

American Medical Student Association
House of Delegates 2012
Resolution: A-5

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SCHOOL:	University of Cincinnati College of Medicine; Vanderbilt University School of Medicine; St. George's University School of Medicine; Tulane University School of Medicine; Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science – Chicago Medical School; University of North Carolina – Charlotte
SUBJECT:	President-Elect Formation
TYPE:	Resolution of Constitution & Bylaws

- 1 WHEREAS the President serves as Chair of the AMSA Board of Trustees, which serves
2 as the major policy and decision-making body for the Association between HOD
3 meetings; and
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- 5 WHEREAS the President requires a great deal of orientation to effectively understand the
6 key aspects of the Association to make far-reaching and long-term decisions that impact
7 the association in many ways; and
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- 9 WHEREAS the President devotes an entire year to serving AMSA full-time, but
10 currently has little lead time with which to plan for their upcoming year (both personally
11 and professionally); and
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- 13 WHEREAS the President requires skill sets that are uncommon among students,
14 including budget planning and formal meeting facilitation; and
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- 16 WHEREAS the President benefits from a close familiarity with the programming and
17 membership wings of AMSA's structure; and
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- 19 WHEREAS the President-Elect position creates opportunity for more AMSA members to
20 become involved at the highest level of the organization; and
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- 22 WHEREAS a President-Elect position is used often in other organizations to facilitate
23 smooth transitions, allow for ample orientation and goal-planning, and leadership
24 development; and
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- 26 WHEREAS the Vice-President of Finance has consistently had difficulty in clearly
27 defining their role on the Board of Trustees and effectively achieving their job

28 description; and

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30 WHEREAS the Vice-President of Finance role has been greatly reduced through the
31 development of the Board of Trustee's Finance Subcommittee; and

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33 WHEREAS the Association benefits from having increased continuity on the Board of
34 Trustees; and

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36 WHEREAS the Association benefits from eliminating positions that are ineffective,
37 while developing a position that addresses major needs of the organization without
38 creating a position with unrealistic expectations for a full-time student.

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40 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Constitution & Bylaws will be amended as
41 follows:

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43 **1. Deletion of all mentions of the Vice-President of Finance in all CBIA documents.**

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45 **2. Addition to the below section of the Constitution & Bylaws as follows:**

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47 **Article VII, Section 2**

48 The term of office for all Officers and Trustees of the Association shall be for one (1)
49 year, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified with the exception of the
50 Secretary/Vice President for Internal Affairs **and President-Elect/President**, who shall
51 serve a two (2) year term. No Officer or Trustee may serve more than two (2) consecutive
52 terms in the same position.

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54 The above Officers and Trustees shall serve for a total of thirteen months with the final
55 month as Outgoing Officers and Trustees with the exception of the Secretary/Vice
56 President for Internal Affairs position and President-Elect.

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58 **Article VIII, Section 11**

59 The Vice President of Internal Affairs, who is in the second year of his/her term shall
60 serve as Chairperson of the House of Delegates and shall preside at all sessions of the
61 House of Delegates. The Secretary, who is in the first year of his/her term, shall serve as
62 a Vice Chair. ~~The President-Elect shall serve as Second Vice. At least sixty (60) days
63 prior to the Annual Meeting, the Vice President for Internal Affairs, serving as
64 Chairperson, shall appoint a second Vice Chair, with the approval of the Board of
65 Trustees, to assist in the smooth functioning of the House of Delegates. The second Vice
66 Chair shall be an active member of the Association at the time of his/her appointment and
67 shall not be a candidate for national office, and said appointment shall be based on
68 knowledge of parliamentary procedure and experience in conducting meetings similar to
69 those of the House~~

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71 **3. Change to the below section of the Internal Affairs**

72 **Section II**

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74 A. The Board of Trustees (BOT) of the Association shall be composed of the President,
75 **President-Elect**, Vice President for Membership, ~~Vice President of Finance~~, Vice
76 President for Internal Affairs, Vice President for Leadership Development, Vice
77 President for Program Development, Secretary, Premedical Trustee, International
78 Trustee, Graduate Trustee, and The New Physician Magazine Student Editor, all of
79 whom are voting members of the BOT. In addition, ~~the President-Elect~~, the Immediate
80 Past President and the Executive Director shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting member