

REFERENCE COMMITTEE F

Items referred to Reference Committee F will be taken in the following order:

- 1) TREASURER: ANNUAL REPORT (Officer: 04.16)
- 2) AMA DELEGATION: ANNUAL REPORT (Officer: 06:16)
- 3) GEORGIA PHYSICIANS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY: ANNUAL REPORT (Special: 07.16/Rec. 1-3)
- 4) CHARTER ROME AREA MEDICAL SOCIETY (Resolution: 401F.16)
- 5) CHARTER NORTH GEORGIA MOUNTAINS MEDICAL SOCIETY (Resolution: 402F.16)

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES (F-16)

SUBJECT: Report of Reference Committee F

PRESENTED BY: Deborah Ann Martin, M.D., Chairman

1 Mr. Speaker and members of the House of Delegates:

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3 Reference Committee F gave careful consideration to the several items referred to it and submits the
4 following report:

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6 **1) TREASURER ANNUAL REPORT (Officer: 04.16)**

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8 **Recommendation:**

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10 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee F recommends that Officer: 04.16 be filed.

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12 **Rationale:**

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14 Your Committee heard a comprehensive report from the Treasurer on the financial status of the
15 Association. The full report is in your HOD handbook. Your Committee would like to commend
16 Thomas E. Emerson, M.D., for the complete and succinct summary of the pertinent facts presented.
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19 **2) AMA DELEGATION: ANNUAL REPORT (Officer: 06.16)**

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21 **Original Recommendation:**

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23 1) “That the MAG House of Delegates (HOD) approves the actions of the MAG AMA Delegation,
24 as submitted in Appendix 1 of this report.”
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26 **Recommendation:**

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28 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee F recommends that the report of Officer: 06.16 be filed.

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30 **Rationale:**

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32 Your Committee heard a report from the Chairman of the AMA Delegation referring to the AMA
33 Delegation Annual Report that is in your HOD Handbook. Your Committee appreciates the detailed
34 report of the accomplishments of the AMA Delegation and the commitment put forward to represent
35 the Medical Association of Georgia at the AMA.
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37 **3) GEORGIA PHYSICIANS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY: ANNUAL REPORT (Special: 07.16)**

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39 **Original Recommendations:**

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41 1) “MAG will endorse the GPLA as an integral program in training future and emerging leaders of
42 medical societies in Georgia.”

- 1 2) “When MAG members who are not alumni of the GPLA are elected to the MAG Executive
- 2 Committee, they will be encouraged to join the upcoming class if at all possible.”
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- 4 3) “All MAG members who are considering future physicians leadership positions within any of our
- 5 county medical or state medical specialty societies should be encouraged to seek nominations
- 6 from their societies to undergo GPLA training.”
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8 **Recommendation:**

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10 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee F recommends that Recommendations 1-3 of Special: 07.16 be

11 adopted with commendation.

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13 **Rationale:**

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15 Your Committee heard testimony in favor of Recommendations 1-3 and heard no unfavorable

16 testimony. Many MAG members in the room had either been through the GPLA program or were in it

17 currently. We heard very complimentary feedback on the program.

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20 **4) CHARTER ROME AREA MEDICAL SOCIETY (Resolution: 401F.16)**

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22 **Original Resolve**

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- 24 1) “That the Medical Association of Georgia House of Delegates grant a charter to the combined
- 25 counties of Floyd, Polk, Chattooga, and Barrow for a new multi-county medical society to be
- 26 titled the Rome Area Medical Society.”
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28 **Recommendation:**

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30 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee F recommends that Resolution 401F.16 be adopted with

31 commendation.

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33 **Rationale:**

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35 Your Committee heard unanimous testimony in favor of this issue. The Medical Association of

36 Georgia has been actively seeking new ways to attract non-member physicians practicing in sparsely

37 populated areas who are interested in organized medicine. Lack of an established local medical

38 society and barriers to representation in MAG have been deterrents to membership for physicians in

39 these areas. Establishing the Rome Area Medical Society would allow the physicians of Floyd, Polk,

40 Chattooga and Barrow counties to have an opportunity to become involved and join the area and state

41 medical association.

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43 **5) CHARTER NORTH GEORGIA MOUNTAINS MEDICAL SOCIETY (Resolution: 402F.16)**

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45 **Original Resolve(s)**

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- 47 1) “That the Medical Association of Georgia House of Delegates grant a charter to the combined
- 48 counties of Stephens, Rabun, Habersham and Towns for a new multi-county medical society to be
- 49 titled the North Georgia Mountains Medical Society.”

1 **Recommendation:**

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3 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee F recommends that Resolution 402F.16 be adopted with
4 commendation.

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6 **Rationale:**

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8 Your Committee heard unanimous testimony in favor of this issue. The Medical Association of
9 Georgia has been actively seeking new ways to attract non-member physicians practicing in sparsely
10 populated areas who are interested in organized medicine. Lack of an established local medical
11 society and barriers to representation in MAG have been deterrents to membership for physicians in
12 these areas. Establishing the North Georgia Mountains Medical Society would allow the physicians
13 of Stephens, Rabun, Habersham and Towns counties to have an opportunity to become involved and
14 join the area and state medical association.

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16 Mr. Speaker, this concludes the report of Reference Committee F. I wish to thank the members of the
17 committee who are:

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19 Abhisek Gaur, M.D., Vice Chairman, Cardiology
20 Donnie O. Dunagan, M.D., Richmond CMS
21 James Malcolm, M.D., Cobb CMS
22 Donald Carl Siegel, M.D., Dekalb CMS
23 William Frank Willett III, M.D., Muscogee CMS
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26 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee F wishes to also thank MAG staff member, Sally-Anne Jacobs
27 for her very capable assistance to the committee.

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32 Deborah Ann Martin, M.D., Chairman
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