

**AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
HOUSE OF DELEGATES 2017  
RESOLUTION: A2**

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SCHOOL: Northeast Ohio Medical University; Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine; Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine; Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University; the University of North Carolina School of Medicine

SUBJECT: Bylaws Regarding Membership and Chapter Charter Alteration

TYPE: Resolution of Constitution and Bylaws

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1 WHEREAS AMSA's Board of Trustees (by at least two-thirds vote) reserves the right to revoke  
2 the charter of any chapter that either refuses to rectify a situation after the chapter is notified by  
3 the national office or one that has done such damage through the misuse of authority and/or of  
4 AMSA's name that the Board of Trustees deems it prudent to discontinue association with the  
5 chapter (p. 5), and;

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7 WHEREAS situations where individual members misuse the authority of AMSA and/or  
8 AMSA's name could arise, and;

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10 WHEREAS it would behoove AMSA to discontinue association with these individuals, rather  
11 than discontinuing association with their respective chapters;

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13 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Bylaws regarding Suspension or  
14 Revocation of a Chapter (p. 5) be AMMENDED to state:

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16 **ARTICLE V. ~~ALTERATION~~ ~~SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF A~~ ~~MEMBERSHIP~~**  
17 **~~AND CHAPTER~~ ~~CHARTER STATUS~~**

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19 **Section 1—~~Alteration~~ ~~Revocation~~ of a Charter by the National Office**

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to review and demand correction of any gross violation of either AMSA policy. In worst case scenarios the Board of Trustees (by at least two-thirds vote) reserves the right to revoke the charter of any chapter that either refuses to rectify a situation after the chapter is notified by the national office or one that has done such damage through the misuse of authority and/or of AMSA's name that the Board of Trustees deems it prudent to discontinue association with the chapter. Furthermore, the charter of any chapter may be suspended or revoked by the House of Delegates, independent of the Board of Trustees, upon a vote to that effect by at least three-fourths (3/4) of those voting.

## **Section 2—Alteration Revocation of a Charter by an Individual**

1. Any individual may file written charges against any chapter that the accuser feels to have acted in conflict with the letter or intent of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association, or to have failed to comply with all requirements of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association, or with any lawful requirement of the House of Delegates. Such charges shall be signed, dated, and filed with the Vice-President of Membership, who shall submit a copy of said charges to the accused chapter and request of the chapter a written reply. He/she shall so present said charges and the reply to the Board of Trustees at its next meeting.
2. If the Board of Trustees fails to dismiss said charges, it shall fix a time and place for the hearing of the charges. If, following the hearing, the Board of Trustees fails to dismiss the charges, it shall advise the accused chapter of its recommendations, and shall make known its decision in a written resolution signed by the President of the Association at least thirty (30) days prior to the next House of Delegates.
3. At the next House of Delegates, the resolution shall be presented and voted upon. Before the voting shall commence, the chapter shall be allowed ten (10) minutes to answer charges. Upon suspension or revocation of the charter by a three-fourths vote of the House of Delegates, the delegation of that chapter shall leave the floor of the House of Delegates.

## **Section 3—Alteration of Individual Membership**

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to alter (including, but not limited to, temporary and permanent revocation, suspension, and termination) the membership status, by at least two-thirds vote, of any individual who, as deemed by the Board of Trustees, has caused emergent defamation of AMSA's name and/or authority.

## **Section 3 4—Petitioning for a New Charter After Revocation**

A chapter whose charter is thus revoked may petition for a new charter as specified in Article IV Section I of the Constitution and Bylaws. Chapters that had their charters revoked may not apply for a new charter for one year after such revocation has occurred.

FISCAL NOTE: None

66 **REPORT OF REFERENCE COMMITTEE A**

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68 **DISCUSSION**

69 BOT: made several amendments, as below

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75 ~~emergent defamation of AMSA's name and/or authority.~~

76 BRD: N/A

77 PRD: Recommend to adopt as written

78 IRD: recommends to adopt as written

79 ACTE: recommends to adopt as written—approved by unanimous consent

80 Premedical Caucus: N/A

81 Other Groups: Voted to NA

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83 **SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:**

84 **PROS:** The amendment proposed by the Board of Trustees gives clarification to the sentence by  
85 avoiding repetition

86 **CONS:** No proposition testimony provided

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88 **REFERENCE COMMITTEE COMMENTS:**

89 The majority of the regions and caucuses were for this resolution; the majority voted  
90 unanimously to adopt as amended

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93 **REFERENCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

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95 Adopt as amended

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