

Ethics & Medical -Legal Affairs Mission: To safeguard the highest ethical and moral standards in the delivery of health care in Minnesota and to champion professionalism in medicine. This committee is charged with: addressing issues that deal with the legal, ethical and moral aspects of medicine; monitoring the issues and activities of the state body responsible for the competency and discipline of Minnesota physicians (Board of Medical Practice); developing and supporting activities that enhance the role of professionalism in the practice of medicine; monitoring and addressing legislative, regulatory and judicial activities related to the ethical, moral and legal delivery of health care; educating physicians about ethical, legal and moral issues and communicating relevant issues to the Board of Trustees and MMA membership.

Public Health Mission: To optimize the health and wellness of Minnesotans and to address health equity issues and the social determinants of health. This committee is charged with: addressing issues related to public and population health (e.g., obesity, diet and exercise, maternal and child care, lifestyle, preventive medicine, environmental and occupational medicine); advocating for a healthy population; working to reduce disparities in health care and to increase equity in health care outcomes; examining opportunities to strengthen relationships between medicine and public health and monitoring and addressing legislative and regulatory issues affecting public health, wellness and safety. This group communicates relevant issues to the Board of Trustees and MMA membership.

Equity In Access & Quality Mission: To understand and influence issues that impact access to, and delivery of, high-quality care, including consideration of how healthcare financing, payment and delivery models contribute to inequities in treatment and outcomes. This committee is charged with: investigating factors influencing or limiting patient access to care including geographic, economic, and cultural factors; identifying and promoting public and private sector financing, payment and coverage policies that support safe, high-quality, equitable care and outcomes; examining and addressing the role of racist practices, policies and structures in undermining access to and delivery of high-quality care; and promoting valid and reliable quality measurement, public reporting and transparency that is actionable, relevant and improves health. They understand and monitor relevant legislative and regulatory issues. The group communicates relevant issues to the Board of Trustees and MMA membership.

Policy Council Delegate

The Policy Council is an advisory body to the MMA Board of Trustees (BOT) charged with identifying, triaging, researching, discussing, and acting on the most critical issues to medical practice and population health in Minnesota. In the past three years alone, the Policy Council has had a direct impact on MMA policy and advocacy on the topics of a state-based public option, abortion and reproductive healthcare access, harm reduction of illicit drug use, the decriminalization of simple possession of illicit drugs, physician collective bargaining, and private equity in healthcare.