

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE 170TH ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE PENNSYLVANIA MEDICAL SOCIETY HOUSE OF DELEGATES
HERSHEY LODGE AND CONVENTION CENTER, HERSHEY, PA**

October 26-27, 2019

OPENING SESSION—OCTOBER 26, 2019

John J. Pagan, MD, Speaker of the House, called the opening session of the House of Delegates to order at 9:31 am on Saturday, October 26, 2019 in the Aztec/Nigerian Rooms of the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Invocation

Fr. Youssef Chehata of St. Anthony Coptic Orthodox Church in Annville, PA, 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

Timothy Pelkowski, MD (Erie County), Chair, reported there was a quorum of 240 credentialed delegates.

STANDING RULES NOS. 1-19

HOUSE ACTION: ADOPTED

The Committee on Rules and Credentials recommended that proposed new Standing Rule No. 19, as published in the 2019 Official Reports Book, be adopted; that Standing Rules Nos. 2, 5, 14, 16, and 18 be adopted as amended; and that Standing Rules Nos. 1, 3, 4, 6-13, 15 and 17 be continued without amendment.

The House approved the Committee's recommendations.

Approval of Proceedings

The Proceedings of the 169th Annual Business Meeting of the Pennsylvania Medical Society, held in Hershey on October 27-28, 2018, were approved.

Introduction of the Official Reports Book

The Official Reports Book, containing the 2019 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 could be found with the information reports in the Official Reports Book. He called attention to the Memorial Resolutions for George F. Buerger, MD and Raymond Grandon, MD. These Memorial Resolutions were adopted, and the House observed a moment of silence in their memory.

Address of the President

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

Address of the President Elect

Lawrence R. John, MD (Allegheny County), President Elect, addressed the House, and the House filed his 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 Gerald E. Harmon, MD, a member of the Board of Trustees of the AMA. Dr. Harmon addressed the House and his remarks were filed.

Remarks by the Secretary of Health for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Dr. Pagan introduced Rachel Levine, MD, Secretary of Health for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Dr. Levine addressed the House and her remarks were filed.

Remarks by the AMPAC Representative – Dr. Spurlock recognized Dr. Brooke Buckley, a board-certified general surgeon and member of the AMPAC Board of Directors. Dr. Buckley addressed the House and her remarks were filed.

Video from the Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society

A short video was presented to the House on behalf of the Foundation.

Remarks by the Chair of the PAMED Innovation Committee – Dr. Pagan introduced Theodore Christopher, MD, Immediate Past President and Chair of PAMED’s Innovation Committee. Dr. Christopher briefly addressed the House and announced the names of the Innovation Grant winners. Dr. Christopher’s remarks were filed.

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.

Karen Rizzo, MD, Past President (Lancaster City & County), nominated David A. Talenti, MD for the office of Vice President, and gave a nominating speech to the House.

Charles Cutler, MD, Past President (Montgomery County), nominated Mark A. Lopatin, MD 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)

1st District Trustee: Lynn M. Lucas-Fehm, MD (Philadelphia County)

3rd District Trustee: Chad P. Walker, DO (Lackawanna County)

4th District Trustee: Michael W. Best, MD (Schuylkill County)

12th District Trustee: Maria C. Escano, MD (Luzerne County)

Primary Care/Family Medicine Trustee: Madalyn Schaefer, MD (Lehigh County/Family Medicine)

Hospital-Based Trustee: John P. Williams, MD (Allegheny County)

At-Large Specialties Trustee: Edward P. Balaban, DO (Centre County; Hematology/Oncology)

Early Career Physicians Section Trustee: Andrew Lutzkanin, III, MD

Medical Students Section Trustee: Gillian Naro

(There were no nominations from the floor for the Medical Specialties Trustees positions.)

Delegates to the AMA

Hearing no additional qualified nominations from the floor, it was announced that the House had elected the following individuals by acclamation: Theodore A. Christopher, MD (Philadelphia County); Michael A. DellaVecchia, MD (Philadelphia County); Marilyn J. Heine, MD (Bucks County); Evan J. Pollack, MD (Delaware County); Ralph Schmeltz, MD (Allegheny County); John W. Spurlock, MD (Carbon County); Martin Trichtinger, MD (Montgomery County); and John M. Vasudevan, MD (Philadelphia County).

Alternate Delegates to the AMA

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 Lauren Kramer, DO (RFS) 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 Gillian Naro to the slotted position for Alternate Delegate to the AMA for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2020. Alyssa Tuan will serve as the Medical Students Section Student-Elect beginning January 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2020.

Committee to Nominate Delegates & Alternates to the AMA

Dr. Kenneth M. Certa (Philadelphia County) was nominated from the floor to serve on the Committee to Nominate. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Therefore, it was announced that incumbent Committee member Charles Cutler, MD (Montgomery County) was re-elected by acclamation and that Judith R. Pryblich, DO (Lehigh County) and Kenneth M. Certa, MD were elected by acclamation to fill the remaining available seats on the Committee.

Judicial Council

Seeing no additional nominations from the floor, it was announced that Lawrence L. Altaker, MD (Dauphin County) and Carol E. Rose, MD (Allegheny County) had been elected by acclamation to the Judicial Council.

Remarks by Donna Baver Rovito of the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) Alliance

Mrs. Donna Baver Rovito offered brief remarks to the House and presented awards to the winners of this year's Alliance Medical Education Scholarships (AMES) as follows:

- 1) The Robert and Arlene Oyler Award (\$3000) – Matthew M. Duda, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania (Class of 2021)
- 2) The Dr. William J. West, Jr. Award (\$3000) – Amelia M. Mackarey, Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine (Class of 2020)
- 3) The Barbara Prendergast Award (\$2500) – Benjamin J. Carnahan, Penn State University College of Medicine (Class of 2020)
- 4) Dauphin County Medical Society Alliance Award (\$2500) – Zachary M. Weisner, Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (Class of 2021)
- 5) AMES Fund Scholarship (\$2500) – Jacob A. Jerome, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine (Class of 2021)

2018 Clinical Poster Contest Results

- 1) 1st place: Pranathi Vemparla, MD, Easton Hospital (“Was Metformin the Culprit for This Lactic Acidosis?”)
- 2) 2nd place: Kyunghyun Lee, MD, Wellspan York Hospital (“Takayasu Arteritis: The Importance of the Physical Exam”)
- 3) 3rd place: Mark Mandel, Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine (“Pediatricians Prescribing Play: A Unique and Scalable Approach to Combat Childhood Obesity”)

RECESS

The opening session of the 2019 House of Delegates recessed at 1:03 pm.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Reference committee members for the 2019 House of Delegates & Annual Education Conference are listed below.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE A (Committee on Bylaws)

MARK FRIEDLANDER, MD, CHAIR – DELAWARE COUNTY

Todd M. Hertzberg, MD – Allegheny County

Cadence A. Kim, MD – Philadelphia County

Andrew Lutzkanin, III, MD – Early Career Physicians Section

Shyam Sabat, MD – Dauphin County

REFERENCE COMMITTEE B (Education & Science/Public Health)

JUDITH R. PRYBLICK, DO, CHAIR – LEHIGH COUNTY

Paul Burcher, MD – York County

Norman (Matt) Callahan, DO – Chester County

Diane Meisles, DO – York County

Monica Speicher, MD – Washington County

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

MARK GOODMAN, MD, CHAIR – ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Anupriya Dayal, MD – Residents & Fellows Section

Lisa Goss, MD – Washington County

Jay Rothkopf, MD – Montgomery County

Raymond Truex, MD – Berks County

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

CHAND ROHATGI, MD – NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Virginia Hall, MD – Dauphin County

Jennifer Lewis, MD – Washington County

Maria Sunseri, MD – Allegheny County

Lindsey Surace, MD – Early Career Physicians Section

REFERENCE COMMITTEE E (Membership/Leadership/Subsidiaries)

TIMOTHY WELBY, MD, CHAIR – LACKAWANNA COUNTY

Nathan Hoff – Medical Students Section

Wilma Light, MD – Westmoreland County

Mylaina Sherwood, MD – Washington County

Thomas Weida, MD – Lancaster City & County

COMMITTEE ON RULES & CREDENTIALS

TIMOTHY PELKOWSKI, MD, CHAIR – ERIE COUNTY

Daniel B. Kimball, Jr., MD – Berks County

Jill Owens, MD – McKean County

Arlene Seid, MD – Cumberland County

Carmen Spinney, MD – Lycoming County

TELLERS/SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS

JOSEPH BLOOD, JR., MD, CHIEF TELLER – BRADFORD COUNTY
Dale Mandel, MD – Philadelphia County
Ziba Rahjoi-Monfared, MD – Northampton County
Raghuveer Puttagunta, MD – Residents & Fellows Sections
Martin Trichtinger, MD – Montgomery County
Graeme Williams, MD – Philadelphia County

Inaugural Program

The Inaugural events began at 5:15 p.m. on Saturday, October 26, 2019 with a cocktail reception in the Red & White Rooms of the Hershey Lodge.

The Inaugural program, dinner, and entertainment commenced immediately following the reception in the same rooms.

Opening Remarks

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

Introduction of Officers, Past Presidents, and Visiting Dignitaries

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

Presentation of Physician Award for Community Voluntary Service

John P. Gallagher, MD, Chair, Board of Trustees, presented the Community Voluntary Service award to Wayne Bond Lau, MD, an emergency physician at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia.

Presentation of Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Gallagher presented the Distinguished Service Award to Raymond Truex, MD, a retired neurosurgeon from Berks County.

Presentation of Past President’s Pin and Plaque

Dr. Gallagher made the presentation of the Past President’s Pin and Plaque to Danae M. Powers, MD.

Installation of President

Dr. Gallagher installed Lawrence R. John, MD as the 170th President of the Pennsylvania Medical Society.

Dinner Blessing

The dinner blessing was provided by Rev. Robert Musser, a friend of the John family.

FINAL SESSION—October 27, 2019

The closing session of the 2019 House of Delegates was called to order at 8:00 am on Sunday, October 27, 2019 in the Aztec/Nigerian Rooms of the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Committee on Rules and Credentials

Timothy Pelkowski, MD, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Credentials, reported that there was a quorum of 265 credentialed delegates present for the closing session.

**FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE BYLAWS AMENDMENTS, RESOLUTIONS,
AND BOARD REPORTS OF THE 2019 HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS:

- Subj. 1 **ADOPTED** – Adopted the proposed Bylaws amendment as presented in Subject 1 of the Official Call regarding general housekeeping amendments.
- Subj. 2 **ADOPTED** – Adopted the proposed Bylaws amendment as presented in Subject 2 of the Official Call regarding improving the clarity of delegation authority of the Speaker of the House.
- Subj 3 **ADOPTED** – Adopted the proposed Bylaws amendment as presented in Subject 3 of the Official Call regarding improving the format and clarity of the responsibilities of the Committee on Rules and Credentials.
- Subj. 4 **ADOPTED** – Adopted the proposed Bylaws amendment as presented in Subject 4 of the Official Call regarding improving the format and clarity of provisions for the composition and apportionment of delegates/alternate delegates.
- Subj. 5 **ADOPTED** – Adopted the proposed Bylaws amendment as presented in Subject 5 of the Official Call regarding improving the clarity of medical school representation at the House of Delegates.
- Subj. 6 **NOT ADOPTED** – Rejected the proposed Bylaws amendment as presented in Subject 6 of the Official Call regarding Bylaws Committee recommendation for delegate representation of the Women Physicians Section.
- Subj. 7 **ADOPTED** – Adopted the proposed Bylaws amendment as presented in Subject 7 of the Official Call regarding Bylaws Committee recommendations for membership requirements for the Women Physicians Section.
- Subj. 8 **ADOPTED** – Adopted the proposed Bylaws amendment as presented in Subject 8 of the Official Call regarding voting rights of past presidents, past trustees, and the Chair of the Pennsylvania Delegation to the AMA.
- Subj. 9 **ADOPTED** – Adopted the proposed Bylaws amendment as presented in Subject 9 of the Official Call regarding the role of the Chair of the Pennsylvania Delegation to the AMA on PAMED’s Board of Trustees.

- Subj. 10 **ADOPTED AS AMENDED** – Adopted as amended the proposed Bylaws amendment as presented in Subject 10 of the Official Call regarding Women Physicians Section recommendations for section membership and delegate representation.
- Subj. 11 **NOT ADOPTED** – Rejected the proposed Bylaws amendment as presented in Subject 11 of the Official Call regarding delegate apportionment of component medical societies.
- Subj. 12 **NOT ADOPTED** – Rejected the proposed Bylaws amendment as presented in Subject 12 of the Official Call regarding adding a voting seat on PAMED’s Board of Trustees for a county medical society executive.
- Subj. 13 **NOT ADOPTED** – Rejected the proposed Bylaws amendment as presented in Subject 13 of the Official Call regarding transferring responsibility of electing the PAMED Board Chair to the House of Delegates.

RESOLUTIONS:

- Res. 19-201 **ADOPTED AS AMENDED** – Screening for HPV-Related Anal Cancer Screening for HPV-Related Anal Cancer

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) support advocacy efforts to implement screening for anal cancer for high-risk populations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED support other organizations in developing guidelines for follow up and management of anal cancer screening results; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the PAMED American Medical Association (AMA) delegation introduce Res. 19-201 at the next AMA Annual Meeting.

- Res. 19-202 **ADOPTED AS AMENDED** – Support for Safe Consumption Facilities

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) endorse the opening of an independently funded and studied pilot trial of a comprehensive illicit drug user engagement site including a safer injection facility in keeping with existing multinational evidence-based medicine.

- Res. 19-203 **ADOPTED AS AMENDED** – Medical Marijuana Advisory Board Accountability

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) work with interested parties in the medical community to review the list of serious medical conditions for which medical marijuana can be used, and when potential for harm or lack of benefit exists to such use, petition the Medical Marijuana Advisory Board and Secretary of Health to remove those conditions from this list.

Res. 19-204 **ADOPTED AS AMENDED** – Opposing Recreational Marijuana Use

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) oppose the use and support decriminalization of recreational marijuana/cannabis in Pennsylvania; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED coordinate with appropriate medical specialty partners to educate members about the effects of marijuana/cannabis; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED coordinate with appropriate medical specialty society partners to educate members on the care of patients who are currently certified to participate in Pennsylvania’s medical marijuana program.

Res. 19-205 **ADOPTED AS AMENDED** – Support for GME Program Child Care

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) support Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs’ implementation of accommodative childcare policies and flexible working environments for all residents in order to promote equity in all training settings; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED take the need for innovative childcare policy approaches for residency programs to the 2020 American Medical Association Annual Meeting.

Res. 19-206 **NOT ADOPTED** – Methadone and Medical Marijuana in PDMP

Res. 19-207 **ADOPTED AS AMENDED** – Restricting E-Cigarette Use

Res. 19-301 **ADOPTED AS AMENDED** – Physician Communications with Emergency Departments

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) engage the Hospital & Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP) and their member institutions to improve communication through standardizing and streamlining the exchange of patient data between physicians and emergency departments and develop policies that do not delay or interfere with patient care; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED engage HAP to address ways that a hospital or health system could assist community affiliated practice physicians to gain access to robust integration with a hospital or health system based electronic health records (EHR), or provide discounted sharing of a hospital or health system’s HER at a reasonable cost to the affiliated physicians, especially as the relevant data pertains to the patient’s primary care team.

Res. 19-302 **NOT ADOPTED** – Pre-Approval of Pain Patches and Gels

Res. 19-303 **ADOPTED AS AMENDED** – Removing Opposition to Single-Payer Healthcare

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) revise existing policy number 165.997 to read:

165.997 *Managed Competition*

(1) *The Society adopts the following policy position: Health system reform proposals that unfairly concentrate the market power of payers are detrimental to patients and physicians, if patient freedom of choice or physician ability to select mode of practice is limited or denied. Single-payer systems that fall within such a definition should continue to be opposed by the Society. Reform proposals should balance fairly the market power between payers and physicians or be opposed.*

(2) *The Society continues to support a pluralistic health care system, with no preferential treatment by government that gives a competitive advantage to any form of health insurance/health care delivery organization. In particular, integrated systems should be given no competitive advantage.*

(3) *The Society will propose and support legislative or regulatory action requiring employers to offer a benefit payment schedule plan, in addition to other plans.*

(4) *The Society will continue to advocate strongly to Congress, the Department of Justice, and the Federal Trade Commission the need for changes in relevant antitrust laws to allow physicians and physician organizations to engage in group negotiations with collective purchasers, managed care plans, insurers, and other payers.*

(5) *Society support for any “managed competition” proposal is contingent, in part, on: (a) relief from existing antitrust laws with respect to the right of physicians and physician organizations to engage in group negotiation; and (b) modifications to ERISA to ensure that any rules and negotiation requirements apply equally to self-insured and insured health benefit plans.*

Res. 19-304 **ADOPTED AS AMENDED** – Financial Incentive to Decrease Obesity in Pennsylvania Patients

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) advocate to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Pennsylvania Insurance Department, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and the Center of Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) seeking further study of financial incentive programs and their effectiveness in encouraging healthy behavior for weight loss among obese beneficiaries.

Res. 19-305 **ADOPTED AS AMENDED** – Prior Authorization Relief

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) continue efforts to reform prior authorization, seek elimination of administrative burdens, and consider the use of prior authorization an impediment to the physician-patient relationship and the timely delivery of medical care.

Res. 19-401 **ADOPTED AS AMENDED** – Wireless Devices and Cell Tower Safety

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) oppose legislation that blocks the public’s right to guard its own safety and health regarding cell tower placement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED promote ways to reduce radiation exposure from wireless devices, especially for pregnant women and children (wired devices preferable to wireless, shielding, etc.); and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED introduce this as a resolution at the Annual American Medical Association (AMA) meeting.

Res. 19-402 **ADOPTED AS AMENDED** – Restrictive Covenants

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) reaffirm that medical care is a special and unique personal service differentiated from a common consumer good or service, and that restrictive clauses interfere with the ability of patients to have access to their physician; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED reaffirm that restrictive covenants in physician contracts limit patients' access to patient care from the physician of their choice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that PAMED actively seek the establishment of both state and national coalitions that address restrictive covenants to evaluate and implement multi-pronged efforts that pursue legislative, judicial, and regulatory approaches to limiting restrictive covenants in physician contracts.

Res. 19-403 **ADOPTED AS AMENDED** – Physician Suffering

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) oppose legislation that can negatively affect physician wellness.

Res. 19-404 **ADOPTED AS AMENDED** – Repeal of Act 112

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) and relevant specialty organizations work with the Pennsylvania legislature to modify or amend Act 112 of 2018.

Res. 19-405 **ADOPTED** – DOH Physician Communication on Regulatory Issues

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) advocate that DOH adopt a policy that Pennsylvania physicians involved in regulatory issues with DOH can request a DOH physician be available during the discussion so physician-to-physician communication can occur.

Res. 19-406 **ADOPTED** – Ban Sale of Energy Drinks to Children

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) advocate for a state ban on the sale of energy drinks to children younger than 18 years old.

Res. 19-407 **NOT ADOPTED** – Cessation of Youth Tobacco Use

- Res. 19-408 **ADOPTED** – Act 96 and Discussion of Physician Practice
- RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) seek immediate legislative relief from Act 96 such that those who can legally prescribe Schedule II through V controlled substances in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be permitted to do so by either written paper prescription or electronic prescription.*
- Res. 19-501 **ADOPTED AS AMENDED** – Recording Executive and Finance Committee Meetings
- RESOLVED that, along with the Board of Trustees and Finance Committee meetings, the Executive Committee meetings be recorded and minutes written in accordance with the procedures of the American Institute of Parliamentarians (AIP), and the recordings be maintained until approval of the minutes.*
- Res. 19-502 **NOT ADOPTED** – BOT Use of Consent Calendar
- Res. 19-503 **NOT ADOPTED** – Physician Appeals Process Re: PHP
- Res. 19-504 **REFERRED FOR STUDY** – PAMED Voting Transparency
- Res. 19-505 **ADOPTED AS AMENDED** – Redistricting Task Force
- RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees convene a task force study and make recommendations with regard to Bylaws changes that would allow the creation of regional medical societies and specifically address how representation will be addressed for both the House of Delegates and the Board of Trustees.*
- Res. 19-506 **ADOPTED AS AMENDED** – Resolution Submission Deadline
- RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) implement a resolution submission deadline of sixty (60) days prior to the House of Delegates meeting.*
- Res. 19-507 **ADOPTED AS AMENDED** – Correction of Inaccurate PAMED Communications
- RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) notify its membership when litigation against ABMS member boards regarding MOC is filed and provide updates at appropriate intervals.*
- Res. 19-508 **ADOPTED AS AMENDED** – Review of Delegate Allocations
- RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) create a task force to specifically study the appropriate and balanced delegate allocation to the House of Delegates as it relates to all membership categories and make recommendations to the Bylaws Committee.*

Res. 19-509 **NOT ADOPTED** – Refocusing the AMA on Its Members

Res. 19-510 **NOT ADOPTED** – Transparency in Sale and Building of PAMED HQ

BOARD REPORTS:

BOT 2 **ADOPTED** – BOT 2, Res. 18-207: Suicide Prevention in Military Veterans [adopted Res. 18-207]

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

BOT 3 **ADOPTED** – BOT 3, Res. 18-212: Prison Vaccinations

Adopted recommendation(s) in and filed remainder of BOT 3; policy number 430.996 reaffirmed in lieu of the adoption of Res. 18-212.

BOT 4 **ADOPTED** – BOT 4, Res. 18-302: Medicare Zero

Adopted recommendation(s) in and filed remainder of BOT 4 in lieu of Res. 18-302.

BOT 5 **ADOPTED** – BOT 5, Res. 18-308: Pharmaceutical Pricing Studies

Adopted recommendation(s) in and filed remainder of BOT 5 in lieu of Res. 18-308.

BOT 6 **ADOPTED** – BOT 6, Res. 18-404: Reporting Opioid Overdose Episodes

Adopted recommendation(s) in and filed remainder of BOT 6 in lieu of Res. 18-404.

BOT 7 **ADOPTED** – BOT 7, Res. 18-408: PAMED and County Legislative Collaboration

Adopted recommendation(s) in and filed remainder of BOT 7 in lieu of Res. 18-408.

BOT 8 **ADOPTED** – BOT 8, Res. 18-508: PAMED Association Health Plan

Adopted recommendation(s) in and filed remainder of BOT 8 in lieu of Res. 18-508.

BOT 9 **ADOPTED** – BOT 9, Res. 18-513: County, Regional, and State Magazines

Adopted recommendation(s) in and filed remainder of BOT 9 in lieu of Res. 18-513.

- BOT 10 **ADOPTED** – BOT 10, Res. 18-515: Reassessment of Unified Dues Model
Adopted recommendation(s) in and filed remainder of BOT 10 in lieu of Res. 18-515.
- BOT 11 **ADOPTED** – BOT 11, Res. 17-502: Financing for Student and Resident Delegates
Adopted recommendation(s) in and filed remainder of BOT 11 in lieu of Res. 17-502.
- BOT 12 **ADOPTED** – BOT 12, Sunset Policy Review
Adopted recommendation(s) in and filed remainder of BOT 12.
- BOT 13 **ADOPTED** – BOT 13, Membership Dues Categories
Adopted recommendation(s) in and filed remainder of BOT 13.
- BOT 14 **ADOPTED** – BOT 14, Res. 18-501: 2018 HOD Engagement Task Force
Adopted recommendation(s) in and filed remainder of BOT 14.
- BOT 15 **ADOPTED** – BOT 15, Res. 18-512: Regional Medical Societies
Adopted recommendation(s) in and filed remainder of BOT 15.
- BOT 16 **ADOPTED** – BOT 16, Res. 18-506: PAMED Board of Trustees Transparency
Adopted recommendation(s) in and filed remainder of BOT 16.
- BOT 17 **ADOPTED** – BOT 17, PAMED HQ Building/Relocation Issues
Adopted recommendation(s) in and filed remainder of BOT 17.
- BOT 18 **ADOPTED** – BOT 18, Res. 18-303: Corporate Practice of Medicine
Filed BOT 18 as information.

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 26, 2019.

OFFICERS FOR 2019-2020 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

President: Lawrence R. John, MD (Allegheny County) was formally installed as the 170th President on Saturday evening, October 26, 2019.

President Elect: Michael A. DellaVecchia, MD, PhD (Philadelphia County) assumed the office of President Elect.

Vice President: David A. Talenti, MD (Wayne/Pike County) was elected Vice President during the voting session held on Saturday afternoon, October 26, 2019.

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 26, 2019.

Vice Speaker, House of Delegates: Todd M. Hertzberg, MD (Allegheny County) was elected Vice Speaker during the elections held on Saturday afternoon, October 26, 2019.

The following individuals were elected by acclamation to positions as District/Specialty/Section Trustees at the opening session of the House on Saturday, October 26, 2019:

1st District Trustee: Lynn M. Lucas-Fehm, MD (Philadelphia County)

3rd District Trustee: Chad P. Walker, DO (Lackawanna County)

4th District Trustee: Michael W. Best, MD (Schuylkill County)

12th District Trustee: Maria C. Escano, MD (Luzerne County)

Primary Care/Family Medicine Trustee: Madalyn Schaeffen, MD (Lehigh County/Family Medicine)

Hospital-Based Trustee: John P. Williams, MD (Allegheny County)

At-Large Specialties Trustee: Edward P. Balaban, DO (Centre County; Hematology/Oncology)

Early Career Physicians Section Trustee: Andrew Lutzkanin, III, MD

Medical Students Section Trustee: Gillian Naro

(There were no nominations from the floor for the Medical Specialties Trustees positions.)

The following individuals were elected during the voting process held on Saturday afternoon, October 26, 2019 to positions as District/Specialty/Section Trustees:

Surgical Specialties Trustee: Jeffrey Farma, MD (Surgical Oncology/Philadelphia County)

Women Physicians Section Trustee: Sherry L. Blumenthal, MD (Montgomery County)

Delegates and Alternates to the AMA

The nominations of the Committee to Nominate Delegates and Alternates to the AMA were published in the 2019 Official Call and published as part of the 2019 Official Reports Book.

Hearing no additional qualified nominations from the House floor on Saturday, October 26, 2019, it was announced that the following were elected by acclamation to serve two-year terms as Delegates to the AMA commencing January 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2021:

- 1) Theodore A. Christopher, MD (Philadelphia County)
- 2) Michael A. DellaVecchia, MD (Philadelphia County)
- 3) Marilyn J. Heine, MD (Bucks County)
- 4) Evan J. Pollack, MD (Delaware County)
- 5) Ralph Schmeltz, MD (Allegheny County)
- 6) John W. Spurlock, MD (Carbon County)
- 7) Martin Trichtinger, MD (Montgomery County)
- 8) John M. Vasudevan, MD (Philadelphia County).

Alternate Delegates to the AMA

There were no additional nominations from the House floor on Saturday morning, October 26, 2019. The following were elected during the voting process held on Saturday afternoon to serve two-year terms as Alternate Delegates to the AMA commencing January 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2021:

- 1) Wendy E. Braund, MD (Allegheny County)
- 2) Carrie L. DeLone, MD (Cumberland County)
- 3) Mark S. Friedlander, MD (Delaware County)
- 4) Christopher Hughes, MD (Washington County)
- 5) F. Wilson Jackson, III, MD (Cumberland County)
- 6) Chadd K. Kraus, DO (Union County)
- 7) Peter S. Lund, MD (Erie County)
- 8) Timothy D. Pelkowski, MD (Erie County)

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

Hearing no additional nominations from the House floor on Saturday, October 26, 2019, it was announced that Lauren Kramer, DO (Residents & Fellows Section/Bucks 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 on Saturday, October 26, 2019, it was announced that the House had elected Gillian Naro (Medical Students Section/Dauphin County) to the slotted position for Alternate Delegate to the AMA for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2020. Alyssa Tuan (Dauphin County) will serve as the Medical Students Section Student-Elect for the term beginning January 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2020.

Committee to Nominate Delegates & Alternates to the AMA

Dr. Kenneth M. Certa (Philadelphia County) was nominated from the House floor on Saturday, October 26, 2019 to serve on the Committee to Nominate. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Therefore, it was announced that incumbent Committee member Charles Cutler, MD (Montgomery County) was re-elected by acclamation and that Judith R. Pryblick, DO (Lehigh County)

and Kenneth M. Certa, MD were elected by acclamation to fill the remaining available seats on the Committee.

Judicial Council

Seeing no additional nominations from the floor on Saturday morning, October 26, 2019, it was announced that Lawrence L. Altaker, MD (Dauphin County) and Carol E. Rose, MD (Allegheny County) had been elected by acclamation to the Judicial Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The 2019 House of Delegates adjourned at 11:48 am on Sunday, October 27.

Respectfully submitted,



John J. Pagan, MD, Speaker



John W. Spurlock, MD, Vice Speaker



Erick J. Bergquist, MD, PhD, Secretary