

SCMS Offers Resolution Writing Support for Upcoming Sept. WSMA HOD Meeting!

As a SCMS member, you can help guide the direction of the WSMA and raise awareness of issues of importance to the practice of medicine in Washington by authoring a resolution—a proposal asking the WSMA to take a position or act on an issue. Resolutions are considered for adoption at the Annual Meeting of the WSMA House of Delegates each fall.

The resolution must be sponsored by at least two WSMA delegates, and must be submitted in writing by a delegate, alternate delegate, or member of the board of trustees in order to be considered for adoption by the WSMA House of Delegates. Resolutions often start at the local level and the SCMS is here to support you.

Before writing your resolution, you'll need to:

- Take a moment and research existing policy by reviewing the [WSMA Policy Compendium](#) to confirm the issue you wish to raise may already be addressed in current WSMA policy. Alternately, you may seek to modify existing WSMA policy.
- Check for health equity impact. Policies may disparately impact communities, particularly various disadvantaged or marginalized communities. Before submitting your policy proposal, use [this equity evaluation tool](#) to consistently assess the DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion) impacts of potential new WSMA policy. The [WSMA DEI Committee](#) will be using the tool as it evaluates resolutions before the House and will add a health equity note as appropriate.
- Ensure you're using the required, established format for submitting a proposed resolution. For a look at the five basic elements that make up a resolution, and for guidance on how to write a resolution, go to wsma.org/resolutions.

Resolutions must be received by August 9th for review by the WSMA staff for it to be published in Delegate Handbook, with a final deadline of August 29th.

If you have never attended a WSMA annual meeting, visit <https://wsma.org/annual-meeting> and learn about the how, when, where and why of this premiere policy-making event.

Email shelly@spcms.org if you would like assistance with authoring a resolution. The SCMS is here to help you!

