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## AMA Delegates

In 2020, eight (8) delegate seats and eight (8) alternate delegate seats are up for election for a two-year term. Voting will be for eight (8) delegates. The first eight (8) candidates receiving the most votes will be elected as AMA delegates and the next eight (8) receiving votes in descending order will become alternate delegates.

Following are the announced AMA Delegate candidates for a new 2-year term (2020-22). Please vote by selecting eight (8) AMA Delegate candidates.

Select exactly eight (8) options.



Christie Alexander, MD  
Board of Governors



Madelyn Butler, MD  
Hillsborough CMS



Eva Crooke, MD  
Hillsborough CMS



Ronald Giffler, MD  
Board of Governors



Rafael Haciski, MD  
Collier CMS



Lawrence Halperin, MD  
Physicians Soc. of Central FL



Rebecca Johnson, MD  
Hillsborough CMS



Tra'Chella Johnson Foy, MD  
Duval CMS



John Montgomery, MD  
Duval CMS



Douglas Murphy, MD  
Board of Governors



Ralph Nobo, MD  
Polk CMS



Arthur Palamara, MD  
Broward CMS



Michael Patete, MD  
Board of Governors



Alan Pillersdorf, MD  
Palm Beach CMS



Sergio Seoane, MD  
Board of Governors

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## Vice Speaker

The FMA has two (2) announced candidates for Vice Speaker, serving a one-year term. Please select one (1) candidate or abstain to vote for the incoming Vice Speaker. If you select *Abstain*, your vote will not be counted towards the Vice Speaker outcome.

Select exactly one (1) option.



Christopher Constance, MD  
Florida Soc. of Plastic Surgeons



Mark Rubenstein, MD  
Palm Beach CMS

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## Proposed Bylaws Amendments

Bylaws Voting Instructions:

Reference Committee No. II - Finance and Administration has considered each of the items referred to it and presents their recommendation on each proposed bylaws amendment. Each bylaws item is independent and will present voters with three (3) options:

- Adopt - Proposed amendment **should be adopted**.
- Not Adopt - Proposed amendment **should NOT be adopted**.
- Abstain - Choose to abstain from voting. Vote will not be counted towards the amendment outcome.

[Access the Proposed Bylaws Amendments.](#)

[View the Reference Committee II Report on Bylaws.](#)

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### ***Board Recommendation B-1: Bylaws Amendment, Chapter VI, Section 1. Composition***

Reference Committee II recommends that **Recommendation B-1 be NOT adopted.**

THAT THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES AMEND THE FMA BYLAWS TO PROVIDE THAT A MILITARY PHYSICIAN BE APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS BY THE FMA PRESIDENT AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

The Committee heard testimony in support of and against this proposed amendment. Supporters of this resolution felt that adding a military physician to the Board of Governors would add a distinct voice to FMA, thereby bringing untapped expertise and insight to the association. Detractors of the amendment felt that the language was not specific enough to accomplish the intent of the amendment. The Reference Committee agreed that military physicians offer a unique perspective but felt that this amendment would not guarantee added benefit to the organization.

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### ***Board Recommendation B-2: Bylaws Amendment, Chapter III, Section 11. Voting Requirements***

Reference Committee II recommends that **Recommendation B-2 be adopted.**

THAT THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES AMEND THE FMA BYLAWS TO PROVIDE THAT FMA PAST PRESIDENTS BE CONSIDERED DELEGATES TO THE FMA HOUSE OF DELEGATES AND BE ENTITLED TO VOTE ON ANY QUESTION BEFORE THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

The Committee heard mixed testimony on this amendment. Testimony against Recommendation B-2 noted that Past Presidents are able to vote in the House of Delegates as a member of their county or specialty organization. It was also noted that this would not greatly impact the House of Delegates in 2021 and should be voted down and brought back for discussion at the next in-person Annual Meeting. Testimony in favor of Recommendation B-2 noted that the intent of the amendment was to invite more participation from the Past Presidents, and it would free delegation slots for physicians who are wanting to become more involved in organized medicine.

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### ***Board Recommendation B-3: Bylaws Amendment, Chapter III, Section 13. Reference Committees***

Reference Committee II recommends that **Recommendation B-3 be NOT adopted.**

THAT THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES AMEND THE FMA BYLAWS TO PROVIDE THAT THE FMA SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES APPOINT AN FMA PAST PRESIDENT AND/OR AN FMA DELEGATE TO THE AMA HOUSE OF DELEGATES TO EACH REFERENCE COMMITTEE, IF POSSIBLE.

Supporters of this amendment argued that the institutional knowledge that comes from AMA Delegates and/or former presidents of the FMA provide a great value to reference committees during deliberations. Those against Recommendation B-3 argued that by mandating seat assignments, available slots could be taken away from those who are trying to get involved in the FMA. Detractors noted that the language was not specific enough to be

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included in the bylaws. The Reference Committee felt that this process was already taking place and therefore was redundant to mandate it in the bylaws. Further, deference should be provided to the Speakers in their appointments.

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## ***Board Recommendation B-4: Bylaws Amendment, Chapter VI, Section 2. Duties and Functions***

Reference Committee II recommends that **Recommendation B-4 be NOT adopted.**

THAT THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES AMEND THE FMA BYLAWS TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS ESTABLISH A STANDING COMMITTEE ON PAST PRESIDENTS.

The Reference Committee understood that it was the intent of the amendment to cultivate a culture of inclusiveness for the Past Presidents and to maintain participation in the organization. The Committee was unsure of the specific purpose that the proposed committee would have and felt that there were other ways that former presidents of the FMA could maintain involvement within the organization. The Committee also felt insertion of “past presidents” into the language regarding functions of the committee was too awkward to be included in the bylaws.

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## ***Board Recommendation B-5: Bylaws Amendment, Chapter VI, Section 3. Meetings***

Reference Committee II recommends that **Recommendation B-5 be adopted.**

THAT THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES AMEND THE FMA BYLAWS TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD DEVELOPMENT RETREAT TAKE PLACE AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND THAT THE PRESIDENT ADVISORY GROUP MEETINGS BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AT THE DISCRETION OF THE FMA PRESIDENT.

The Reference Committee only heard testimony in favor of this recommendation and viewed the proposed amendment as reasonable for efficiency and as a cost-saving measure.

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## ***Board Recommendation B-6: Bylaws Amendment, Chapter VI, Section 1. Composition***

Reference Committee II recommends that **Recommendation B-6 be NOT adopted.**

THAT THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES AMEND THE FMA BYLAWS TO PROVIDE THAT THE MEDICAL STUDENT SEAT ON THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS BE AN ELECTED POSITION.

Supporters of this amendment argued that this recommendation would align the Medical Student Section with the other seats on the Board of Governors. It was also noted that once elected, members of the Board represent the entire organization, and therefore should be voted on by the entire House of Delegates. Others felt that this recommendation would place too much undue pressure on medical students and may inhibit their participation. The Committee noted that there was some input from the Medical Student Section in early discussions but no further remarks was heard during public testimony. Having heard both sides of the argument, Reference Committee II voted to recommend against adoption for Recommendation B-6.

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## ***Board Recommendation B-7: New Bylaws Chapter, Chapter XIII, Emergency Bylaws***

Reference Committee II recommends that **Recommendation B-7 be adopted.**

THAT THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES AMEND THE FMA BYLAWS TO SET FORTH A SET OF BYLAWS THAT WOULD ADEQUATELY ADDRESS FMA OPERATIONS DURING A NATIONAL EMERGENCY, SUCH AS A HURRICANE OR A PANDEMIC.

The Reference Committee had concerns about the broad definition of “emergency condition” in Section 1 but felt that due to the current pandemic, it was important to have a set of emergency bylaws added. The Committee voted to recommend adoption with the understanding that this amendment would be revisited by the Committee on Bylaws to provide a better-defined set of parameters for when the emergency bylaws can be invoked and when they would be discontinued, and bring proposed changes to next year’s House of Delegates.