

Resolution Deadline Date for 2006 Wisconsin Medical Society Annual Meeting

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The 2006 Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Medical Society will convene Friday, April 7, 2006 at the Monona Terrace Convention Center in Madison.

The deadline for receipt of resolutions, so they can be included in the House of Delegates handbook, is Monday, February 6, 2006. Resolutions must be submitted, in proper form, to the CEO's office no later than two months prior to the opening session of the House of Delegates.

Unanimous consent of the House of Delegates shall be required for the introduction of any late resolutions, except those that are submitted by the Board, a Board member or the Society's constitutional officers. The Board of Directors will submit recommendations regarding the acceptance of late resolutions to the House at its opening session.

When drafting resolutions for submission, please note the following:

- The title of the resolution should appropriately reflect the action for which it calls.
- Information contained in the resolution should be checked for accuracy.
- The resolves should stand alone, since the House adopts only the resolves, and the whereases do not appear in the proceedings.
- It is strongly encouraged, but not required, that all resolutions submitted to the House of Delegates for its consideration contain a statement by the author as to existing Society policy on the topic, or that the Society does not have any current policy on the topic.
- Any resolution submitted to the House of Delegates for its consideration that requests that the resolution be taken forward to the AMA for its consideration should contain a statement by the author as to existing AMA policy on the topic, or that the AMA does not have any current policy on the topic.

Fiscal notes will be added to all resolutions whose implementation would require funds not normally included in the Society's budget. For each resolution submitted, a sponsor should be in attendance at reference committee hearings to provide background information.

As explained, members can now submit issues to the CEO at least one week prior to any Board of Directors meeting. Issues presented are then referred for further study and recommendations will be considered at a future Board meeting.

Resolutions may be sent to: Susan L. Turney, MD, Executive Vice President/CEO, Wisconsin Medical Society, PO Box 1109, Madison, WI 53701. These may also be sent via e-mail to linettec@wismed.org.

For more information on writing an effective resolution, go to www.wisconsinmedicalsociety.org and select "Policy Compendium" from under the "Legislation" dropdown tab.

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