

## DRAFT AMENDMENT OF ELECTION BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY.

The Bylaws Council is presenting the following proposed Bylaws and Rules changes to the House of Delegates for discussion and feedback by all interested MedChi members.

### Bylaws Provisions

*To be effective at the first election after January 1, 2017, and thereafter until amended.*

#### 8.00 ELECTION OF OFFICERS, TRUSTEES AND AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

**8.10 Offices to be Filled by House of Delegates Election.** The President-elect, Speaker, Vice-Speaker, Trustees, and AMA Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be elected by a majority vote.

**8.20 Nominations.** Nominees for those offices to be filled by election at a fall meeting shall be recommended by either a component society or by letter(s) signed by at least five active MedChi members one of whom may be the nominee. ~~All such recommendations~~ NOMINATIONS for offices to be filled by election ~~must be~~ THAT ARE received by the President no later than the preceding March 15 WILL BE INCLUDED WITH THE CALL TO THE HOUSE FOR THE SPRING MEETING. ~~Such ALL recommendations~~

#### NOMINATIONS

RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING will be reviewed by staff ~~and the Board of Trustees~~ to ensure compliance with the criteria set forth in the Rules of MedChi. NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICES TO BE FILLED BY ELECTION AT THE FALL MEETING MUST BE RECEIVED AT LEAST SIX WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF THE FIRST DAY OF THAT MEETING. ~~All qualifying and eligible nominees shall be reported to the House of Delegates no later than May 31.~~

Nominations eligible under the Rules of MedChi may be accepted from the floor at the fall meeting, if approved by a simple majority of the House of Delegates.

**8.30 Election by the House of Delegates.** Speeches supporting nominations for president-elect, speaker and vice speaker of the House, the AMA delegation, and trustees shall be made at the House of Delegates meeting on the first day of the fall meeting. At this time, additional nominations may be made from the floor. The election shall be held on the last day of the fall meeting pursuant to procedures set forth in the Rules of MedChi.

**8.301 President-elect.** The president-elect shall be elected annually and serve as president-elect until installation as president at the next fall meeting. The year following the presidency, the president will serve as immediate past president.

**8.302 Election To Fill Vacancy.** Unless otherwise provided for in these Bylaws, a vacancy in any office or position which is elected by the House of Delegates shall be filled for the unexpired term by an election at the next meeting of the House of Delegates after the vacancy occurs. Component societies shall be notified of the vacancy at the time it occurs. The House of Delegates shall be notified of the vacancy at least 10 days in advance of the next meeting of the House of Delegates.

**Comment [SHJ1]:** Requirement for nomination to be made by March 15 removed.

**Comment [SHJ2]:** Nominations deadline = six weeks in advance of fall meeting.

### Rules:

#### TITLE 8 - PROCEDURES GOVERNING NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

##### RULE 8.1 CRITERIA

The following shall be the criteria for eligibility to serve as an officer of MedChi or as a member of MedChi's Board of Trustees:

(A) Current active MedChi member, as well as having been either an active, student, or resident member, or combination thereof, for at least the preceding five years; and

(B) Attendance of at least six meetings as a member of the House of Delegates or service as an officer of a component society or MedChi recognized specialty society; and

(C) Be of sound moral and professional character -- not currently under any sanction by any federal, state or professional organization or licensing body.

Any or all of the above criteria may be set aside for a given nominee by a 2/3 vote of the House of Delegates.

#### **RULE 8.2 DOCUMENTATION**

(A) All recommendations for nominees must include a Curriculum Vitae no longer than 5 pages typed and suitable for copying.

(B) Candidates may submit a one page position statement regarding their candidacy for inclusion in the call for the fall meeting. Such statement must be received by staff at least six weeks before the fall meeting.

#### **RULE 8.3 CAMPAIGNING**

(A) THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ARE PERMITTED FOR NOMINATED CANDIDATES AND THEIR SUPPORTERS:

1. DISTRIBUTION OF CAMPAIGN BUTTONS
2. DISTRIBUTION OF WRITTEN MATERIALS, BROCHURES, LETTERS, AND/OR POSITION PAPERS.
  - a. IF BY MAIL, MEDCHI WILL PROVIDE ONE SET OF LABELS, UPON REQUEST, AT NO CHARGE TO THE CANDIDATE.
  - b. IF BY E-MAIL, MEDCHI WILL DO ONE E-MAILING AT NO CHARGE TO THE CANDIDATE
  - c. CANDIDATES ARE PERMITTED TO MAKE PRESENTATIONS TO CAUCUSES.
3. THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED
  - a. CAMPAIGNING BY CANDIDATES WHOSE NOMINATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN FILED WITH MEDCHI
  - b. DISTRIBUTION OF CAMPAIGN MATERIALS OTHER THAN BROCHURES OR POSITION PAPERS ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.
  - c. COMMERCIAL SPONSORSHIP TO HELP DEFRAY COSTS OF CAMPAIGNING.

**Comment [SHJ3]:** Created new Rules to incorporate Credentials Committee guidelines

#### **RULE 8.4 CANDIDATES' FORUM**

(A) A CANDIDATES' FORUM WILL BE HELD IN THE EVENT OF A CONTESTED ELECTION(S) EXCLUSIVELY FOR CANDIDATES IN THAT ELECTION(S)

(B) PROCEDURE

1. EACH CANDIDATE IN A CONTESTED ELECTION WILL HAVE A MAXIMUM OF FIVE MINUTES TO MAKE A PRESENTATION.
2. DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO THE MODERATOR.
3. THE MODERATOR IS CHARGED WITH ASSURING THAT ALL CANDIDATES WILL HAVE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS. THE MODERATOR IS EMPOWERED TO SET SUCH TIME LIMITS ON THE ANSWERS AS APPROPRIATE TO GIVE ALL CANDIDATES TIME TO GIVE AN ANSWER.
4. ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS MAY BE RAISED FROM THE FLOOR

**Comment [SHJ4]:** Ditto