

**Texas Medical Association - Medical Student Section
Resolution Scoring Rubric**

Quality

- **Feasibility and Scope (3 points):**
 - Is the resolution feasible and appropriate for the TMA? **(2 points)**
 - Note actionable entails both that the word choice/word usage is not inflammatory, controversial, and that the “asks” are within reach--”asks” utilize words such as “support of, research, etc” and have less of a fiscal or monetary commitment from the TMA for the execution of the resolution.
 - The ask is actionable but not within the immediate scope of the TMA or immediate feasibility is uncertain (1 points)
 - If it is an ask that would be more readily actionable by the AMA or a specialty society or would be controversial to the political climate or TMA climate, it would not be within the immediate scope of the TMA.
 - If it is an ask that would be readily actionable by the TMA but would require a monetary investment or would involve the passage of laws/legislation on the state level, the immediate feasibility would be uncertain.
 - Not within the scope of the TMA’s goals or mission (0 points)
 - Similarly, if it is a controversial ask in terms of political climate (abortion, guns, etc) or falls outside of the TMA goals/missions, it would not be feasible.
 - Does this resolution address a new, broad principle that will be applicable to multiple issues and has timely application OR does it address a specific, current, actionable and timely issue? **(1 point)**
 - If the resolution falls under either of these categories, 1 point can be awarded.
- **Novelty (1 point):** Does this resolution address a subject matter largely neglected by current policy or add in a valuable way to existing policy? Is this resolution similar to or in opposition to current TMA policy? You can check the [TMA Policy Compendium](#) and [AMA Policy Finder](#) for existing policy.
 - The ask is completely novel (1 point)
 - The ask covers some existing policy but is not exactly the same (0.5 points)
 - The ask is extensively covered by existing policy or in direct conflict with existing policy (0 points)

- **Structure (2 points):**
 - No glaring/obvious holes in argument established by Whereas clauses (1 point) (i.e. nowhere do you have a resolved clause that doesn't have adequate evidence provided by whereas clauses)
 - All Whereas clauses support the Resolved clauses (1 point) (i.e every whereas clause is necessary in the flow of the argument-no extraneous or unnecessary clauses that are off topic)
- **Clarity (1 point):**
 - Everything in resolution was clear; no confusing statements that need to be clarified (1 point)
 - At least half of the statements were clear (0.5 points)
 - Less than half of the statements were clear (0 points)
- **Research (3 points):**
 - The resolution has **at least** one cited source & less than 50% references that are published more than 5 years ago (1 point)
 - Every reference is from trustworthy, high quality, evidence-based sources (e.g. peer-reviewed journals, respected news sources) and appropriate authorities (1 point)
 - Every reference is relevant to the argument to support the Resolved clauses (1 point)
- **Automatic - 2 points for wrong formatting. Please refer to https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kkMOLWJ-ckOTk_4CMrnI99gB44oYUOZITMiF5LMRhhw/edit?usp=sharing for formatting example.**

Total Score: ____/10

Resolution Dates & Deadlines
TexMed 2020

All deadlines expire at 11:59pm CST unless otherwise noted and must be met for further consideration.

Jan. 25	Winter Conference: Resolution Writing Workshop
Jan 29	Contact TMA Delegate Co-Chairs with resolution ideas Resolutions assigned Resolution Ad-Hoc Committee or EC mentors
Feb 5	Submit Resolution Draft and Coversheet to TMA Delegate Co-Chairs Deadline to reach out to relevant TMA BCCs
Feb 6-11	Resolution Caucus
Feb 12	Resolution feedback returned to authors
Feb 15	Final Resolutions Due to TMA Delegate Co-Chairs
Feb 15-18	Ad-Hoc & EC scoring of final resolutions
Feb 19-20, 5 pm	TMA-MSS Delegate Voting for MSS Support**
Feb 21 (Fri)	Final Resolutions Due to TMA
*April 24 (Fri)	TMA-MSS Caucus (Deadline to let TMA Delegate Co-chairs know if you will not be present at TexMed and whom you have designated to provide testimony on behalf of your resolution at Reference Committee Meetings)
April 30	Upload testimony for respective resolutions to online excel document
May 1	TexMed 2020 ***Reference Committees meet on May 1 in the morning. Authors or designees will need to be present at assigned Reference Committee to provide testimony.
May 2	TexMed 2020 House of Delegates Session ***Only Delegates and Alt Dels are required to attend. Authors and anyone interested in attending is allowed to attend. Only Delegates can provide testimony on the floor.

**Subject to change*

- **Initial grading**
 - Only resolutions scoring greater than 5 points out of 10 points on the February 5th submission will be moved forward for consideration for this year's TexMed; any scoring below this mark will be advised to table until the following year's TexMed
- **Final grading:**
 - Only resolutions scoring greater than 8 points out of 10 points on the February 15th will be passed on for House of Delegates recommendation