

MMA-RFS Governing Council and Committee Positions

Residents and fellows interested in improving their professional skills and making a difference in the careers of their colleagues are encouraged to apply for leadership and committee positions representing the Minnesota Medical Association Resident /Fellow section (RFS). All terms are one year, unless otherwise stated.

Meetings may be virtual or in person.

The Governing Council meets between 6 and 12 times annually. Meeting attendance is expected.

Chairperson

Time commitment: Approximately 2-3 hours per month

The chair and vice chair are the top leadership positions in the RFS and responsible for planning, organizing, and leading the activities of the section. The positions will allow the resident or fellow to develop his/her creative, leadership, organizational and decision-making skills to initiate relevant and effective programs for their colleagues and encourage them to be actively involved in MMA. The chairperson will preside over all meetings of the MMA-RFS and its Governing Council unless he/she otherwise delegates this authority to another MMA-RFS officer.

Vice Chairperson

Time commitment: Approximately 1-2 hours per month

The vice chair shall assume the duties of the chairperson in the absence of the chairperson and assist the chairperson as requested. The vice chair is responsible for receiving reports and coordinating the efforts of the resident appointees to the MMA standing committees.

Secretary

Time commitment: Approximately 1-1 ½ hours per month

The secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the MMA-RFS, disseminates these minutes to MMA-RFS membership and shall serve as editor of all MMA-RFS publications. The secretary will also assist the co-chairs in the performance of their duties and is expected to attend all meetings of the MMA-RFS.

Board of Trustees Representative

Time commitment: Approximately 1-2 hours per month plus attendance at approximately six Board of Trustee meetings

The Board of Trustees representative is charged with attending and actively participating in regular MMA board meetings (both in person and by video) to represent the interests of residents, fellows and all Minnesota physicians in the board's decision making. The representative will be asked to report back to the RFS Leadership Council. The position will serve a two-year consecutive term limit, and the RFS Trustee may not hold concurrent positions on the MMA Board of Trustees and MMA-RFS Governing Council. The RFS Board of Trustee nomination and election process is nominated/conducted through a separate election process.

Outreach Representative

Time commitment: Approximately 1-3 hours per month

The outreach representative is charged with disseminating information pertaining to the MMA-RFS and its activities to individuals and their institutions to help drive membership and participation in organized medicine.

AMA-RFS Delegation Chairperson

Time commitment: Approximately 1-2 hours per month, plus attendance at AMA meetings in June and/or November

This representative serves as the primary spokesperson for the MMA-RFS at AMA meetings. AMA membership is required.

AMA-RFS Alternate Delegation Chairperson

Time commitment: Approximately 1-2 hours per month, plus attendance at AMA meetings in June and/or November

This representative will assist the MMA/AMA delegate in his/her duties and shall assume the role of Delegation Chair if the Delegation Chairperson is unable to fulfill his/her duties. AMA membership is required.

The following positions are ex-officio members of the Governing Council and as such are voting members:

Component Medical Society Representatives

Time commitment: Approximately 1-2 hours per month

Representatives shall be determined by their respective local component society and/or be appointed by the Governing Council dependent upon their practice location. Duties may be assigned at the discretion of the Governing Council.

Policy Council Representative

Time commitment: Approximately 1-2 hours per month, plus attendance at 4-6 Policy Council meetings.

This delegate will represent the MMA-RFS at the MMA's Policy Council meetings and work to ensure that the voice of residents and fellows is heard during the policy proposal and creation process. This position is appointed by the Governing Council.

Committee Representatives

MMA-RFS committee members shall serve a term starting January 1 ending December 31. The positions have a one (1) year term, after which the committee member may reapply for the position.

Positions are appointed by the Governing Council.

Committees meet 4-6 times annually and attendance at those meetings is expected.

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.

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