



Date: April 27, 2016

To: CMS Board of Directors
From: Medical School Component Society
Re: Proposed bylaws change concerning board terms

Proposed Change: (changes in red font)

CMS Bylaws Chapter III

4. Terms of Office

Except for Directors appointed by Sections and District IV (Medical Student Component), each Director shall serve for three-year terms, provided that the terms shall be adjusted and arranged so that as nearly as possible one-third shall expire every year. Directors may serve up to two three-year terms of full continuous service. Directors appointed by Sections shall serve one-year terms and may serve up to ~~four~~ six terms of full continuous service, depending on the Section's Bylaws. Directors appointed by District IV (Medical Student Component) shall serve for six-month terms and may serve up to two six-month terms of full continuous service.

Rationale

As we continue the transition to the new CMS, the District XIV medical student component has proposed a change to the component society district bylaws in order to better accommodate the single student position on the board of directors. Both the University of Colorado School of Medicine and Rocky Vista University have student medical society chapters with chapter presidents who serve one-year terms. Prior to the establishment of the new board of directors, presidents from both schools sat as voting members of the CMS board of directors with one-year appointments. Given the reduction in board of director seats to one student position, we have proposed that the medical student board position be reduced to a six-month term. This would allow students from both Rocky Vista and the University of Colorado to sit as a voting member of the CMS board during their one-year terms rather than restricting the position to one school each year. This will maximize the CMS experience for students of both institutions and provide CMS with a more diverse student perspective throughout the year.

NOTE: THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL CLERICAL BYLAWS FIX INCLUDED THAT IS NOT RELATED TO THE MEDICAL STUDENT COMPONENT SOCIETY PROPOSAL:

CMS staff has included a clerical change that was intended to be included with last year's bylaws changes made to accommodate governance reform. In order to keep board terms balanced as desired by our current bylaws, Section board terms were intended to move from a maximum of four, one-year terms to a maximum of six, one-year terms. This makes the total maximum length of service consistent with District board members and easier to keep board expiration terms balanced so no more than one-third of the board is replaced in any one year. It also maintains flexibility for sections similar to the Resident's Section that need the flexibility of shorter board terms. This clerical bylaws change is NOT tied to the student proposal and may be voted up or down without affecting that proposed change.