

American Medical Student Association
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Resolution: A-8

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SCHOOL:	New York College of Osteopathic Medicine; University of Washington School of Medicine
SUBJECT:	Advocacy Chair
TYPE:	Resolution of Internal Affairs

1 WHEREAS advocacy is central to AMSA's organizational identity as exemplified in the mission
2 of empowering future physicians through education and advocacy; and

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4 WHEREAS AMSA has a long history of promoting advocacy among physicians-in-training; and

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6 WHEREAS advocacy is increasingly recognized as a professional responsibility for physicians
7 and physicians-in-training; and

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9 WHEREAS advocacy is central to multiple action committees and teams; and

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11 WHEREAS there has not been a consistent centralized center for guidance and support for
12 leaders and members who are engaged in advocacy; and

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14 WHEREAS a Chair level position on AMSA's Executive Board of Action Committees and
15 Teams would empower a student leader to facilitate communication between multiple arms of
16 programming

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18 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Internal Affairs, Sec. VI & VII be**
19 **AMENDED as follows:**

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21 Section VI. Action Committees and Teams
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23 A. Overview

24 1. Action Committee Formation: Action Committees represent the long-term,
25 broad, ongoing organizational priorities of the Association, as defined in the
26 Constitution and Bylaws. Creation of a new Action Committee must be
27 accompanied by a Statement of Goals, Means and Purpose, as well as a
28 justification to the House of Delegates of the institutional need for and fiscal
29 impact of a new Action Committee. Membership is open to all members of the
30 Association.

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32 2. Action Committees of the Association: The Action Committees of the
33 Association include Community and Environmental Health; Medical
34 Professionalism, Wellness & Student Life; Gender and Sexuality; Global
35 Health; Race, Ethnicity and Culture in Health. The Teams of the Association
36 include Medical Education, Grassroots Organizing, Policy, Premedical. (2009)

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38 **3. Advocacy Chair: The Advocacy Chair is responsible for promoting**
39 **advocacy and advocacy training across the Association.**

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41 Section VII. Executive Board of the Action Committees and Teams (ACT
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44 The Vice President for Leadership Development and Vice President for
45 Program Development shall co-chair the Executive Board of the Action
46 Committees. Each Action Committee and Team Chair **as well as a the**
47 **Advocacy Chair** will serve as a voting member of the Board. The President of
48 the Association and Campaign Directors shall be ex officio members of the
49 Executive Board. The National President is empowered to break ties when
50 necessary in voting.