



2017-18 Councils and Committees

John N. Katopodis, M.D., FMA President and Chair, Board of Governors

Council on Ethical & Judicial Affairs

FMA Staff: Jeff Scott

The Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs is responsible for providing guidance on the issues pertaining to questions of medical ethics, including the imposition of unethical fees, dissension and disputes referred to the FMA by members of the FMA, questions of membership and disciplinary action.

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Council on Legislation

FMA Staff: Chris Clark, Shari Hickey, Mary Thomas

The Council on Legislation is responsible for making recommendations to the FMA Board of Governors regarding state legislative and regulatory matters. The primary function of the Council on Legislation is to provide a vetting process for legislative proposals to be considered for inclusion on the FMA's state legislative agenda. The Council is also periodically called upon to provide guidance related to specific bill language or amendments filed during the legislative session. Staff support is provided by the FMA legal and legislative team.

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Council on Medical Education, Science & Public Health FMA Staff: Melissa Carter

The Council on Medical Education, Science & Public Health is responsible for providing guidance to the FMA Board of Governors on issues relating to medical education in the State of Florida. The Council on Medical Education serves as the FMA’s liaison with the Council of Florida Medical School Deans and works closely with the medical schools on public policy matters. The Council develops and presents programs, including the scientific programs for the FMA Annual Meeting and serves as the continuing medical education accrediting body for the association.

- Chair**, Alma Littles, M.D. Tallahassee
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- Stephen E. Vernon, M.D.....Miami
- Celeste Philip, M.D..... Advisory, Non-Voting

Committee on Accreditation and CME FMA Staff: Melissa Carter

The Committee on CME and Accreditation serves the Council on Medical Education by performing the responsibilities necessary to accredit CME providers in Florida and to approve activities for CME credit through direct sponsorship and joint sponsorship with the FMA.

- Chair**, Stephen E. Vernon, M.D.Miami
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- Zachary Wilson, M.D. Niceville
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Council on Medical Economics and Practice Innovation

FMA Staff: Jarrod Fowler

The Council on Medical Economics and Practice Innovation is responsible for providing recommendations and guidance to the FMA Board of Governors related to the economic aspects of the delivery of medical care. The Council is charged with overseeing and protecting the interests of physicians on Medicare, Medicaid and other government health program issues, and in matters relating to health care finance and relations with private insurance carriers. The Council studies, evaluates and recommends policies to the Board of Governors relating to health care system reform, health information technology, managed care, accountable care organizations, patient safety, and quality improvement. The Council is also responsible for developing tools and resources for practice physicians in all areas of health care delivery with a specific focus on new payment models and health information technology.

- Chair**, Aaron Sudbury, M.D. Bradenton
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- John Montgomery, M.D..... Orange Park
- Brian Nobie, M.D.....Gotha
- Mark O’Bryant..... Tallahassee
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- Joseph Rugg, Esq..... Tampa
- Michael Wasylik, M.D. Tampa

Audit Committee

FMA Staff: Kristy Jones

The primary function of the FMA Audit Committee is to assist the Board of Governors in fulfilling its financial oversight responsibilities

- Charles Riggs, M.D., 2016-2019 Gainesville
- Jose Jimenez, M.D., 2015-18..... Tampa
- Christienne Alexander, M.D, 2017-2020.Tallahassee

Committee on Bylaws, Policies and Procedures

FMA Staff: Jeff Scott

The Committee on Bylaws is responsible directly to the Board of Governors and annually recommends necessary changes to the FMA Bylaws and governance and operations policies.

- Chair**, Ralph Nobo. Jr., M.D..... Bartow
- Vice Chair**, Melissa Shaughnessy, D.O.... Orlando
- David J. Becker, M.D.Safety Harbor
- Ronald Giffler, M.D.Pompano Beach
- Doug Murphy, M.D. Ocala
- Ashley Norse, M.D. Jacksonville
- Michael Patete, M.D. Sarasota



Alan Pillersdorf, M.D.Palm Beach Gardens

Committee on Federal Legislation: FMA Staff: Jeff Scott

This committee is composed of the AMA Delegates and provides grassroots support for federal legislative issues.

David J. Becker, M.D. (2015-17).....Safety Harbor
Madelyn E. Butler, M.D. (2016-18) Tampa
Ronald Giffler, M.D. (2016-18)...Pompano Beach
W. Alan Harmon, M.D. (2015-17Jacksonville
Corey L. Howard, M.D. (2015-17) Naples
E. Coy Irvin, M.D. (2015-17).....Pensacola
John Montgomery, M.D. (2016-18) .Jacksonville
Doug Murphy, M.D. (2016-18)..... Ocala
Ralph Nobo, Jr., M.D. (2016-18) Bartow
Arthur Palamara, M.D. (2016-18)Hollywood
Michael Patete, M.D. (2016-18)..... Sarasota
Alan Pillersdorf, M.D. (2016-18) Palm Beach
Mark Rubenstein, M.D. (2015-17)Jupiter
David Winchester, M.D. (2015-17) Gainesville

Committee on Finance & Appropriations FMA Staff: Kristy Jones

The Committee on Finance and Appropriations shall annually prepare for consideration by the Executive Committee and the Board of Governors a proposed budget of the Florida Medical Association.

David J. Becker, M.D.Safety Harbor
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