Feb. 12, 2020

Dear Colleague,

We are asking Ector County Medical Society members to approve a few minor revisions to our medical society bylaws to reflect changes in terminology used by the Texas Medical Association with respect to medical students and their ability to serve on TMA councils and committees.

The changes pertain to Chapter I, Section 4.H.2. The current version (the one approved by our membership during the ECMS meeting on Sept. 26, 2019) states the following:

H. Student members.
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2. Rights and privileges.  Student members shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership, except the right to vote, hold office, or serve as a Delegates or Alternate Delegates to the TMA.  However, student members may serve as voting Medical Student Section Delegates or Alternate Delegates, may be elected to the designated position on the AMA delegation, may serve as special appointees to the Board of Trustees with the right to vote, may be appointed to the designated member position on the Committee on Membership, and may serve as special appointees to councils and committees.  Voting privileges on committees of this Society may be granted to student members at the Society’s discretion.

The ECMS Executive Board recommends changing this section to read as follows:

H. Student members.

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2. Rights and privileges.  Student members shall have all the privileges of membership except the right to vote and hold elective or appointive positions.  However, student members may serve as voting Medical Student Section Delegates or Alternate Delegates, may be elected to the designated position on the TMA’s AMA delegation, may be appointed to the designated member position on the TMA Board of Trustees and the Committee on Membership, and may serve as special appointees to the TMA councils and committees.  Voting privileges on committees of this Society may be granted to student members at the Society’s discretion.

Please note that the portions that are being modified have been underlined.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the proposed changes, please contact Brenda Martin or one of the ECMS Executive Board members. We plan to discuss the changes at our next meeting and then vote on the changes during the following meeting.

Sincerely,
The Ector County Medical Society Executive Board