

1 **OHIO STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

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3 **Resolution No. 3 – 2024**

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5 **Introduced by:** OSMA International Medical Graduate Physician Section

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7 **Subject:** Update of OSMA Bylaws to Include Representative Members from
8 the Women Physician Section, Senior Physician Section, and
9 International Medical Graduates Section on OSMA Council

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11 **Referred to:** Resolutions Committee No. 1
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15 **WHEREAS**, ARTICLE VII of the OSMA Constitution and Bylaws currently states
16 that “The Board of Trustees (referred to herein as "the Council") shall consist of one (1)
17 Councilor from each geographical councilor district, six (6) At-Large Councilors, one (1)
18 member from the Organized Medical Staff Section, one (1) member from the Young
19 Physician Section, one (1) member from the Resident and Fellows Section, one (1)
20 Student Member from the Medical Student Section and the other elected Officers of this
21 Association.”¹; and
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23 **WHEREAS**, CHAPTER 8 Section 1 of the OSMA Constitution and Bylaws states
24 that the Council shall be the executive body of this Association. Between meetings of
25 the House of Delegates, the Council shall have and exercise all the powers and
26 authority conferred on the House of Delegates by the Constitution and these Bylaws”
27 and “The Council shall consider all questions involving the rights and standing of
28 members” and “The Council shall have full power and authority to employ a Chief
29 Executive Officer, who need not be a physician or member of this Association.”¹; and
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31 **WHEREAS**, OSMA Constitution and Bylaws 2019 Revised Strategic Priorities
32 states that the “OSMA will increase physician engagement...” and the “OSMA will be
33 the voice for physicians advocating the role of professionals in the changing health care
34 landscape...” and the “OSMA will support the healthy personal and professional
35 development of physicians as well as lead and support physicians as they address
36 population health improvement and public health needs” and the “OSMA will evaluate
37 its governance structure and relationships with other medical societies and
38 organizations to insure we are providing adequate input for all physicians and becoming
39 a more nimble and responsive organization.”¹; and
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41 **WHEREAS**, OSMA Women Physicians Section Draft Bylaws Chapter 1 states
42 “The purpose of this section is to 1) provide an additional means for section members to
43 participate in OSMA policy making and other activities, 2) enhance OSMA outreach,
44 communication and interchange with members represented in the section, 3) maintain
45 effective communications between the section and the OSMA, 4) promote OSMA
46 membership growth, 5) promote professional development and education of its

47 members, and 6) to represent the unique interests of women members of the OSMA.”²;
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50 **WHEREAS**, OSMA Senior Physicians Section Bylaws Chapter 1 states “The
51 purpose of this section is to 1) provide an additional means for section members to
52 participate in OSMA policy making and other activities, 2) enhance OSMA outreach,
53 communication and interchange with members represented in the section, 3) maintain
54 effective communications between the section and the OSMA, 4) promote OSMA
55 membership growth, 5) promote professional development and education of its
56 members, and 6) to represent the unique interests of senior members of the OSMA.”³;
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59 **WHEREAS**, OSMA International Medical Graduates Section Bylaws Chapter 1
60 states “The purpose of this section is to 1) provide an additional means for section
61 members to participate in OSMA policy making and other activities, 2) enhance OSMA
62 outreach, communication and interchange with membership sections represented in
63 OSMA sections, 3) maintain effective communications between the sections and the
64 OSMA, 4) promote OSMA membership growth, 5) promote professional development
65 and education of its members, and 6) to represent the unique interests of international
66 medical graduate members of the OSMA.”⁴; and

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68 **WHEREAS**, OSMA Women (draft), Senior, and International Graduate
69 Physicians Section Bylaws state that amendment of their own section bylaws is “subject
70 to the approval of the Council of the Ohio State Medical Association prior to
71 implementation.”^{2, 3, 4}; and

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73 **WHEREAS**, including member seats from the OSMA demographic sections (e.g.
74 Young Physicians Section, Medical Student Section, etc.) on the Council guarantees an
75 opportunity for representation of these sections’ unique interests; and this cannot be
76 ensured through representation from the geographical councilor districts; and

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78 **WHEREAS**, the Women Physician Section, Senior Physician Section, and
79 International Medical Graduates Section do not have a representative on the OSMA
80 Council; and therefore

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82 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the OSMA Bylaws shall be updated so that the Council
83 shall additionally include one (1) member of the Women Physician Section, one (1)
84 member of the Senior Physician Section, and one (1) member of the International
85 Medical Graduates Section. The bylaws of each of these sections shall be updated
86 (according to established procedure) to define the process of electing their
87 representative member to the Council.

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89 **Fiscal Note:** Less than \$500 (Sponsor)
90 Less than \$500 (Staff)

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92 **References**

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- 94 1. Ohio State Medical Association Constitution And Bylaws (Amended April 2023)
- 95 https://osma.org/aws/OSMA/asset_manager/get_file/361482?ver=1189
- 96 2. Bylaws of the OSMA Women Physicians Section
- 97 3. Bylaws of the OSMA Senior Physicians Section
- 98 4. Bylaws the OSMA International Medical Graduate Physician Section