

93 TAKE AND PUBLISH AN OFFICIAL POSITION ON A STATEWIDE
94 BALLOT MEASURE, THE ENTIRE COUNCIL MUST SOLICIT WRITTEN
95 INPUT FROM THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF EACH SECTION
96 BEFORE TAKING A VOTE ON SUCH POSITION.

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98 The Council shall have full power and authority to employ a Chief
99 Executive Officer, who need not be a physician or member of this
100 Association. The Chief Executive Officer may employ such other
101 employees as are deemed necessary or advisable.

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103 The Council shall provide such offices for the headquarters of this
104 Association as may be required properly to conduct its business.

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106 **Fiscal Note:** \$ (Sponsor)
107 \$ 500 (Staff)

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132 **Policy 15 – 2023 -- Strengthening the OSMA Stance on Abortion Policy in Ohio**

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134 1. The OSMA amend OSMA Policy 10-1990- Policy on Abortion by addition and
135 deletion as follows:

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137 **Policy 10 – 1990 – Policy on Abortion**

138 ~~1. It is the position of the OSMA that the issue of support of or opposition to~~
139 ~~abortion is a matter for members of the OSMA to decide individually, based on~~
140 ~~personal values or beliefs.~~

141 12. The OSMA shall take no action which may be construed as an attempt to
142 alter or influence the personal views of individual physicians regarding abortion
143 procedures.

144 23. Items 1 and 2 notwithstanding, the OSMA shall take a position of opposition
145 to any proposed OSMA-Ohio legislation or rule that would:

- 146 • Require or compel Ohio physicians to perform treatment actions,
147 investigative tests, or questioning and OR education of a patient which are
148 not consistent with the medical standard of care; or,
- 149 • Require or compel Ohio physicians to discuss treatment options that are
150 not within the standard of care and/or omit discussion of treatment options
151 that are within the standard of care

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153 2. The OSMA supports an individual's right to decide whether to have children, the
154 number and spacing of children, as well as the right to have the information, education,
155 and access to evidence-based reproductive health care services to make these
156 decisions.

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158 3. The OSMA opposes non-evidence based limitations on access to evidence-based
159 reproductive health care services, including fertility treatments, contraception, and
160 abortion.

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162 4. The OSMA opposes the imposition of criminal and civil penalties or other retaliatory
163 efforts against patients, patient advocates, physicians, other healthcare workers, and
164 health systems for receiving, assisting in, referring patients to, or providing evidence
165 based reproductive health care services within the medical standard of care.

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167 5. The OSMA collaborates with relevant stakeholders to educate legislators and amend
168 existing state laws so that the term "fetal heartbeat" is not used to inaccurately
169 represent physiological electrical activity.

170 171 **Policy 10 – 1990 – Policy on Abortion**

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