

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

- **Feasibility and Scope (2 points total):**

- Is the resolution feasible and appropriate for the TMA? **(Assign 2 points)**
  - Feasible = actionable. Actionable entails that the word choice/word usage is not inflammatory and that the “asks” are within reach for the TMA to act upon. “Asks” should 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.
  - Appropriate = supported by existing TMA policy and falls within the scope of TMA. Generally, TMA addresses topics related to the practice of medicine, including financial and organizational affairs, medical education, socioeconomic issues, and science and public health.
- The ask is feasible/actionable but not within the immediate scope of the TMA or the immediate feasibility is uncertain or may be more difficult to implement **(Assign 1 point)**
  - If it is an ask that would be more readily actionable by the AMA or a specialty society, or is clearly not supported by existing TMA policy, the scope and feasibility would be uncertain.
  - 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 more difficult to implement.
- The ask is not feasible/actionable nor is it within the scope of the [TMA's goals or mission](#) **(Assign 0 points)**

- **Timeliness (1 point total):**

- This resolution addresses a topic/issue that is time-sensitive, urgent, or especially relevant to the upcoming HOD assembly **(Assign 1 point)**
  - A non-exhaustive list of reasons a topic might be considered “urgent” include social/political environment, and relevance to current events.
  - Use discretion here: any resolution suggesting a consequence to the status quo may be deemed “timely.”
- This resolution does not require immediate address over the short term or does not have substantial consequences if not acted upon **(Assign 0 points)**

- **Novelty (1 point total):**
  - 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. If a resolution seeks to amend existing policy, but provides an amendment that is novel, the ask could be considered novel overall. **(Assign 1 point)**
  - The ask covers some existing policy but is not identical **(Assign 0.5 points)**
  - The ask is covered by or directly conflicts with existing policy **(Assign 0 points)**
  
- **Structure (2 points total):**
  - Every Whereas clause supports the Resolved clauses **(Assign 2 points)** (i.e. there are no Resolved clauses without justification from whereas clauses)
  - Over 1/2 the Whereas clauses support the Resolved clauses **(Assign 1 point)**
  - Under 1/2 the Whereas clauses support the Resolved clauses **(Assign 0 points)**
  
- **Flow (1 point total):**
  - The flow of the Whereas clauses was natural/easy to follow **(Assign 1 point)**
  - The flow of the Whereas clauses was difficult to follow **(Assign 0 points)**
  
- **Clarity (1 point total):**
  - Everything in the resolution was clear, and easy to understand **(Assign 1 point)**
  - At least half of the statements were clear **(Assign 0.5 points)**
  - Less than half of the statements were clear **(Assign 0 points)**
  
- **Research (2 points total):**
  - Every reference (AMA format) is from trustworthy, high quality, evidence-based sources (e.g. peer-reviewed journals, respected news sources) **(+0.5 points)**
  - Nearly all sources are published within the last 5 years or if are older are foundational to the point being made **(+0.5 points)**
  - The resolution is well researched and demonstrates high quality work **(+1 point)**

- -2 points for wrong formatting. References should be in AMA format. Reference the [MSS Resolution Submission Packet](#) for proper formatting
- +0.5 points for attending the Resolution Writing Workshop at Fall Conference

**Total Score:** \_\_\_\_/10

- **Initial grading**
  - First Draft Grading: Only resolutions scoring greater than 6 points out of 10 points following the 1st deadline review will move forward for consideration for this year's TexMed.
  - Second Draft Grading: Only Resolutions scoring greater than 8.5 out of 10 points following the 2nd deadline review will move forward for consideration for this year's TexMed.
- **Final grading:**
  - Only resolutions finalized by the final deadline will be passed on for recommendation to the TMA-MSS.
  - Only resolutions approved by the TMA-MSS will be sent forth to the TMA House of Delegates.

Reference the [TexMed 2024 Dates & Deadlines](#) document for this year's submission timeline.