

APRIL 14, 2019
Council Action Item:

Report of the General Counsel, Garfunkel Wild, PC

An amendment to the Bylaws of the MSSNY Medical Student Section was reviewed. A review confirms that the amendment relates to the internal governance of the Medical Student Section and does not conflict with the Bylaws of the Medical Society of the State of New York. Accordingly, it is recommended that the Council approve the amendment to the Bylaws of the MSSNY Medical Student Section.

(FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL)

Article III, Section 3 Standing Committees

A committee shall be designated a standing committee if it meets the following criteria:

1. Has a counterpart in the national leadership structure; and
2. Has designated duties that need to be carried out each year.

The following shall be the standing committees of the Medical Student Section:

The Committee on Membership

The Committee on Legislative Affairs

~~The Committee on Electronic Communications~~

~~The Committee on Community Service~~

The Committee on Programming

A standing committee of the Medical Student Section shall be composed of the committee chairperson and ad hoc members appointed by the Governing Council from among interested members of the Medical Student Section.

A committee chairperson shall brief the Governing Council and communicate the work of the committee to the Representative Assembly. Each committee chair is required to submit a report of the committee's activities twice annually no later than 10 days before each fall and spring meeting of the MSSNY-MSS assembly. In association with the Secretary, the committee chairperson shall regularly communicate the work of the committee to the membership of the Medical Student Section.

The Chair of each standing committee shall be elected at each spring meeting of the Representative Assembly. A vacancy on any standing committee shall be filled by appointment of the Governing Council until such time as the vacancy can be filled by majority vote of the Representative Assembly. Removal from a standing committee prior to the expiration of a term shall be accomplished only by majority vote of the Representative Assembly.

The Committee on Membership shall have the following responsibilities:

Compile and submit to the Governing Council by July 1st of the year elected, a list of contact information of membership committee chairs for every MSSNY-MSS chapter;

Serve as the New York State liaison for the AMA-MSS At-Large Officer with regard to membership issues;

Solicit general medical student membership in accordance with membership eligibility criteria of the Medical Student Section of the Medical Society of the State of New York and of the American Medical Association-Medical Student Section;

Promote continued membership among current members of the Medical Student Section and Representative Assembly

Promote continued membership in the Medical Society of the State of New York upon graduation from degree-granting programs of approved schools of medicine in the State of New York;

Assist ad hoc members appointed to the committee by the Governing Council

The Committee on Legislative Affairs shall have the following responsibilities:

Compile and submit to the Governing Council by July 1st of the year elected, a list of contact information of legislative affairs committee chairs for every MSSNY-MSS chapter;

Serve as the New York State liaison to the AMA Student Representative to the Council on Legislation, as well as the appropriate national MSS committee and the Governing Council;

Keep the Medical Student Section membership and Representative Assembly aware of pending federal and state legislation which may affect the medical community;

Disseminate the response of the Medical Student Section to such legislation.

Promote participation of the Medical Student Section at Legislative Awareness Day in Albany, NY;
and

Assist ad hoc members appointed to the committee by the Governing Council

The Committee on Community Service shall have the following responsibilities:

~~Compile and submit to the Governing Council by July 1st of the year elected, a list of contact information of community service committee chairs for every MSSNY-MSS chapter;~~

~~Serve as the New York State liaison for the AMA-MSS At-Large Officer with regard to community service;~~

~~Coordinate the statewide implementation of the American Medical Association-Medical Student Section National Community Service Project;~~

~~Assist ad hoc members appointed to the committee by the Governing Council.~~

The Committee on Electronic Communications shall have the following responsibilities:

~~There shall be two co-chairs, each to serve a two year term with one to be elected by the Assembly each year; they shall:~~

~~Update and maintain the MSSNY-MSS website;~~

~~Update and maintain various MSSNY-MSS list serves;~~

~~Explore and implement avenues by which electronic communications and technology can improve communication among members of the MSSNY-Medical Student Section;~~

~~Assist ad hoc members appointed to the committee by the Governing Council.~~

The Committee on Programming shall have the following responsibilities:

There shall be one chair, serving a one year term who will be elected by the Assembly each year, and whose responsibilities shall be:

Develop a network of medical student members which may assist in the development of programs,

Implement educational and social programs,

Implement community service events which the MSSNY-MSS can participate in

Article IV, Section 2, paragraph 3

The Secretary of the Medical Student Section:

Shall oversee production of the minutes of all meetings of the Representative Assembly and dissemination of the minutes to the Student Delegates, Alternates and Officers;

Shall record the minutes of the meetings of the Governing Council;

Shall coordinate communications within the Representative Assembly;

Shall oversee the Electronic Communications Committee.