Impact Policy Through the Resolutions Process

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 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 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.

AVOID THESE COMMON RESOLUTION ROADBLOCKS
- Fail to recognize the issue is facing many of your colleagues and/or patients
- Craft work-arounds that address the issue without seeking institutional change.
- Forget to pursue a solution

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