

RESOLUTION

Subject: Bylaws Amendment to Increase Medical Student Delegate Representation

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Referred to: Reference Committee

WHEREAS, in the past 3 years the University of Kentucky (UK) has added two new 4-year satellite campuses in Bowling Green and Northern Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, by 2024 each new campus will have between 120 and 140 medical students across the four years; and

WHEREAS, the regional campuses are recognized as their own AMA Medical Student Section chapters with executive boards and officers functioning independently from the UK Lexington campus; and

WHEREAS, current KMA Bylaws currently allow for only one delegate to represent all three UK campuses; and

WHEREAS, allowing for each campus to have their own delegate would increase the involvement of the regional campuses in the KMA House of Delegates and policy writing; and

WHEREAS, the KMA emphasizes early engagement of medical students in organized medicine in order to develop the next generation of physician leaders; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the KMA bylaws be amended as follows:

“Chapter 1, Section 2(f): “Student Members. Any student in an accredited medical school in Kentucky or any resident of Kentucky who is a student in an accredited medical school in the United States shall be eligible for membership in the Medical Student Section of the Kentucky Medical Association. This Medical Student Section shall be governed by its own Constitution and Bylaws, which Constitution and Bylaws shall not be in conflict with the Constitution, Bylaws and Board policies of the parent Kentucky Medical Association. Should any questions arise regarding the existence of a conflict, the KMA Board of Trustees shall be the final arbiter of such questions. Membership shall be coincident with the academic enrollment of the student. Student members may hold office within the Student Section in accord with the provisions of that Section’s Constitution and Bylaws. The Student Section will be represented in the KMA House of Delegates through ~~one voting representative, a student member of the Kentucky Medical Association elected by the Student Section membership attending the University of Kentucky College of Medicine, and one voting representative, a student member of the Kentucky Medical Association elected by the Student Section membership attending the University of Louisville School of Medicine~~ one voting

representative each from the University of Louisville School of Medicine, the University of Kentucky College of Medicine, the University of Pikeville Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine, and any four-year regional campus of said schools with a minimum of 80 (eighty) students across the 4 (four) years.

The KMA Medical Student Section President, elected by the Governing Council of the KMA Medical Student Section, will represent the Section as a voting member of the KMA Board of Trustees.”