

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS STANDING COMMITTEE**

Committee: 02.20

SUBJECT: Annual Report  
SUBMITTED BY: Rutledge Forney, M.D., Chairman  
REFERRED TO: Reference Committee C&B

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1 MAG’s Standing Committee on Constitution and Bylaws met September 8, 2020 to review two  
2 resolutions submitted for the 2020 House of Delegates meeting that require a change to MAG’s Bylaws.

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4 The Committee gave careful consideration to the necessary changes to the Bylaws based on the two  
5 submitted resolutions.

**Resolution 1: Benefit Members**

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9 This resolution is as follows...

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11 Resolved, that the Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) create an additional type of  
12 membership for entities, organizations, and other non-physician medical professionals that work  
13 closely with MAG called Benefit Members that may participate in insurance, financial services,  
14 and other benefits offered by MAG, but shall not vote, have representation on MAG’s Board of  
15 Directors, or hold any office within the organization. Benefit Members will be required to pay  
16 annual dues as established by the Board of Directors.

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18 The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws recommends the following addition to Chapter II of MAG’s  
19 Bylaws with subsequent sections renumbered accordingly...

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21 *CHAPTER II – Membership*

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24 *SECTION 10. BENEFIT MEMBERS. Any entity, organization, or other non-physician medical*  
25 *professional that works closely with MAG may become a Benefit Member granting them the*  
26 *ability to participate in insurance, financial services, and other benefits offered by MAG. Benefit*  
27 *Members shall not vote, have representation on MAG’s Board of Directors, nor hold any office*  
28 *within the organization. Benefit Members will be required to pay annual dues as established by*  
29 *the Board of Directors.*

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31 **Resolution 2 – Diversity in HOD Delegates**

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33 This resolution states...

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35 RESOLVED that the Georgia State Medical Association, the Georgia Association of Physicians  
36 of Indian Heritage, the Georgia Chapter of the Association of Nigerian Physicians in America,  
37 and the Association Of Physicians of Pakistani Descent each have 1 delegate and 1 alternate  
38 delegate to the MAG House of Delegates. Other organizations may be granted representation  
39 subject to approval by the MAG House of Delegates.

1 The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws recommends the following addition to Chapter V of MAG's  
2 Bylaws with subsequent subsections renumbered accordingly...

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4 *CHAPTER V – House of Delegates*

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7 *SECTION 2. COMPOSITION.*

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10 *(e) Other Organizations. The Georgia State Medical Association, the Georgia Association of*  
11 *Physicians of Indian Heritage, the Georgia Chapter of the Association of Nigerian Physicians in*  
12 *America, and the Association Of Physicians of Pakistani Descent shall each be entitled to one*  
13 *voting delegate and one alternate delegate. Other organizations may be granted representation*  
14 *subject to approval by the MAG House of Delegates.*

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16 In conclusion, I want to thank the members of your Standing Committee on Constitution and Bylaws for  
17 their assistance in developing this report to the 2020 House of Delegates.

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