

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) publicize the Department of Justice's (DOJ's) letter dated September 10, 2018 offering guidance on maintenance of certification (MOC) on its website and through its publications; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED strongly encourage organizations such as hospitals, network employers, and insurance companies to recognize multiple qualified board organizations when credentialing physicians.

2018 BOARD REPORT 4: RES. 17-412: SURVEY OF HEALTHCARE SPENDING PATTERNS

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED 2018 BOARD REPORT 4

The House concurred with the Board's recommendation that Res. 17-412 be adopted as amended below:

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) provide financing to develop and execute a physician member survey in 2019 to assess actions taken by hospitals, health systems and/or insurers in limiting or restricting medical staff membership and/or insurer networks within the Commonwealth; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania delegation to the AMA present a resolution at the next appropriate AMA meeting to direct the AMA to lobby federal legislators, the IRS, and/or other appropriate federal officials to investigate and review whether non-profit hospitals and other applicable health systems are meeting the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code relating to their tax exempt status, when they restrict or otherwise limit medical staff privileges or maintain closed medical staffs, and to take appropriate action to ensure that non-profit hospitals and other applicable health systems continue to meet charitable purposes as required under applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code.

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

RESOLUTION 18-501: 2018 HOD ENGAGEMENT TASK FORCE

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that PAMED form a task force comprised of both delegates and non-delegates to address the recommendations of the 2018 HOD Engagement Task Force to explore the incremental virtualization of the House of Delegates process. The goal of the task force is to increase member input, involvement, and satisfaction while maintaining the transparency of PAMED's governance process. This Task Force would be charged with recommending and proposing necessary Bylaws changes for consideration by the 2019 PAMED HOD.

RESOLUTION 18-502: ADVOCACY FOR ACCUSED PHYSICIANS

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) develop and coordinate resources for physicians to help engage proper legal representation to deal with prosecutors, the medical board, and the NPDB as well as to assist in addressing negative internet exposure related to their case; and be it further

RESOLVED, that an active member of PAMED will not be excluded from the full benefits of membership due to license suspension until or unless due process has resulted in a conviction or a final punishment decree for said acts.

RESOLUTION 18-503: REAFFIRMING COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETIES IN PAMED

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS ORIGINAL

RESOLVED, that the House of Delegates direct the staff and elected leadership of the Pennsylvania Medical Society to recognize and reaffirm that the county medical societies are integral components of the state medical society and vital to its ongoing success; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED staff and leadership develop and implement a strategic plan to ensure all staff and physician leaders are aware of the importance of the county medical societies, are appreciative of the many differences inherent to each county society, and are committed to helping restore a positive, supportive, and ongoing working culture between the Pennsylvania Medical Society and the component county medical societies; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED staff and leadership develop and coordinate this strategic plan with the equal input and representation of county medical society elected leaders and executive staff.

RESOLUTION 18-504: TRANSPARENCY OF RESOLUTION RESEARCH

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that PAMED staff provide access to all research on all PAMED House of Delegates resolutions for the current year to all PAMED members for that same year at the same time as such is provided to the PAMED Board of Trustees.

RESOLUTION 18-505: REAFFIRMING PAMED POLICYMAKING BY THE HOD

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the House of Delegates reaffirm its role as the primary policymaking body of the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED).

RESOLUTION 18-506: PAMED BOARD OF TRUSTEES TRANSPARENCY

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the House of Delegates direct the Executive Committee of the Board to review the Pennsylvania Medical Society's (PAMED's) Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct Policies to ensure transparency and the best interests of members, the county and state specialty societies/associations, and PAMED, and that they be reviewed according to the Sunset Policy.

RESOLUTION 18-507: ENGAGING AUTHORS OF REFERRED RESOLUTIONS

HOUSE ACTION: AMENDED POLICY NO. 545.993 ADOPTED IN LIEU OF RESOLUTION 18-507

The Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) established a policy whereby authors of resolutions referred for study by the House of Delegates will be invited and encouraged to participate in the study and implementation of said resolution. (Res. 506, H-2009; amended in lieu of Res. 507, H-2018)

RESOLUTION 18-508: PAMED ASSOCIATION HEALTH PLAN

HOUSE ACTION: REFERRED TO BOARD FOR STUDY

RESOLVED, that, if not unduly costly, the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) study the Department of Labor Final Rule, to explore the possibility and financial risk for PAMED to facilitate the development of an Associated Health Plan for its members; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED assess the anticipated potential impact of an Associated Health Plan on retention and recruitment of members.

RESOLUTION 18-509: REFOCUSING THE CARE CENTERED COLLABORATIVE

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY DELETION/SUBSTITUTION ON THE FLOOR

RESOLVED, that the Care Centered Collaborative (CCC) continue exploring and providing updates on additional innovative, free-market based concepts including, but not limited to, Association Health Plans, Direct Primary Care, Reference-Based Pricing Models, Chronic Disease Management, etc. that can set apart the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) as a leader of grassroots innovation in healthcare delivery and payment models.

RESOLUTION 18-510: PAMED FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR

RESOLVED, that in any future transactions, potential or actual conflicts of interest involving spouses, children, other family members, or friends of Board, Executive Board, or Executive Leadership be mandated to be revealed consistent with full disclosure; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Board members, Executive Leadership, and Staff declare any financial or ethical conflicts; and recuse themselves from votes or actions if they have a conflict involving the issue.

RESOLUTION 18-511: AFFIRMING PAMED PURPOSE AND MISSION

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) affirm its mission statement and set it forth in the Policy Compendium; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED maintain steadfast commitment to this mission statement as the foundation for all actions and activities of the society, such that any justification for an action, decision, policy, or judgement of the Society, its trustees, and component societies can be said to satisfy this mission.

RESOLUTION 18-512: REGIONAL MEDICAL SOCIETIES

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) assist county society efforts to regionalize by:

- Providing support to counties who voluntarily wish to combine resources to reflect the regional nature of healthcare in Pennsylvania;*
- Creating a Task Force made up of members of the Board of Trustees, delegates, non-delegates, and county medical society staff members who will create a grant process by which county medical societies will apply to receive grant monies to be used for legal fees and other expenses associated with the regionalization process by January 1, 2019. The Task Force will decide the amounts, application process, and outcome reporting; and*

- *Establishing a grant fund of \$100,000; and be it further*

RESOLVED, that the PAMED Bylaws be amended to allow regional component societies.

RESOLUTION 18-513: COUNTY, REGIONAL, AND STATE MAGAZINES

HOUSE ACTION: REFERRED TO BOARD FOR STUDY

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) investigate the option of forming county or multi-county magazines throughout the state in areas that are not currently served by such publications; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED identify a strategy to facilitate the development of local county and multi-county content in regions not being served; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED investigate the benefit of utilizing outside source publishers with experience in this area to help formulate a strategy to eliminate the costly burden of publishing a statewide magazine perhaps by proving the information as a supplement to the existing county or multi-county magazines or as a supplement to newly-formed county or multi-county areas that will be formed in a cost-effective manner to support such a publication with local advertising revenue; and be it further

RESOLVED, in areas that already have county or multi-county publications, PAMED refrain from sending those county members separate magazines, instead they forward content to the existing publisher of the local magazines to be incorporated within the county and multi-county magazines; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED solicit working relationships with publishers who may have experience in providing similar services in a cost-effective manner; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED facilitate county interactions and working together to provide content and allow those members wishing to provide content an opportunity to do so as a benefit to the county membership; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED find a more cost-effective method of getting information to members and perhaps non-members if being actively recruited or if advertising revenues permit; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our publications promote PAMED members and the practice of medicine within our local communities to our members and the general public and, if cost-effective, to all physicians in the areas.

RESOLUTION 18-514: PAMED FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

HOUSE ACTION: NOT ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 18-515: REASSESSMENT OF UNIFIED DUES MODEL

HOUSE ACTION: REFERRED TO BOARD FOR STUDY AS AMENDED BY SUBSTITUTION ON THE FLOOR

RESOLVED, that the existing data does not support the rationale for deunification as a means to increase physician membership; and be it further

RESOLVED, that rather than pursue deunification of county medical societies from the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED), efforts be pursued to facilitate further engagement of county medical societies and individual physician members as ways to increase membership.

RESOLUTION 18-516: PAMED BOARD TRANSPARENCY

HOUSE ACTION: NOT ADOPTED

2018 BOARD REPORT 5: RES. 17-505: PAMED LEGAL REVIEW OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED 2018 BOARD REPORT 5 IN LIEU OF RES. 17-505

Since the proposed activities could violate the private inurement proscription for tax-exempt business leagues, the PAMED Board of Trustees cannot adopt Resolution 17-505. The House concurred with the Board of Trustees' recommendation to reject Res. 17-505.

2018 BOARD REPORT 7: SUNSET REVIEW POLICY

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED 2018 BOARD REPORT 7

2018 BOARD REPORT 8: MEMBERSHIP DUES CATEGORIES

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED 2018 BOARD REPORT 8

2018 BOARD REPORT 9: HOD ENGAGEMENT TASK FORCE

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED 2018 BOARD REPORT 9

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 27, 2018.

OFFICERS FOR 2018-19 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

President: Danae M. Powers, MD (Centre County) was formally installed as the 169th President on Saturday evening, October 27, 2018.

President Elect: Lawrence R. John, MD (Allegheny County) assumed the office of President Elect.

Vice President: Michael A. DellaVecchia, MD, PhD (Philadelphia County) was elected Vice President during the voting session held on Saturday afternoon, October 27, 2018.

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 27, 2018.

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 27, 2018.

The following individuals were elected by acclamation to positions as District/Specialty/Section Trustees at the opening session of the House on Saturday, October 27, 2018:

Fifth District Trustee: Heath B. Mackley, MD (Dauphin County)

Eleventh District Trustee: David A. Csikos, MD (Cambria County)

Surgical Specialties Trustee: Christopher J. Buzas, DO (Montour County)

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

Residents & Fellows Section Trustee: Robert Kucejko, MD (Philadelphia County)

Medical Students Section Trustee: Matthew R. Hope (Lackawanna County)

Medical Students Section Trustee-Elect: Gillian Naro (Dauphin County)

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

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.

Aaron E. George, DO (Franklin County) withdrew his name from consideration as a candidate for AMA Alternate Delegate prior to the opening of the first session of the 2018 House of Delegates.

Danae M. Powers, MD (Centre County) withdrew her name from consideration as a candidate for AMA Alternate Delegate at the opening session of the House on Saturday, October 27, 2018.

The following were elected to serve two-year terms as Delegates to the AMA commencing January 1, 2019 and expiring December 31, 2020:

- 1) James A. Goodyear, MD (Montgomery County)
- 2) Virginia E. Hall, MD (Dauphin County)
- 3) Bruce A. MacLeod, MD (Allegheny County)
- 4) Jill M. Owens, MD (McKean County)
- 5) Scott E. Shapiro, MD (Montgomery County)
- 6) John P. Williams, MD (Allegheny County)

The following were elected to serve two-year terms as Alternate Delegates to the AMA commencing January 1, 2019 and expiring December 31, 2020:

- 1) Bindukumar Kansupada, MD (Bucks County)
- 2) Dale M. Mandel, MD (Philadelphia County)
- 3) James W. Thomas, MD (Montgomery County)
- 4) John M. Vasudevan, MD (Philadelphia County)
- 5) Hans T. Zuckerman, DO (Lebanon County)

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

Jordan Kirsch, DO (York County) was elected by acclamation to the slotted position for Alternate Delegate to the AMA for a Resident or Fellow Physician.

Slotted Position for Medical Student-Elect 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) to the slotted position for Alternate Delegate to the AMA for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2019 and expiring December 31, 2019. Shyama Sathianathan (Dauphin County) will serve as the Medical Students Section Student-Elect from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

Committee to Nominate Delegates & Alternates to the AMA

Since there were no additional nominations from the floor for four (4) members to serve a three-year term on the Committee to Nominate Delegates & Alternates to the AMA, it was announced that Edward P. Balaban, DO (Centre County) and Richard T. Bell, MD (Berks County) were elected by acclamation to fill two (2) of the available seats on the Committee.

Judicial Council

Since there were no additional nominations from the floor, it was announced that James W. Redka, MD (Lycoming County) had been elected by acclamation to the Judicial Council, filling the seat left vacant by John A. Malcolm, Jr., MD (Union County), who was not eligible for re-election this year.

ADJOURNMENT

The 2018 House of Delegates adjourned at 11:37 am on Sunday, October 28.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of John J. Pagan MD in black ink.

John J. Pagan, MD, Speaker

Handwritten signature of John W. Spurlock MD in black ink.

John W. Spurlock, MD, Vice Speaker

Handwritten signature of Erick J. Bergquist MD PhD in black ink.

Erick J. Bergquist, MD, PhD, Secretary