

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
(for approval of the House of Delegates)

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Constitution*

For proper incorporation of the establishment of the Council on Talent Recruitment and the Council on Financial Aid to Students, as standing units of the NMA, the following changes and additions should be made in the Constitution:

1. Bylaws, Chapter 7, Section 4, should read as follows: "Councils. The following are the standing committees of councils of the Association: Judicial Council, Council on Medical Education and Hospitals, Council on Scientific Assembly, Council on the Distinguished Service Award, Council on Talent Recruitment, and Council on Financial Aid to Students." Change. The word "and" has been stricken before "Council on the Distinguished Service Award" and a comma inserted and the names of the two new councils added.
2. Section 4-A. General considerations; should be changed to read, "Councils shall consist of 5 members, with the exception of the Council on Talent Recruitment. The terms of all members of councils shall be for 5 years, etc." Change. The words "with the exception of the Council on Talent Recruitment," have been added.
3. After the first sentence of Section 4-A, the following sentence shall be inserted: "The Council on Talent Recruitment shall consist of 15 members nationally distributed, insofar as possible, so that one member shall be located in each section of the country. *Three members shall be appointed annually.*"

4. At the end of Section 4, Chapter 7 of the bylaws, the following subsections should be added:

F. Council on Talent Recruitment. The functions of this Council shall be:

1. To locate gifted young people wherever they may be and to motivate them to strive for fullest development of their talents.
2. To inform the young of the nature of health careers and the opportunities available in them and to stimulate them to seek entry into the medical and paramedical professions.
3. To develop a national program for the above purposes. This program should embody national guide lines but permit flexibility for adaptations to regional or local needs and interests. The program should also involve collaboration with the programs of other organizations and agencies pursuing the same ends. The program should seek to enlist the active participation of the Women's Auxiliary and its constituent units, and the individual members and their wives. Local variety and initiative in special projects should be encouraged.
4. In addition to such funds as the National Medical Association may provide for its operation, the Council on Talent Recruitment will be expected to seek from private or public sources, such as foundations or government agencies, funds to implement its large-scale operations.
5. The Council shall endeavor to keep abreast of all developments in the field of talent recruitment and avail itself of the services of its National Advisory Committee, composed of distinguished lay experts.
6. The Council on Talent Recruitment will regularly refer to the Council on Financial Aid students who need financial assistance for provision of same.

G. Council on Financial Aid to Students. It shall be the function of this

Council:

1. To administer the Scholarship Fund of the National Medical Association.

2. To seek funds from other organizations and public or private agencies which may be assigned and awarded through the National Medical Association.

3. To find funds for the assistance of students referred to it by the Council on Talent Recruitment.

For proper incorporation of the establishment of the Council on Scientific Exhibits in the Constitution and By-Laws the following Section should be added to Chapter VII of the By-Laws:

"H. Council on Scientific Exhibits. The functions of this Council shall be: 1) to present series of scientific exhibits of high quality at the Annual Conventions of the Association; 2) to encourage the preparation of **high quality at the Annual Conventions of the Association;** 2) to encourage the preparation of scientific exhibits by members of the Association; 3) to bring to the Association by invitation audio-visual demonstrations of any nature which will disseminate scientific knowledge and information of medical import; and 4) to extend wherever possible the use of scientific exhibits as a public service of the National Medical Association."