

Summary of 2011 HOD Actions

REPORT A – Restructuring of NCMS Annual Meeting and House of Delegates

Adopted recommendations in Report A, with the remainder of the Report filed. The action empowers the NCMS Board of Directors to implement changes in the Annual Meeting to shorten it to two days and to assess the impact and success following the meeting, with the flexibility to make additional enhancements or adjustments to the meeting and its schedule. The Board will be required to survey attendees, members and other stakeholders following the meeting, analyze meeting costs, and engage in meaningful dialog and planning to make the meeting effective for members and their ever-changing needs.

REPORT B – 2012 Budget and Dues Increase

Approved the 2012 Budget as proposed, with the annual increase in NCMS dues not to exceed \$15 for 2013.

REPORT C – Future Dates and Sites for NCMS Annual Meetings

Approved recommendations for meetings to be held in Raleigh in 2013 and 2014.

REPORT D – Resolution 7-2010 Medical Guidelines and Research for Marijuana

Adopted a policy that the NCMS supports the development of well-controlled research of the use of marijuana and related cannabinoids in patients with medical conditions for which current evidence suggests possible efficacy.

REPORT E – Performance Measurement and Implementation by Third Party Payers

Adopted Report E, which supports health care cost and quality improvement efforts that are transparent and aimed at improving the patient decision-making process, and supports efforts to assure that specified minimum standards are met when a third party payer uses a performance measurement program.

REPORT F – Professionalism in the Use of Social Media

Adopted Amended(by insertion) Report F, which covers physician participation in social networking and other Internet opportunities, and supports the use of social networking by physicians provided the activities follow certain (specified) standards, and that the NCMS informs members about the risk and benefits of using social media in their professional capacities.

REPORT G – NCMS Strategic Plan

Adopted as Amended, with the “Purpose” section of the Strategic Plan amended to include, “To promote and preserve the public’s health.”

REPORT H – North Carolina Medical Society Policies

Adopted recommendations, with the remainder of the Report filed, concerning the annual review of five-year-old policies.

RESOLUTION 1 – Withdraw Support for the USMLE Step 2 CS Examination: Clinical Skills Portion of Part II Examination

Referred to the NCMS Board of Directors for study and report back to the 2012 House of Delegates.

RESOLUTION 2 – Healthcare Physician/Professional Exemption from Federal Antitrust Laws (112th Congressional House of Representatives – Bill HR-1409)

Referred to the NCMS Board of Directors for action, to encourage support of HR-1409 among county component societies and members of the NC Congressional Delegation.

RESOLUTION 3 – NCMS to Pursue Legislation Requiring All Health Care Providers to Wear Standardized Photo IDs

Adopted as amended, with Resolution calling for the NCMS to support legislation standardizing medical provider name tags to include photo identification and credentials in large block letters legible at conversational distance.

RESOLUTION 4 – AMA Policy to Actively Support a Ban on Indoor Tanning for Minors

Adopted as amended, with Substitute Resolution 4 calling for the NCMS, through its AMA delegation, to actively support national and state legislation to ban minors under 18 years of age from indoor tanning salons.

RESOLUTION 5 – Enhance Utility of Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment (MOST) and Portable Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Forms

Adopted, that the NCMS supports electronic options for MOST and Portable DNR forms to further improve communication of patients’ end-of-life care wishes, and that the NCMS work with other interested parties to implement electronic MOST and Portable DNR form and/or a MOST and Portable DNR form registry.

RESOLUTION 6 – EMTALA

Referred to the NCMS Board of Directors for study and report back to the 2012 Annual Meeting. Resolution seeks support for an amendment to EMTALA requiring that all patients transferred for emergency specialty care be transported to the nearest hospital able to provide that care without regard to alliances or contracts.

RESOLUTION 7 – Picture ID Requirement for Controlled Substances Prescription

Adopted Resolution, which directs NCMS to inform its members about S.L. 2011-49, which requires patients or their representatives to show current and valid government-issued identifications prior to the dispensation of all Schedule II and certain Schedule III controlled substances.

RESOLUTION 8 – Emergency Room/In Hospital Violence

Adopted Substitute Resolve #1 and Resolve #2, which call on the NCMS to support expanding the recently enacted law (S.L. 2011-356) that makes it a felony to assault emergency health care personnel to cover all personnel, and to educate NCMS members about the change in the law elevating assault on emergency personnel from a misdemeanor to a felony.

RESOLUTION 9 – Support the Elimination of Food Marketing to Children

Approved recommendation that Resolution be filed.

RESOLUTION 10 – Support of Legislation Requiring Three Feet of Space When Autos Are Passing Bicyclists

Referred to the NCMS Board of Directors for study and report back at the 2012 Annual Meeting.