

2009 RESOLUTIONS STATUS

RES.	SUBJECT	ACTION	CONTACT PERSON	STATUS
4	Apology for Organizational Racism Resolution 4 directs the Wisconsin Medical Society to charge its Council on Ethics to prepare a statement of apology for organizational racism with a plan to formally deliver the apology to the Cream City Medical Society (CCMS). It further directs the Society to offer collaboration with the CCMS to “Eliminate Minority Health Disparities.”	RESOLVED , That the Wisconsin Medical Society will charge its Ethics council to prepare a statement of apology for organization racism with a plan to formally deliver the apology to the Cream City Medical Society (CCMS); and be it further RESOLVED , That Wisconsin Medical Society will offer active collaboration in the mission of the CCMS to “Eliminate Minority Health Disparities.”	Dr. Bartholow/Mark Grapentine, JD	The Strategic Council on Health Care Ethics, at its meeting on May 29, 2009 accepted the recommendations of the author. The Board of Directors, at the meeting on July 18, 2009 revised the language. The final version of the letter was sent to the Cream City Medical Society on February 24, 2010.
9	Hospital Tax Resolution 9 directs the Wisconsin Medical Society to work to repeal the hospital and nursing home bed taxes. It further directs the Wisconsin medical Society to communicate to the politicians: 1) taxing the sick is poor public policy; and 2) there are other ways in which healthcare should be financed that are more equitable and which do not depend on federal funds which may or may not be available in the future.	RESOLVED , That the Wisconsin Medical Society will work to repeal the hospital and nursing home bed taxes; be it further RESOLVED , That the Wisconsin Medical Society will communicate to the politicians that: 1) taxing the sick is poor public policy; and 2) there are other ways in which healthcare should be financed that are more equitable and which do not depend on federal funds which may or may not be available in the future.	Dr. Bartholow/Mark Grapentine, JD	The Strategic Council on Health Care Access at its meeting on September 2, 2009 recommended that Resolution 9 be adopted with amendments. At the September 10, 2009 meeting the Strategic Policy Panel accepted the recommendation of the Council. The Board of Directors at the meeting on November 14, 2009 approved the recommendation.
10	Leadership to Improve the Medical Liability Climate in Wisconsin Medical Society Resolution 10 directs the Wisconsin Medical Society to refer to the appropriate council a request for further study and recommendations for a strategic initiative on the broad topic of medical liability reform.	RESOLVED , That the Wisconsin Medical Society will refer to the appropriate council a request for further study and recommendations for a strategic initiative on the broad topic of medical liability reform to be presented to the 2010 House of Delegates.	Dr. Bartholow/Mark Grapentine, JD	The Strategic Council on Legislation at its meeting on January 25, 2010 recommended that the resolution be tabled until the Society’s lawsuit against the state regarding the Injured Patients and Family Compensation Fund has reached its conclusion.
13	Authorization for Field Use of Naloxone to Reduce Overdose Deaths Resolution 13 directs the Wisconsin Medical Society to collaborate with the Medical Examining Board and the Division of Public Health to develop enabling regulation and legislation, as necessary, to	RESOLVED , That the Wisconsin Medical Society to collaborate with the Medical Examining Board and the Division of Public Health to develop enabling regulation and legislation, as necessary, to allow for evidence-based harm reduction strategies, along with physician and public education regarding these approaches, so that injectable naloxone or naloxone	Dr. Bartholow/Mark Grapentine, JD	The Strategic Council on Health Care Quality and Population Health at its meeting on February 4, 2010 recommended that the resolution be adopted with amendments. The Strategic Policy Panel at its meeting on February 26, 2010 accepted the recommendation of the Council.

	allow for evidence-based harm reduction strategies, along with physician and public education regarding these approaches, so that injectable naloxone or naloxone nasal spray may be readily available to persons who may be at risk of opioid overdose death, either in the context of authorized medical treatment of chronic pain, or unauthorized use of heroin or prescription opioid analgesics by persons with substance use disorders.	nasal spray may be readily available to persons who may be at risk of opioid overdose death, either in the context of authorized medical treatment of chronic pain, or unauthorized use of heroin or prescription opioid analgesics by persons with substance use disorders.		The recommendation will go to the Board of Directors at the meeting on Friday, April 16, 2010.
14	End of Life Choices by Patients Resolution 14 directs the Wisconsin Medical Society to support the principle that terminally ill patients should have the right and ability to exercise the choice to self-administer life-ending medication. It further directs the Society to support state legislation allowing physicians the ability to prescribe such medications, upon the request of a mentally competent terminally ill patient. It further directs the Society to support inclusion of the safeguards in the Oregon Death with Dignity law and that the Society delegation to the American Medical Society submit a resolution to the 2009 AMA House of Delegates Annual Meeting to introduce similar legislation.	RESOLVED , That the Wisconsin Medical Society supports state legislation allowing physicians to prescribe life-ending medications for such patients, upon the request of a mentally competent terminally ill patient, after consultation and written confirmation by another physician; and be it further RESOLVED , That the Wisconsin Medical Society supports inclusion of the safeguards in the Oregon Death with Dignity law in such Wisconsin legislation, to protect both physician and patient rights; and be it further RESOLVED , That our Wisconsin Medical Society delegation to the American Medical Association submit a resolution to the 2009 AMA House of Delegates Annual Meeting to encourage all the states to introduce such Death with Dignity legislation.	Dr. Bartholow/Mark Grapentine, JD	The Strategic Council on Health Care Ethics at the meeting on August 14, 2009 recommended that AMA policy H-140.966 be adopted, in lieu of Resolution 14. The Strategic Policy at the meeting on September 10, 2009 accepted the recommendation of the Council. The Board of Directors, at the meeting on November 14, 2009 approved the recommendation.
15	Data Access – Federal Level Resolution 15 directs the Wisconsin Medical Society to direct the members of the AMA delegation to bring this issue to the attention of the AMA House of Delegates and that the AMA delegation work to direct the AMA’s legislative arm to work to minimize such Federal regulatory and legislative barriers.	RESOLVED , That the Wisconsin Medical Society direct the members of its AMA delegation to bring this issue to the attention of the AMA House of Delegates; and be it further RESOLVED , That the members of the Wisconsin Medical Society’s AMA Delegation work to direct the AMA’s legislative arm to work to minimize such Federal regulatory and legislative barriers.	Dr. Bartholow/Mark Grapentine, JD	The Strategic Council on Health Care Quality and Population Health at its meeting on September 3, 2009 adopted an alternate resolution submitted by the author. The Strategic Policy Panel at its meeting on September 10, 2009 accepted the recommendation of the Council. The Board of Directors at the meeting on November 14, 2009 approved the recommendation.
16	Data Access – State Level Resolution 16 directs the Wisconsin Medical Society work to facilitate the	RESOLVED , That the Wisconsin Medical Society will work to facilitate the removal of such barriers.	Dr. Bartholow/Mark Grapentine, JD	The Strategic Council on Health Care Quality and Population Health at their meeting on February 4, 2010 recommended, upon the request of the

	removal of regulatory and statutory barriers to data aggregation and data sharing.			author, that Resolution 16 not be adopted. The Strategic Policy Panel at its meeting on February 26, 2010 accepted the recommendation of the Council. The recommendation will go to the Board of Directors at the meeting on Friday, April 16, 2010.
18	Definition of Disruptive Clinical Behavior Resolution 18 directs the Wisconsin Medical Society to submit a resolution to the AMA House of Delegates that would seek to revise the definition of disruptive clinical behavior.	RESOLVED , That the Wisconsin Medical Society submit a resolution to the AMA House of 18 Delegates that would seek to revise the definition of disruptive clinical behavior so that it is more 19 realistic, and would also apply to hospital administration.	Dr. Bartholow/Mark Grapentine, JD	The Strategic Council on Health Care Ethics at its meeting on January 29, 2010 recommended to table the resolution to time certain. The Council asked for clarification on practice models and that speakers be invited to the next meeting. The author was present at the meeting and agreed with the recommendation.
19	Restriction of Cell Phone Usage and Text Messaging While Driving Resolution 19 directs the Wisconsin Medical Society to work on the ban of all non-emergency use of cell phones when operating a motor vehicle by seeking legislation.	RESOLVED , That the Wisconsin Medical Society work to ban all non-emergency use of cell phones when operating a motor vehicle by seeking legislation to: 1) prohibit the use of any type of cell phone (hands on or hands off or built in) by anyone while driving any vehicle, and 2) prohibit text messaging by anyone while driving any vehicle.	Dr. Bartholow/Mark Grapentine, JD	The Strategic Council on Health Care Quality and Population Health at its meeting on May 7, 2009 recommended that the resolution be adopted. The Strategic Policy Panel at its meeting on June 26, 2009 accepted the recommendations of the Council. The Board of Directors at its meeting on July 18, 2009 approved the recommendation.
	2009 Board of Directors Reports			
Board Report C	Strategic Plan	The overarching objective of the 2008 Strategic Planning Session was to reaffirm the three Strategic Initiatives of the Society by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaining greater understanding of the national landscape; • Agreeing on the Society's core competencies; and • Identifying the Society's current/future threats and opportunities. 	Nancy Nankivil	The Board of Directors approved the Strategic Plan Initiatives at its meeting on July 18, 2009.
Board Report BB	Economic Credentialing		Dr. Bartholow/Mark Grapentine, JD	The Strategic Council on Health Care Access at its meeting on September 2, 2009 recommended that the Society adopt AMA policy H-230.975. The Strategic Policy Panel at its meeting on September 10, 2009 accepted the recommendations of the Council.

				The Board of Directors at its meeting on November 14, 2009 approved the recommendation.
Board Report BB	Medical Involvement in Torture This report directs the Wisconsin Medical Society send a letter to the President of the United States in support of the AMA letter dated April 17, 2009 regarding participation of physicians in torture and coercive interrogation.	RESOLVED , That the Wisconsin Medical Society send a letter to the President of the United States in support of the AMA letter dated April 17, 2009 regarding participation of physicians in torture and coercive interrogation.	Dr. Bartholow/Mark Grapentine, JD	The House of Delegates at the meeting on April 17, 2009 adopted the recommendation of sending a letter to President Barack Obama. The letter was sent April 18, 2009.
Resolution 3, 2 nd Resolved	Health Insurance Coverage and Access Resolution 3, 2 nd Resolved directs the Wisconsin Medical Society to ask our AMA to study how hospital medical staffs around the country and around the world are including physician assistants and nurse practitioners into the medical staff organizations.	RESOLVED , That we ask our AMA to study how hospital medical staffs around the country and around the world are including physician assistants and nurse practitioners into the medical staff organizations.	Dr. Bartholow	See Wisconsin Delegation report.
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17	Emergency Medical Treatment and Immunity from Criminalization for Health Emergencies Late Resolution 17 directs the Wisconsin Medical Society to support legislation providing immunity from prosecution under controlled substance-related statutes.	RESOLVED , That the Wisconsin Medical Society support legislation that would provide immunity from prosecution under controlled substances laws or related statutes: 1. For individuals at the scene of a health emergency related to the acute toxic effects of controlled substance use, intoxication, withdrawal or addiction, who have contacted 911 in good faith to request emergency medical treatment for a victim of drug toxicity or overdose; and 2. For individuals who have experienced an accidental or intentional drug overdose and who have been rendered aid by public safety personnel responding to a 911 call placed in good faith requesting emergency medical treatment.	Dr. Bartholow/Mark Grapentine, JD	At the July 11, 2008 meeting the Strategic Council on Legislation voted to postpone to time certain (one year). At that time they would make a recommendation after reviewing updated data. Update 2009: At the Council meeting on August 28, 2010 members voted to delay adoption of the resolution until more specific evidence is presented. Society staff spoke with representatives in the New Mexico Department of Health, which has the only known law relevant to this issue. Since the law went into effect in New Mexico in 2008 it is too early to get good quality data.