

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 to this application.

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 or mailed to Texas Medical Association, Attn: TMA-MSS Coordinator, 401 W. 15th Street, Austin, TX 78701.

Appointments last one year, and you must re-apply if you wish to continue serving in the position.

**Boards**

Board of Councilors

TEXPAC (TMA Political Action Committee) Board of Directors **\***

TMA Foundation Board of Trustees **+**

**\*** TEXPAC (9 positions available, one for each chapter)

**+** TMA Foundation Board of Trustees (1 position available)

**Councils**

Constitution and Bylaws

Health Care Quality

Health Promotion

Health Service Organizations

Legislation

Medical Education

Practice Management Services

Science and Public Health

Socioeconomics

**Committees**

Blood and Tissue Usage

Cancer

Child and Adolescent Health

Continuing Education

EMS and Trauma

Infectious Diseases

Maternal and Perinatal Health

Medical Home and Primary Care

**\*** (Only one position available)

Membership **\***

Patient-Physician Advocacy

Physician Distribution and Health-Care Access Physician Health and Wellness

Rural Health

TEXPAC Candidate Evaluation Committee **\***

TEXPAC Executive Committee **\***

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

1. Student representatives/alternates are required to attend all regular meetings of the board, council or committee to which they are appointed. Most meet three times annually during Winter Conference in January/February, TexMed in April/May, and Fall Conference in September/October. Your respective Chair or TMA staff contact will send you additional information regarding your meeting schedule.
2. Student representatives/alternates are asked to read the agenda sent by their Chair prior to the meeting so that he/she may be briefed on the items for discussion and actively participate in the meeting.
3. For most boards, councils and committees, the student representative is a full voting member. Therefore, it is important for the student to fully exercise that opportunity and for the alternate representative to be present to fill in during an absence and/or aid the representative on how best to speak for the voice of medical students.
4. Student representatives, with the assistance of the alternates, are required to submit a summary report to the TMA-MSS coordinator within 30 days of the meeting.
5. According to TMA Bylaws, if any representative fails to attend two consecutively scheduled meetings, the position shall be declared vacant.

**COUNCILS**

**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.

**Health Care Quality:** Establishes policy on the topics of quality improvement, patient safety, performance-based measurement and value-based payment mechanisms. Advocates to both payers and policymakers for fairness, standardization and investment in quality improvement for clinical practice. Creates education, tools and resources for physicians to understand and evaluate potential revenue (and/or penalties) in performance measurement programs based on evidence-based medicine.

**Council on Health Promotion**: Directs activities necessary to inform the membership and the public of problems, policies, positions, and programs of the association

**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 Practice Management Services**: Oversees all of the TMA practice management services that are provided directly to physicians and their staff, including payment advocacy programs, practice management consulting services, and health information technology initiatives.

**Council on Science and Public Health**: Advance the scientific basis of medical practice; anticipate high-priority public health and medical science issues and develop policy on these issues; advance the Association as a leader in medical science and public health advocacy; provide physicians with evidence-based public health and scientific information and; communicate Association policy and expertise on public health and medical science.

**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 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; reviews and evaluates physician CME needs; monitors planning, development, evaluation, and designation of credit hours for all TMA activities.

**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 Medical Home and Primary Care:** promote the medical home and integration of primary care, community care, and public health.

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

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

**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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CLASSIFICATION AS OF AUGUST 1st of this year (MSII, MSIII, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I currently serve as a MSS representative/alternate and wish to remain on the same board/council/committee.

I currently serve as a MSS representative/alternate and wish to serve on a new board/council/committee.

I have never served on a board/council/committee and wish to do so now.

**CHOICE 1**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Would you be willing to serve on more than one board, council or committee?**

YES NO

**If it is not possible to assign you to one of your three choices, would you be willing to serve on another board/council/committee?**

YES NO

If you would like more information regarding the function of the TMA boards, councils, or committees, please visit the TMA website at [http://www.texmed.org/BCCInfo](http://www.texmed.org/bccinfo) or contact the Section Coordinator at [mssinfo@texmed.org](mailto:mssinfo@texmed.org) or (512) 370-1448.

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

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

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