

# MAG COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

## STANDING COMMITTEES

(DECEMBER 2019-DECEMBER 2021

(2-year appointment and limit to 3 terms)

**ANNUAL SESSION:** The Committee on Annual Session shall carry out the approved policies of the Association as they relate to the annual meeting as directed by the Board of Directors. It shall study and make recommendations concerning the Annual Session of the Association.

Speaker of the House: Edmund Donoghue, Savannah (Pathology) CHAIR

Vice Speaker of the House: James W. Barber, Douglas (Orthopedic Surgery) V CHAIR

President: Andrew B. Reisman, Oakwood, (Family Physician)

President-Elect: Lisa Perry-Gilkes, Atlanta, Otolaryngology

Immediate Past President: Rutledge Forney, Atlanta (Dermatology)

Steven M. Walsh, Roswell (Anesthesiology) at-large member (Anesthesiology)

MAG Alliance: Dave Street, President

MAG Staff: Dayna Jackson

As positions change with HOD elections, members of this committee are updated

**CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS:** The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws shall be responsible for the continuing study of the organization of Medical Association of Georgia. It shall recommend to the House of Delegates and the Board of Directors any amendments or revisions which seem necessary or advisable. At least every five years, the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws shall recommend revisions after a complete study of the organization of the Association, and its Constitution and Bylaws. Proposed amendments shall be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws for recommendation before action thereon is taken by the House of Delegates. (The president-elect will serve on the committee during his/her terms as president-elect and president and become chairman of the committee during his/her tenure as immediate past president)

Rutledge Forney, Atlanta (Dermatology) CHAIR

Kevin M. Daus, Atlanta (OB/GYN)

Patrice A. Harris, Atlanta (Psychiatry)

Howard A. McMahan, Ocilla (Family Physician)

Lisa Perry-Gilkes, Atlanta (Otolaryngology)

Andrew B. Reisman, Oakwood (Family Physician)

Margaret D. Schaufler, LaGrange (OB/GYN)

MAG Staff: Bethany Sherrer

(Suggested number of members: 5-7)

Executive Committee established a chairman rotation  
June 27, 2010

**FINANCE:** The Treasurer shall serve as Chairperson of the Committee on Finance. The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall appoint from among its members a committee of at least seven members to be known as the Committee on Finance, which shall cause to be audited all accounts of the Association. The Committee shall propose an annual budget for the fiscal year

beginning January 1 and running through December 31. Such budget shall be subject to modification and approval of the Board of Directors. Each Committee shall submit to the Committee on Finance its budget for the following fiscal year at such time as the Committee on Finance may designate. The proposed budget shall be prepared by the Committee on Finance for the consideration of the Board of Directors at the last meeting in the last quarter of each fiscal year. This budget shall be presented to the Board of Directors for its approval. It shall also submit an annual report to the House of Delegates which shall specify the character of all of its property and shall provide full information concerning the management of all affairs of the association which the Board of Directors is charged to administer.

The Committee of Finance shall authorize in advance all expenditures in connection with the annual session. The Board of Directors shall have control of all commercial exhibits of the Annual Session and any deficit created on account of the Annual Session shall be met by the Board of Directors on recommendation of the Committee on Finance.

Thomas E. Emerson, Marietta (Urology) CHAIR

	<u>Term</u>
William P. Brooks, Macon (Family Medicine)	2021
Karunaker Sripathi, Perry (Internal Medicine)	2020
William E. Silver, Atlanta (Plastic Surgery)	2020
James L. Smith, Lawrenceville (Emergency Medicine)	2021
Leiv M. Takle, Jr., Griffin (Ophthalmology)	2020
Jeffrey L. Tharp, Hiram (Internal Medicine)	2021
Zachary Lopater, Macon (Radiology Oncology)	2020
Michael F. Doherty, Atlanta (ex-officio)	2021
MAG Staff: Sally Jacobs	

Appointments made at the Board Organizational Meeting -- October 20, 2019

**COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION:** Established to continually review pending legislation, active bills, the need for particular legislation, recommend positions of policy to policy-making bodies to MAG and communicate MAG's position to congressmen and state legislators. MAG's Council on Legislation will meet every other week during the legislative session, and three times following the legislative session before the end of each calendar year.

Members at large:

W. Scott Bohlke, Brooklet (Family Medicine) CHAIR  
Quentin R. Pirkle, Atlanta (Internal Medicine) VICE CHAIR  
Gary Bernstein, Newnan (Surgery)  
Benjamin Cheek, Columbus (OB/GYN)  
Hasco William Craver III, Suwanee, (Surgery)  
Royden Daniels, Marietta (Radiology)  
John R. Gleason, Atlanta (Orthopaedic Surgery)  
Fonda Ann Mitchell, Atlanta (Ob/Gyn)  
Johnny Sy, Savannah (Emergency Medicine)  
Richard A. Wherry, Dahlonega (Family Medicine)

**SPECIALTY SOCIETY REPRESENTATION:**

Georgia Society of Anesthesiologists

Justin C. Scott (member)  
Justin Gregory Ford (alternate)  
Georgia Chapter, American College of Cardiology  
Joseph S. Wilson Jr.  
Stanley W. Sherman (alternate)  
Georgia Society of Dermatologists  
Dirk B. Robertson  
Mark F. Baucom (alternate)  
Georgia College of Emergency Physicians  
John J. Rogers  
Shamie Das (alternate)  
Georgia Academy of Family Physicians  
Samuel L. Church  
Jeffrey Stone (alternate)  
Georgia Gastroenterologic and Endoscopic Society  
(vacant)  
Georgia-South Carolina Society of Nephrology  
Amy M. Sprague  
Georgia Neurological Society  
Joash T. Lazarus  
(vacant)  
Georgia Neurosurgical Society  
Florence C. Barnett  
(vacant)  
Georgia Obstetrical & Gynecological Society  
Winifred Lin Soufi  
Albert Scott, Jr. (alternate)  
Georgia Society of Ophthalmology  
Sid Moore Jr.  
(vacant)  
Georgia Orthopaedic Society  
Jennifer Tucker  
(vacant)  
Georgia Society of Otolaryngology  
Art J. Torsiglieri  
(vacant)  
Georgia Association of Pathologists  
Michael D. McEachin  
Michael Howard (alternate)  
Georgia Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics  
Robersteen W. Howard, M.D.  
(vacant)  
Georgia Chapter, American College of Physicians  
Jacqueline W. Fincher  
Clyde Wakins, Jr., (Alternate)  
Georgia Society of Plastic Surgeons

Cesar A. Gumucio

Carmen M. Kavali

Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association

Howard M. Maziar

Patrice A. Harris, (alternate)

Georgia Radiological Society

Lee A. Martin Jr.

David J. Frolich (alternate)

Georgia Society of the American College of Surgeons

Thomas E. Reeve III

Christopher C. Smith (alternate)

Georgia Urological Association

(vacant)

Other Associations Representation:

Georgia State Medical Association

Gary C. Richter, Atlanta

Lawrence (Larry) L. Sanders, Atlanta

Georgia Medical Group Managers Association

(vacant)

MAG Staff: Derek Norton

## **JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

(1) Charge. The functions of the Judicial Council shall be:

a) to serve as the judicial authority of the Association. The decision of the Judicial Council shall be final.

b) to have original jurisdiction with respect to: (1) all questions involving membership as provided in Chapter II of the Bylaws; (2) all controversies arising under the Association's Constitution and Bylaws and under the Principles of Medical Ethics to which the Medical Association of Georgia is a party; (3) all controversies between two or more component societies or their members; (4) the establishment of principles and interpretation of medical ethics; (5) the interpretation of the Constitution and Bylaws and policies of the Association; (6) referrals from component county medical societies when such societies request that the Association assume original jurisdiction of the matter on behalf of such county societies, provided that the Judicial Council approves acceptance of original jurisdiction of such matters; and (7) direct appeals by complainants when the component county medical societies having original jurisdiction have not commenced investigation within 30 days after receipt of the complaint.

c) to have appellate jurisdiction in question of law and procedure but not of fact in all cases which arise within the Medical Association of Georgia and two or more of its component societies, between a member or members and the component society to which said member or members belong or between members of different component societies of the

Association. Notice of appeal shall be filed with the Judicial Council within thirty days of the date of the disputed decision and the appeal shall be perfected within sixty days thereof; provided, however, that the Judicial Council, for what it considers good and sufficient cause may grant an additional thirty days or for perfecting the appeal.

d) to receive appeals filed by applicants who allege that they, because of color, creed, race, religion, ethnic origin, national origin, or sex have been unfairly denied membership in a component and/or constituent association, to determine the facts in the case, and to report the findings to the House of Delegates. If the Council determines that the allegations are indeed true, it shall admonish, censure, or, in the event of repeated violations, recommend to the House of Delegates that the component society involved be declared to be no longer a constituent member of the Medical Association of Georgia.

e) to investigate general ethical conditions and all matters pertaining to the relations of physicians to one another or to the public and make recommendations to the House of Delegates.

f) to request the President to appoint investigating juries to which it may refer complaints or evidences of unethical conduct which in its judgment are of greater than local concern. Such investigating juries, if probable cause for action be shown, shall submit formal charges to the President, who shall appoint a prosecutor to prosecute such charges against the accused before the Judicial Council in the name and on behalf of the Medical Association of Georgia. The Council may acquit, admonish, suspend or expel the accused.

g) to approve applications and nominate candidates for affiliate membership as otherwise provided for in these bylaws.

(h) To investigate any request from any Delegate or component medical society for an officer's removal from office and to forward its recommendation pertaining to such a request to the Board of Directors for the Board's final decision.

(2) Membership. The Judicial Council shall consist of five active members. The members of the Council shall be elected by the House of Delegates on nomination by the President. No member, while serving on the Judicial Council, shall be a general officer of the Association, or hold any other elected or appointed position whatsoever in the Association. A member of the Judicial Council shall, however, be permitted to serve as a delegate or alternate delegate to the Medical Association of Georgia's House of Delegates, and as a delegate, alternate delegate, or general officer of the American Medical Association.

(3) Terms of Service. Members of the Judicial Council shall be elected by the House of Delegates for terms of five years, so arranged that, at each Annual Session of the House of Delegates, the term of one member expires.

(4) Tenure. Members of the Judicial Council shall serve for no more than two terms, but a member elected to serve an unexpired term shall not be regarded as having served a term unless a term of three or more years has been served.

(5) Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring on the Judicial Council shall be filled at the next meeting of the House of Delegates. The new members shall be elected by the House of Delegates, on nomination by the President, for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(6) Rules and Regulations. The Judicial Council shall select a chairperson and vice chairperson, and it may adopt such rules and regulations, as it deems necessary and appropriate for the conduct of its affairs. These rules and regulations shall be in conformity with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Medical Association of Georgia.

Faria Khan, Atlanta (Allergy/Immunology) 2021

Willie F. Rainey, Jr., Atlanta (Internal Medicine) 2020

Stanley J. Shin, Statesboro (Cardiology) 2023

Christopher W. Hackney (Anesthesiology) 2022

Hyunji Choi, Macon (Dermatology) 2024

MAG Staff: Donald Palmisano

Elected by the MAG House of Delegates; Members elected on recommendation of the President

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES (December 2019-December 2020) (1-year appointments)

**CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** The Continuing Medical Education Committee shall accredit organizations that desire to offer CME activities to Georgia physicians. The CME Committee shall review and approve applications for accreditation and re-accreditation, establish accreditation policies, provide supervision and guidance to surveyors, hold training sessions for MAG accredited sponsors and keep all sponsors updated concerning, MAG, ACCME, and AMA policies related to CME.

Darrell L. Dean, Rome (Family Physician) CHAIR

Fred C. Flandry, Columbus (Orthopaedic Surgery)

Wayne S. Mathews, Jr., Augusta, (Anesthesiology)

William C. Miller, Douglas (General Practice)

Mitchell S. Nudelman, Marietta (Family Physician/Legal Medicine)

William E. Silver, Atlanta (Plastic Surgery)

MAG Staff: Andrew Baumann

(Suggested number of members: 7-9)

Restructured the CME Committee -- EC February 8, 2002

Charge revised -- EC April 7, 2002

**CORRECTIONAL MEDICINE:** Study and recommend ways to improve the delivery and promote the availability of adequate professional health care in Georgia's prisons and jails. This Committee shall provide resources to assist physicians and other health care providers within

correctional facilities to meet standards of professional health care as determined by the American Medical Association and this Committee, and to provide those who meet such standards with recognition in the form of accreditation. This Committee shall have responsibilities for liaison with appropriate state agencies, organizations and other MAG committees in achieving these objectives and shall serve as a resource for physicians who provide care to inmates.

Marc O. Wall, Cedartown (Family Physician) CHAIR

Charles A. Meyer, Jr., Augusta (Psychiatry) VICE CHAIR

Bethanne F. Jenks, Atlanta (Pediatrics)

Dilipkumar Patel, Lilburn (Psychiatry)

Michael Rogers, Evans ((Internal Medicine)

MAG Staff: Andrew Baumann

(Suggested number of members:12-15)

MAG COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION  
STRUCTURE

Approved by the Board of Directors on 4/21/2018

Charge of the Council

**COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION:** Established to continually review pending legislation, active bills, the need for particular legislation, recommend positions of policy to policy-making bodies to MAG and communicate MAG's position to Congressmen and state legislators.

The Composition of the Committee shall be:

1. That the membership of the Council on Legislation be set at 35 members to be comprised as follows:

a. Fourteen (14) members at large to be appointed by the MAG Executive Committee in accordance with its bylaws, one of which shall be appointed as chairman of the Council.

b. One (1) member from each of the following specialty societies for the purpose of representing that specialty society:

- Georgia Society of Anesthesiology
- Georgia Chapter, American College of Cardiology
- Georgia Society of Dermatologists
- Georgia College of Emergency Physicians
- Georgia Academy of Family Physicians
- Georgia Chapter, American College of Physicians/Ga. Society of Internal Medicine
- Georgia Neurological Society
- Georgia Neurosurgical Society
- Georgia Obstetrical & Gynecological Society
- Georgia Society of Ophthalmology
- Georgia Society of Otolaryngology
- Georgia Orthopaedic Society
- Georgia Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
- Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association
- Georgia Radiological Society
- Georgia Chapter, American College of Surgeons
- Georgia Urological Society
- Georgia Association of Pathologists
- Georgia Society of Plastic Surgeons
- Georgia Gastroenterologic and Endoscopic Society
- Georgia-South Carolina Society of Nephrology

- c. One (1) member representing the Georgia State Medical Association.
- d. One (1) member representing the Georgia Medical Group Managers Association. Such representative shall not be required to be a member of the Medical Association of Georgia and shall serve as an ex-officio member without the right to vote.
- e. That each specialty society or organization represented on the Council on Legislation designate an alternate representative to attend and participate in Council meetings in the event the designated representative is unable to attend.
- f. Any member who fails to attend 50% of the Council meetings in any calendar year without a written excuse acceptable to the chairman shall be deemed to have resigned and shall be removed from the council.
- g. Each member who represents a specialty society or organization shall:
  - 1. Be chosen by the specialty society or organization as its formal representative to the Council and shall relay the position of its society or organization to the Council. An alternate representative may be designated and seated to participate in the discussions but may not vote unless the primary specialty society or organization representative is not able to attend or vote. Alternate members shall meet the same MAG membership requirement as the primary representative.
  - 2. Be a member in good standing of the Medical Association of Georgia and approved by the MAG Executive Committee in accordance with MAG bylaws.
  - 3. Hold a leadership position within the designated specialty society or organization (such as Board or Legislative Committee) so as to assure effective and efficient lines of communication between MAG and the specialty society or organization.
  - 4. Be willing to commit to service on the Council for a period of at least three years so as to develop expertise and provide continuity of communications.

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