

BOR Action on BOG Resolutions Now Available

A summary of Board of Regents actions on Board of Governors (BOG) resolutions debated at the April 2022 ACP Board of Regents (BOR) Organizational Meeting is available below. Resolutions initiated by ACP members and endorsed by a chapter council and the BOG become ACP policy when adopted by the BOR.

If you have an idea you'd like to suggest to ACP, consider submitting a resolution to your Governor or local ACP chapter. Visit your [ACP chapter website](#) for more information on how to contact your Governor or chapter staff about proposing a resolution.

1 Board of Regents Actions Taken on BOG Resolutions, April 30, 2022, Organizational Mtg.

2 3 **Adopted and referred for implementation:** *(Lines 25-54; 77-99)*

4 1-S22. Encouraging Transparency of Medical Honor Society Selection Processes to Eliminate Racial
5 Disparities in Membership Induction

6 3-S22. Encouraging Development of Evidence-Based Guidance for Healthcare Facility Visitation during the
7 Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic and Public Health Crises

8 4-S22. Advocating for Ethical Business Models That Promote Safety in the Care of Vulnerable Persons

9 5-S22. Acknowledging the Manner in which EHRs Alert and Messaging Functions Burden
10 Physicians and Compromise Patient Safety

11 8-S22. Piloting a Well-being Submission Category for Medical Students, Resident/
12 Fellows, and Early Career Physicians in ACP National Abstract Competitions

13 14 **Adopted as a Reaffirmation:** *(Lines 57-72)*

15 11-S22. Acknowledging Individual ACP Members for Their Commitment to the ACP

16 17 **Referred for Study:** *(Lines 101-122)*

18 12-S22. Forming a National ACP International Medical Graduate Council

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20 The Board of Regents approved, as a Consent Calendar, the recommendations regarding the disposition
21 of each of the following 4 resolutions recommended for adoption at the Spring 2022 Board of Governors
22 Meeting:

23 24 **BOG Recommends for Adoption/Implementation with Amendments:**

25 ***3-S22. Encouraging Development of Evidence-Based Guidance for Healthcare Facility Visitation during***
26 ***the Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic and Public Health Crises***
27 ***(RRC Referral Recommendation: Ethics, Professionalism, and Human Rights Committee (EPHRC) with***
28 ***input from Health and Public Policy Committee [HPPC]).***

29 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents work actively on encouraging development of evidence-
30 based guidance for healthcare facility visitation policies which may be enacted during the
31 ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and during public health crises; and be it further

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33 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents advocate with local, state, and federal authorities to
34 require that healthcare facilities facilitate and encourage in person visitation to the extent safety
35 precautions allow employing policies regarding in person visitation that are evidence based and
36 reached after consultation with community and physician stakeholders.

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38 ***4-S22. Advocating for Ethical Business Models That Promote Safety in the Care of Vulnerable Persons***
39 ***(RRC Referral Recommendation: EPHRC with input from HPPC)***

40 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents develop policy on ethical implications of long-term care
41 business practices, specifically calling for research into and advocating for business models in
42 long-term care for vulnerable persons which incentivize and promote the evidence-
43 based/optimal use of resources to optimize care quality, staff and resident safety, and resident
44 quality of life, and which hold vulnerable persons' interests as paramount over maximizing
45 profit.

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48 **BOG Recommends for Adoption/Implementation as a Substitute Resolution**

49 ***Resolution 1-S22. Encouraging Transparency of Medical Honor Society Selection Processes to Eliminate***
50 ***Racial Disparities in Membership Induction***
51 ***(RRC Referral Recommendation: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee)***

52 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents encourage transparency from Alpha Omega Alpha related
53 to data of inductees and the selection process across institutions to mitigate racial/ethnic,
54 among other, disparities in selection of Alpha Omega Alpha members.

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56 **BOG Recommends for Adoption as a Reaffirmation**

57 ***11-S22. Acknowledging Individual ACP Members for Their Commitment to the ACP***

58 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents create and distribute to individual members visible
59 evidence of ACP's appreciation to acknowledge members' commitment to the ACP by way of
60 the following:

61 (1) Having Certificates of Appreciation sent to members upon reaching 10 years and 20 years of
62 membership in the ACP

63 (2) Having small Plaques of Appreciation sent to members upon reaching 25 years of
64 membership ("gold level"), 35 years of membership ("platinum level"), and 45 years of
65 membership in the ACP

66 (3) Having a more elaborate Plaque of Appreciation sent to members upon reaching 50 years of
67 membership ("diamond level") in the ACP; and be it further

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69 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents distribute such Certificates of Appreciation and Plaques of
70 Appreciation to current and future ACP members in good standing with their total years of
71 membership counted retroactively as well as prospectively. Consecutive and nonconsecutive
72 years of membership shall count towards the total years of membership.

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75 **BOG Resolutions extracted from the Consent Calendar:**

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77 ***Resolution 8-S22. Piloting a Well-being Submission Category for Medical Students, Resident/Fellows,***
78 ***and Early Career Physicians in ACP National Abstract Competitions***
79 ***(RRC Referral Recommendation: Executive Office)***

80 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents, along with other appropriate stakeholders, pilot well-
81 being as a new category of research solicited for the ACP National Abstract Competition.

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83 The Board of Regents extracted Resolution 8-S22 from the Consent Calendar to discuss. Following
84 discussion, the Board of Regents approved Resolution 8-S22 as submitted to be referred to the
85 Executive Office for implementation:

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87 ***Resolution 5-S22. Acknowledging the Manner in which EHRs Alert and Messaging Functions Burden***
88 ***Physicians and Compromise Patient Safety***

89 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents acknowledge the manner in which current EHRs alert and
90 messaging functions unduly burden physicians thereby compromising patient safety and
91 reducing physicians' well-being and satisfaction with their profession; and be it further
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93 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents also engage relevant stakeholders in working to develop
94 recommendations to promote decreased burden from EHRs through reduction of low-value
95 alerts and messaging functions.
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97 The Board of Regents extracted Resolution 5-S22 to discuss. Following discussion, the Board of Regents
98 referred 5-S22 to Medical Informatics Committee for implementation with input from the Physician
99 Well-being and Professional Fulfillment Committee.

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101 ***Resolution 12-S22. Forming a National ACP International Medical Graduate Council***

102 RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents of the American College of Physicians shall form a National
103 ACP International Medical Graduate Council, towards the goal of furthering the Excellence,
104 Professionalism, Leadership, Compassion, Inclusion, Equity and Justice, and Well-being of ACP
105 membership; and be it further
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107 RESOLVED, that this National ACP International Medical Graduate Council serve as an educational and
108 advocacy council for this large body of our members to address their unique challenges, promote
109 equity in representation and compensation in all practice settings, as well as foster career
110 advancement.
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112 The Board of Regents extracted Resolution 12-S22 to discuss and approved referring to the Governance
113 Committee for study.
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115 Rationale:

116 The Board of Regents voted to refer Resolution 12-S22 to the Governance Committee for study rather
117 than adoption for implementation per the Board of Governors' recommendation. The Board's action is
118 intended to complement and correspond to the Board of Regents' previous action on April 25, 2022, to
119 accept the IMG Task Force Recommendation calling for the Executive Office to work with the
120 Governance Committee to consider forming an IMG Council. Further, this action is in accordance with
121 standard practice to refer formation of councils and committees to the Governance Committee for study
122 and recommendation to the Board of Regents.