# OHIO STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES 

Resolution No. 2 - 2024

Introduced by: OSMA Council<br>Subject: OSMA Membership Structure<br>Referred to: Resolutions Committee No. 1

WHEREAS, our OSMA bylaws (Chapter 1, Section 2) set membership categories; and

WHEREAS, our OSMA bylaws (Chapter 3, Section 1) set determination of dues; and

WHEREAS, our OSMA bylaws (Chapter 5 Section 2) set the district ratio of representation; and

WHEREAS, more than 60 percent of physicians in Ohio now practice in large offices or health systems; and

WHEREAS, OSMA membership has been declining in recent years; and therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the OSMA amend its bylaws (Chapter 1, Section 2) to create a new group membership category for practices and health systems with 150 or more physicians as follows:

Section 2. Classification of Membership.
(a) Active Members. The Active Members of this Association are those physicians with the OSMA who practice, work or reside in Ohio and who pay the appropriate dues to this association by January 31 of each year. Active Members shall have the right to vote and hold office.
(b) Retired Members. Retired Members of this Association shall be those members of this Association who have retired from the active practice of medicine and who do not receive regular and significant income for their participation in any professional activity related to the practice of medicine. They must have been Members of this Association for ten (10) years prior to retirement. Retired Members shall have the right to vote and hold office.
(c) Members in Training. Members in Training shall comprise all physicians who are pursuing studies and training in a program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), the American Medical Association or the American Osteopathic Association and their associated groups. Members in Training shall comprise the Resident and Fellows Section and shall have the right to vote and hold office.
(d) Nonresident Members. Nonresident Members shall include those physicians who reside and practice outside Ohio but who hold a license to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio and who are approved for Nonresident Membership by the Council. Nonresident Members shall not have the right to vote or hold office.
(e) Honorary Members. The House of Delegates may elect as an Honorary Member any person distinguished for services or attainments in medicine or the allied sciences or who has rendered other services of unusual value to medicine. An Honorary Member shall pay no dues or assessments.
(f) Life Active Members. Individuals who currently are Life Active Members having made a single payment for lifetime membership dues will continue as Life Active Members, but no new life memberships will be permitted. Life Active Members will have all of the rights and privileges of an Active Member under these Bylaws for life. Wherever the term "Active Member" is used in these Bylaws it shall include Life Active Members.
(g) Student Members. Student Members of this Association shall comprise those students who are pursuing the diploma of Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathy in an approved medical or osteopathic college or institution in the State of Ohio. Student Members shall comprise the medical group known as the Medical Student Section. Said section shall be governed by and operate under separate Bylaws approved by the Council. Student Members of this Association shall have the right to vote and hold office in this Association.

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RESOLVED, the OSMA amend its bylaws (Chapter 3, Section 1) to create dues discounts for group with less than 150 members that have 100\% OSMA membership and group memberships tiers for groups with more than 150 members, and to create new a new multi-year dues discount for individuals and groups of 20 or less when a commitment and payment of three years of membership is made, as follows:

Section 1. Determination of Dues. The annual dues and assessments of Active Members of this Association shall be determined by the House of Delegates, and shall be levied per capita on such members. They shall be payable to the OSMA before January 1 of the calendar year for which such dues are levied.

The Council of this Association shall have the authority to promulgate regulations governing the amount of annual dues and assessments of all classifications of members other than Active Members. A physician who is not engaged in active practice because of disability and who was a member of this Association at the time of the disability may be exempt from the payment of dues and assessments in this Association.

A member of this Association for whom payment of the member's regular dues constitutes a financial hardship may submit a request to the Council of this Association for an adjustment of dues. Such request shall be in writing. If the Council finds that payment of dues will constitute a financial hardship, the Council of this Association will make an adjustment of the member's dues to this Association for such period of time, and subject to such conditions, as Council may deem appropriate and advisable.

GROUP MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS AND TIERS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

GROUP DISCOUNT STRUCTURE
GROUP SIZE DISCOUNT
21-99 10\% OFF INDIVIDUAL DUES RATE
100-149 15\% OFF INDIVIDUAL DUES RATE
NEW GROUP MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY/TIERS

| GROUP SIZE | TIER |
| :--- | :--- |
| $150-500$ | $\$ 75 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $500+$ | $\$ 100 \mathrm{~K}$ |

# INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS OF 20 OR LESS SHALL RECEIVE A 10\% MULTIYEAR DISCOUNT WHEN A COMMITMENT AND PAYMENT OF THREE YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP IS MADE. 

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RESOLVED, the OSMA amend its bylaws (Chapter 5, Section 2 ) to specify that for group membership for the purpose of counting the number of active members in a district would be the amount paid by the group divided by the current individual dues rate and apportioned to each district by the percent of physicians that group has practicing in each district, as follows:

Section 2. OSMA District Delegates Ratio of Representation. Each OSMA district shall be entitled to one (1) Delegate and one (1) Alternate Delegate in the House of Delegates for each fifty (50) Active Members and Retired Members working or residing in the district as of December 31st of the preceding year. If the total number of Active Members and Retired Members in the district is not evenly divisible by fifty (50), that district shall be entitled to one (1) additional Delegate in the House of Delegates. The names of such Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be submitted to the Association prior to the opening of the House of Delegates.

In addition to the district Delegates ratio of representation stated in this section, each OSMA district shall be entitled to one additional designated Delegate and one additional Alternate Delegate who represents a section approved by the House of Delegates, except that members in training and medical students are represented solely by their separately seated sections. These additional designated Delegates shall be selected by the district.

Members in Training and Students are represented through separately seated sections of the House of Delegates and shall not be included in the member count/ratio of representation of OSMA districts for purposes of determining representation in the House of Delegates.

FOR PURPOSES OF COUNTING THE NUMBER OF ACTIVE MEMBERS IN A DISTRICT, AND ACCOUNTING FOR GROUP MEMBERSHIP, THE CALCULATION SHALL BE THE AMOUNT PAID BY THE GROUP (either \$75 or \$100k) DIVIDED BY THE CURRENT INDIVIDUAL DUES RATE AND APPORTIONED TO EACH DISTRICT BY THE PERCENT OF PHYSICIANS THAT GROUP HAS PRACTICING IN EACH DISTRICT.

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## References:


[^0]:    (H) GROUP MEMBERSHIP. GROUP MEMBERSHIP OF THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL COMPRISE THOSE GROUP DUES PAYING PRACTICES AND HEALTH SYSTEMS PURSUANT TO THE TIERS OUTLINED IN CHAPTER 3, SECTION 1 OF THESE BYLAWS. EACH INDIVIDUAL IN A GROUP MEMBERSHIP SHALL HAVE ALL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF AN ACTIVE MEMBER, SUBJECT TO THE DISTRICT MEMBER CALCULATION OUTLINED IN CHAPTER 5, SECTION 2 OF THESE BYLAWS. INDIVIDUALS IN A GROUP MEMBERSHIP HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE, SERVE AS A DELEGATE AND HOLD OFFICE.

