Impact Policy Through the Resolutions Process

Resolutions are generated in response to concerns identified during our day to day activities: Providing Medical Care; Educating Colleagues; Conducting Research; and Getting Reimbursed.

ANATOMY OF A RESOLUTION
Resolutions set forth background information and propose a course of action or statement of policy. Resolutions begin with background information (“Whereas” clause/s) and conclude with a specific proposal (“Resolved” clause/s).

WHEREAS Clause
The whereas clause should provide the rationale and background for the resolution. There may be one or more “whereas” statements. Begin by introducing the topic of the resolution.

Tip: Be factual rather than speculative. Provide or reference statistics or resources wherever possible.

RESOLVED Clause
The resolved clause should be stated as a motion that can be understood without the accompanying whereas statements. There may be multiple resolve clauses.

By Laws Amendment Tip: Be sure to specify an Article and Section to be amended

General Resolutions Tip: Emphasize a course of action for the Board of Directors, a committee/task force, National ACP, MSSNY, or the AMA. Each resolved statement must stand as a complete sentence.

Make sure to include a title and fiscal implications.

RESOLUTION ROADBLOCKS

• We fail to recognize the issue is facing many of your colleagues and/or patients.
• We craft work-arounds that address the issue without seeking institutional change.
• We forget to pursue a solution.

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