

1 MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
2 HOUSE OF DELEGATES
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4 CB Report 1-14
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6 INTRODUCED BY: MedChi Council on Bylaws
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8 SUBJECT: Changes to Bylaws Section 10.00 – Councils and Committees
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10 The Bylaws Council recommends the following:
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13 1) That the Bylaws of MedChi be amended as follows (additions in LARGE AND SMALL CAPS,
14 deletions in brackets “[]”):
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16 **10.00 COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES**
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18 **10.10 Composition.** The major work of MedChi shall be accomplished through its
19 councils and committees. Each council shall contain such committees chartered by the
20 Board of Trustees (chartered committees) as shall be needed to accomplish their assigned
21 tasks; special committees (as defined below); and reference committees. Membership,
22 terms and procedures for all councils and committees shall be as set forth in the Rules of
23 MedChi, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws.
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25 **10.20 Functions.** The councils of MedChi shall be named and serve the functions
26 described below. Their duties, reporting, membership and method of operation shall be
27 as set forth in the Rules of MedChi. Unless otherwise expressly specified in these
28 Bylaws, the councils shall serve only in an advisory capacity to the House of Delegates
29 and the Board of Trustees. The Council chairs shall be ex-officio, non-voting members
30 of the Board of Trustees.
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32 **10.201 Council on Bylaws.** The function of the Council on Bylaws shall be to draft
33 amendments to the bylaws and rules of MedChi as it deems are needed or as directed by
34 the House of Delegates or Board of Trustees. It shall review, approve, disapprove or alter
35 amendments submitted to it by component societies, council or the House of Delegates.
36 It shall report all amendments to the bylaws of MedChi to the House of Delegates with
37 the call to session. The Council shall also serve as an advisory committee on all matters
38 pertaining to the Bylaws and the Rules of MedChi.
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40 The Council shall be composed of a Bylaws, Rules and Regulations Committee
41 consisting of ten members, inclusive of the chair.
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- 43 a. There shall be one representative from each of the following components:
44 i. Anne Arundel County;
45 ii. Baltimore City;
46 iii. Baltimore County;

- 1 iv. Montgomery County;
2 v. Prince George's County;
3 b. There shall be one representative from each of the following groups:
4 i. Eastern Group (Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset,
5 Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester Counties);
6 ii. Southern Group (Calvert, Charles, Howard and St. Mary's Counties);
7 iii. Western Group (Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett and Washington Counties);
8 c. Two at-large members, only one of whom shall be from the small component societies.
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10 **10.202 Council on Medical Economics.** The function of the Council on Medical
11 Economics shall be to evaluate the changing social and economic environment of medical
12 care and to make appropriate recommendations to the Board of Trustees.
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14 [Committees under this Council are Payer Relations, Products/Services, and Information
15 Technology.]
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17 **10.203 Council on Medical Policy.** The function of the Council on Medical Policy shall
18 be to advise the Board of Trustees and the House of Delegates on interpretation of the
19 American Medical Association "Principles of Medical Ethics" and the "Compendium of
20 Laws, Regulations, Ethical Opinions and Guidelines of the Medical and Chirurgical
21 Faculty of Maryland" and the Bylaws of MedChi, to recommend such additional ethical
22 guidelines as it deems advisable, to recommend action to be taken by the Board of
23 Trustees in accordance with Section 14.00 of these Bylaws, and act as a liaison with the
24 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and other federal, state and local agencies
25 charged with the promotion and protection of the public's health and make appropriate
26 recommendations to the Board of Trustees on policy related issues.
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28 [Committees under this Council are Health Finance, Public Health, Quality, and Ethics
29 and Judicial Affairs.]
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31 **10.204 Council on Operations.** The function of the Council on Operations shall be to
32 oversee and advise on issues related to the operations of MedChi and report to the Board
33 of Trustees.
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35 Committees under this Council are Finance[,]AND Personnel and Compensation[,
36 Scientific Activities, CME Review and Membership].
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38 The Finance Committee is to advise and counsel the Board of Trustees regarding
39 MedChi's financial and investment program and to provide oversight convening general
40 compensation levels. The chairperson of the committee shall be the treasurer of MedChi.
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42 The Personnel and Compensation Committee is to conduct an annual performance
43 evaluation of the chief executive officer and make recommendations to the Board
44 concerning his or her compensation. The committee shall also review any other matters
45 concerning MedChi personnel issues or personnel policies at the Board's or president's
46 discretion. The committee shall consist of the treasurer, who shall serve as chair, the

1 president, the president-elect, the immediate past president and two other Board
2 members.

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4 **10.205 Council on Legislation.** The function of the Council on Legislation shall be to
5 study and make recommendations regarding policy on state legislation and regulations; to
6 serve as a reference council through which legislative issues are channeled prior to
7 decisions concerning MedChi legislative and regulatory policy; and to recommend
8 changes to the House of Delegates in MedChi's legislative policy when necessary to
9 achieve MedChi's goals.

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11 [Committees under this Council are Boards & Commissions, Insurance, and Public
12 Health.]

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14 **10.206 Council on Communications.** The function of the Council on Communications
15 shall be to advise and guide the publications and communications efforts of MedChi.
16 The Council shall ensure that MedChi communications are consistent with the policies
17 and strategies of MedChi and shall make recommendations to the Board of Trustees and
18 the Chief Executive Officer of MedChi so as to achieve those goals and otherwise
19 maximize the performance and benefit to MedChi of all the publications and
20 communications of MedChi.

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22 [Committees under this Council are Maryland Medicine Editorial Board, Publications
23 Committee and Public Relations.]

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25 **10.30 Special Committees.** Special committees shall be designated as needed because of
26 their function or requirement of state statute and the fact that they must work
27 autonomously although communicating with the Board of Trustees or House of Delegates
28 through their designated council.

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30 **10.301 Function.** The duties, reporting, membership, and method of operation of
31 special committees shall be as determined by the Board of Trustees or House of
32 Delegates, consistent with enabling legislation or regulations.

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34 2) That this Bylaws Change be effective as of the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting of
35 MedChi (September 2014).

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As adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on April 26, 2014.