

1 2008 REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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3 Presented by George W. Bostwick, M.D., Chairman

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6 **PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

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8 (Presented in Sept. 2007 for a vote in Sept. 2008)

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11 (Language to be removed is struck through; language to be added is underlined.)

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14 **Article II**

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16 **PURPOSE**

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18 The purpose of this Association is to ~~unite and support the physicians of Maine in~~
19 ~~promoting the health of Maine's citizens, protecting and promoting the quality of~~
20 ~~medicine, and supporting the physicians' function as advocates for their patients~~ support
21 Maine physicians, advance the quality of medicine in Maine and promote the health of all
22 Maine citizens.

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25 (Presented in September 2007 for a vote in September 2008)

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27 **Article X**

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29 **AMENDMENTS**

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31 The membership may amend any article of this Constitution by a ~~two-thirds~~ three
32 quarters vote of the members present at any Annual Meeting called for that purpose
33 provided that such amendment ~~shall have been presented in open meeting at any previous~~
34 ~~meeting, and that a copy of said amendments shall have been sent to each member of the~~
35 ~~Association at least two months before the meeting at which final action is to be taken.~~
36 shall be placed on the Association website and also be available, upon request, to any
37 member. Members will be notified of the availability of the amendments on the website
38 by notice in the Association's publication.

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PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

(Tabled in Sept. 2006, can be re-considered in Sept. 2007, Tabled in 2007 to be reconsidered in 2008)

Chapter I

MEMBERSHIP

Section M. The membership of any member who pleads guilty to or is convicted of a Class A, B or C crime under the State of Maine criminal statutes, or of any felony or analogous crime in another jurisdiction, shall automatically be revoked, unless otherwise determined by the Executive Committee. This action may, at the discretion of the Committee on Ethics, Discipline and Professional Competence be stayed for any applicable period of appeal. Such a member shall not be entitled to any return of dues or assessments.

1 [Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws Not Previously “Noted” or Considered]
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4 **CONSTITUTION**
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6 **Article VI**
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8 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
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11 Third paragraph, amended as follows:
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13 The Chairs of the Committee on Legislation, the Committee on Membership and Member
14 Benefits, the Payor Liaison Committee, the Committee on Public Health, ~~and~~ the
15 Committee on Physician Quality and the Senior Section shall be ex-officio voting
16 members of the Executive Committee.
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18 **Article VIII**
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20 **OFFICERS**
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22 Amend as follows:
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24 The officers of this Association shall be a President, a President-elect, A Secretary-
25 Treasurer, the Moderator and Vice-Moderator of the Annual Meeting ~~and Vice~~
26 ~~Moderator~~ and the chair of the Executive Committee.
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1 **PROPOSED BYLAW AMDENDMENTS**

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3 **Chapter III**

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5 **ANNUAL MEETING**

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7 **MEETINGS**

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10 **Section 1-5.** unchanged

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12 **DUTIES**

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15 **Sections 6-8.** unchanged

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17 **Section 9.** The Moderator, for the purpose of expediting proceedings, may appoint
18 reference committees from the membership to which reports and resolutions may be
19 referred for consideration of discussion and to prepare a report for vote by the general
20 membership.

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22 **Chapter IV**

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24 **COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS**

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27 **Section 6.** Add a new sentence at the end of paragraph as follows:

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29 In nominating candidates for membership on the Standing committees, the Nominating
30 Committee shall designate for each nominee a one, two or three year term, consistent
31 with the provisions of these Bylaws.

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33 **Section 6.** 2nd sentence: Amend as follows:

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35 Each Component Medical Society may propose nominees and present them to the
36 Secretary-Treasurer and may propose nominees for all scheduled vacancies on the
37 Executive Committee, except for the office of Secretary-Treasurer, and for AMA
38 Delegates and all Standing Committees, ~~with the exception of the Committee on~~
39 ~~Personnel, at least 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting.~~

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41 **Chapter V**

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43 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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45 No change

1 **DUTIES**

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3 **Section 2.** No change.

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5 **Section 6.** Charters shall be issued to component societies only on approval of the
6 Executive Committee; and shall be signed by the President and Secretary of this
7 Association. The ~~membership~~ Executive Committee may revoke the charter of any
8 component society whose actions are in conflict with the letter or spirit of this
9 Constitution and Bylaws.

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13 **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

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16 **Section II.** Amend second sentence as follows:

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18 The purpose of the Operations Committee shall be to exercise oversight of the
19 management of the Association and to act for the Executive Committee between
20 meetings of the said Committee ~~between the meetings of the Committee.~~

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22 **Chapter VII**

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24 **COMMITTEE AND SECTIONS**

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26 **Section 1.** following the list of Committees, add the following:

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28 **Section 1-A SECTIONS**

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30 **Senior Section**

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32 Following Section 12, add a new Section 13, as follows:

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34 **Section 13. SENIOR SECTION.** This section shall consist of senior members of this
35 Association. A Chair of the Section shall be selected annually by the President. The
36 Section shall serve as a vehicle to direct voluntary efforts of senior members in any of the
37 following areas: Voluntary Medical Service, Mentoring, Advocacy and Participation in
38 any Special Interest Section.

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40 **Chapter VIII**

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43 **DUES AND ASSESSMENTS**

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46 **Sections 1 and 2.** No change

1 ~~Section 3. Group Membership—Group Practices or other entities consisting of 10 or~~
2 ~~more physicians shall be granted a 20% discount in total State dues, payable if all the~~
3 ~~physicians in the group or other entity (members as of October 1st), belong to the~~
4 ~~Association, pay dues at the same time, and pay those dues by January 1.~~
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6 ~~Section 4. Physicians residing in the same household—When physicians reside in the~~
7 ~~same household and all of the physicians residing in the household are MMA members,~~
8 ~~one of the physicians shall, upon request, be entitled to pay 1/2 of the State dues of an~~
9 ~~active member.~~
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11 ~~Section 5. A member shall be entitled to only one of the dues discounts provided in~~
12 ~~Sections 4, 5, 7 and 8.~~
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14 ~~Section 6. The following dues structure is for those physicians in their first year of~~
15 ~~practice after residency, fellowship, military service or health service—never been in~~
16 ~~practice: first year— one half dues; second year— full dues.~~
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18 ~~Section 7. Members joining who are not within their first year of practice may be offered~~
19 ~~an introductory rate as determined by the Executive Committee.~~
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21 Section 3. Each calendar year, the Operations Committee, with input from the
22 Committee on Membership and Member Benefits and with approval of the Executive
23 Committee shall prepare a marketing plan designed to attract new members and to retain
24 existing members. The plan may alter the dues charged to individuals or groups, based
25 upon the needs of the Association. The plan may include the following features, which
26 are not intended to be exclusive:
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- 28 a. Discounts for groups
 - 29 b. Discounts for members in their first year of practice
 - 30 c. Introduction rates for new members
 - 31 d. Discounts for spouses of members and public employees
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