



# BOARD/COUNCIL/COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Please complete this application and write a brief explanation why you want to serve as a student representative or alternate on a particular TMA board, council, or committee, including any background information pertinent to your appointment. Attach a copy of your curriculum vitae and photograph to this application. Photographs will be posted on the website if selected for appointment. Photos will not be used in the selection process. Please submit all materials to the TMA-MSS coordinator by April 15th. Applications may be emailed to [mssinfo@texmed.org](mailto:mssinfo@texmed.org), faxed to (512) 370-1693, mailed to the TMA-MSS coordinator at TMA, 401 W. 15th St, Austin, TX 78701 or apply online at <http://ssl.texmed.org/www/medstudents/bcc/>

Appointments last one year, and you must re-apply if you wish to continue serving in the position you now hold. To be eligible to serve on TMA boards, councils, and committees, you must be a TMA member in good standing.

## Boards

Board of Councilors  
TEXPAC (TMA Political Action Committee)  
Board of Directors \*  
TMA Foundation Board of Trustees †

\* TEXPAC (8 positions available, one for each chapter)  
† TMA Foundation Board of Trustees (Please submit letter of intent)

## Councils

Annual Session (Forum Coordinator)	Medical Education
Communication	Member Services
Constitution and Bylaws	Public Health
Health Service Organizations	Scientific Affairs
Legislation (meets six times a year)	Socioeconomics

## Committees

Blood and Tissue Usage	Membership *
Cancer	Patient-Physician Advocacy
Cardiovascular Diseases	Physician Distribution and Health-Care Access
Child and Adolescent Health	Physician Health and Rehabilitation
Continuing Education	Professional Liability
Educational Scholarship and Loan	EMS and Trauma Rural Health
Infectious Diseases	TEXPAC Executive Committee*
Maternal and Perinatal Health	TEXPAC Candidate Evaluation Committee*

\* (Only one position available)

## Responsibilities of Student Representatives and Alternates to TMA Boards, Councils, and Committees

1. Student representatives and alternate representatives are **required** to attend all regular meetings of the board, council, or committee to which they are appointed. Councils and committees meet three times annually during Winter Conference in January/February (Austin), TexMed in April/May (location varies), and Fall Summit in September/October (Austin). Typically, boards meet in conjunction with major meetings of the association, and may have additional meetings throughout the year. TMA board, council, and committee meetings generally convene Wednesday-Saturday. Your respective chair and/or your TMA staff contact will send you additional information regarding your board, council, or committee charge and meeting schedule.
2. Student representatives are **required** to submit a detailed written report to the TMA-MSS coordinator within 30 days of the meeting.
3. According to TMA Bylaws, if any representative fails to attend two consecutively scheduled meetings, the position shall be declared vacant.
4. Failure to meet the responsibilities and expectations of the TMA-MSS may result in a re-evaluation of the appointment.



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## **BOARDS**

**Board of Councilors:** Addresses questions of medical ethics, and issues charters for and supervises component county medical societies.

**TEXPAC Board of Directors:** Engages in political education for TMA, TEXPAC, and TMA Alliance members, encouraging involvement in the political arena on behalf of Texas medicine.

**TMA Foundation Board of Trustees:** The philanthropic arm, which funds many of TMA's public health and science initiatives.

## **COUNCILS**

**Council on Annual Session:** Plans, develops, administers, and evaluates programs at TexMed. The representative is also appointed as TexMed Student Forum Program Chair. Develops programs for the Resident/Student Forums, including topics, format, panel discussions, individual presentations, course objectives, and selection of speakers.

**Council on Communication:** Directs programs and campaigns necessary to inform members and the public of Association initiatives and policies as well as issues impacting health care.

**Council on Constitution and Bylaws:** Oversees fact-finding and serves as advisory body on matters pertaining to the TMA Constitution and Bylaws. Handles long-range organizational planning.

**Council on Health Service Organizations:** Studies, recommends, and initiates activities related to the number, organization, and service of health-care facilities.

**Council on Legislation:** Develops and implements legislative policies on the state and national levels.

**Council on Medical Education:** Coordinates TMA's medical education activities, monitors state and federal legislation, studies physician manpower, accredits continuing medical education activities, and monitors licensure and credentialing of physicians.

**Council on Member Services:** Develops member service programs to meet the needs of TMA physicians.

**Council on Public Health:** Evaluates and makes recommendations about overall public health, including support for the public health infrastructure, preventive medicine, health aspects of environmental affairs, and adolescent health.

**Council on Scientific Affairs:** Investigates scientific issues, including those raised by the media, and recommends policies; advises on the development of scientific aspects of medicine and biomedical research; educates the public on scientific affairs; and promotes science literacy.

**Council on Socioeconomics:** Studies, recommends, and engages in activities related to the socioeconomic aspects of medical care and regulations. Monitors and studies impact of managed care on the medical environment.

## **COMMITTEES**

**Committee on Blood and Tissue Usage:** Stays informed about transfusion medicine, recommends TMA policy, and helps ensure a continuous blood supply for Texas patients.

**Committee on Cancer:** Supervises activities of TMA related to cancer, and inaugurates and promotes educational movements among physicians and the public for control of cancer.

**Committee on Cardiovascular Diseases:** Oversees the TMA Stroke Project, a joint project of TMA and the American Heart Association, Texas Affiliate, Inc. designed to educate primary care physicians. Coordinates with other organizations about cardiovascular disease initiatives and issues.

**Committee on Child and Adolescent Health:** Promotes policies to encourage the development of healthy youth, including those with disabilities, and provides liaison with organizations concerned with health services for children and adolescents.

**Committee on Continuing Education:** Monitors and studies continuing medical education trends and issues and recommends CME policy; promotes high-quality CME programs for Texas physicians; reviews and evaluates physician CME needs; monitors planning, development, evaluation, and designation of credit hours for all TMA activities carrying AMA/PRA Category 1 credit; maintains CME program standards; and administers the Association's accreditation and joint sponsorship programs.

**Educational Scholarship and Loan Committee:** Reviews all aspects of student and resident loan programs, including usage of funds, deferment requests, and program improvements.

**Committee on Emergency Medical Services and Trauma:** Works in the formulation, initiation, and maintenance of community plans for emergency medical services leading to statewide coverage.

**Committee on Infectious Diseases:** Educates the profession and public on the prevalence, detection, diagnosis, and treatment of infectious diseases, including HIV, tuberculosis, and sexually transmitted diseases. Monitors legislation regarding infectious diseases.

**Committee on Maternal and Perinatal Health:** Reviews laws, regulations, and activities that impact maternal and perinatal health in the state and fosters coordination on issues common to both areas.

**Committee on Membership:** Provides guidance in the development of annual and long-term membership recruitment and retention programs.

**Committee on Physician Distribution and Health-Care Access:** Analyzes physician, nursing, and allied health workforce and its impact on access; promotes careers in medicine and the health professions.

**Committee on Physician Health and Rehabilitation:** Identifies physicians who may need evaluation and, if warranted, strongly urges treatment. Reviews rehabilitation provided to impaired physicians.

**Patient-Physician Advocacy Committee:** Monitors programs related to quality and utilization of medical care, including peer review. Recommends regulatory and legislative approaches to ensure high standards of care are available to all.

**Committee on Professional Liability:** Investigates the field of professional liability to follow current trends, conduct educational campaigns, and work with Association members on this issue.

**Committee on Rural Health:** Works toward the improvement of rural health; reviews and comments on laws, regulations, and activities that impact medicine in rural areas.





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**Reasons you are interested in serving on a TMA board/council/committee:**

**Pertinent background information not included in Curriculum Vitae:**

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