INTRODUCED BY: MedChi Council on Bylaws

SUBJECT: Changes to Bylaws Section 10.00 – Councils and Committees

The Bylaws Council recommends the following:

1) That the Bylaws of MedChi be amended as follows (additions in LARGE AND SMALL CAPS, deletions in brackets “[ ]”):

10.00 COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

10.10 Composition. The major work of MedChi shall be accomplished through its councils and committees. Each council shall contain such committees chartered by the Board of Trustees (chartered committees) as shall be needed to accomplish their assigned tasks; special committees (as defined below); and reference committees. Membership, terms and procedures for all councils and committees shall be as set forth in the Rules of MedChi, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws.

10.20 Functions. The councils of MedChi shall be named and serve the functions described below. Their duties, reporting, membership and method of operation shall be as set forth in the Rules of MedChi. Unless otherwise expressly specified in these Bylaws, the councils shall serve only in an advisory capacity to the House of Delegates and the Board of Trustees. The Council chairs shall be ex-officio, non-voting members of the Board of Trustees.

10.201 Council on Bylaws. The function of the Council on Bylaws shall be to draft amendments to the bylaws and rules of MedChi as it deems are needed or as directed by the House of Delegates or Board of Trustees. It shall review, approve, disapprove or alter amendments submitted to it by component societies, council or the House of Delegates. It shall report all amendments to the bylaws of MedChi to the House of Delegates with the call to session. The Council shall also serve as an advisory committee on all matters pertaining to the Bylaws and the Rules of MedChi.

The Council shall be composed of a Bylaws, Rules and Regulations Committee consisting of ten members, inclusive of the chair.

a. There shall be one representative from each of the following components:
   i. Anne Arundel County;
   ii. Baltimore City;
   iii. Baltimore County;
iv. Montgomery County;
v. Prince George’s County;
b. There shall be one representative from each of the following groups:
i. Eastern Group (Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne’s, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester Counties);
ii. Southern Group (Calvert, Charles, Howard and St. Mary’s Counties);
iii. Western Group (Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett and Washington Counties);
c. Two at-large members, only one of whom shall be from the small component societies.

10.202 Council on Medical Economics. The function of the Council on Medical Economics shall be to evaluate the changing social and economic environment of medical care and to make appropriate recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

[Committees under this Council are Payer Relations, Products/Services, and Information Technology.]

10.203 Council on Medical Policy. The function of the Council on Medical Policy shall be to advise the Board of Trustees and the House of Delegates on interpretation of the American Medical Association “Principles of Medical Ethics” and the “Compendium of Laws, Regulations, Ethical Opinions and Guidelines of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland” and the Bylaws of MedChi, to recommend such additional ethical guidelines as it deems advisable, to recommend action to be taken by the Board of Trustees in accordance with Section 14.00 of these Bylaws, and act as a liaison with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and other federal, state and local agencies charged with the promotion and protection of the public’s health and make appropriate recommendations to the Board of Trustees on policy related issues.

[Committees under this Council are Health Finance, Public Health, Quality, and Ethics and Judicial Affairs.]

10.204 Council on Operations. The function of the Council on Operations shall be to oversee and advise on issues related to the operations of MedChi and report to the Board of Trustees.

Committees under this Council are Finance[,] AND Personnel and Compensation[,] Scientific Activities, CME Review and Membership].

The Finance Committee is to advise and counsel the Board of Trustees regarding MedChi’s financial and investment program and to provide oversight convening general compensation levels. The chairperson of the committee shall be the treasurer of MedChi.

The Personnel and Compensation Committee is to conduct an annual performance evaluation of the chief executive officer and make recommendations to the Board concerning his or her compensation. The committee shall also review any other matters concerning MedChi personnel issues or personnel policies at the Board’s or president’s discretion. The committee shall consist of the treasurer, who shall serve as chair, the
president, the president-elect, the immediate past president and two other Board members.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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