Women Physicians Section Nominations and Caucus

Meeting Summary

The Women Physicians Section members met virtually on Tuesday, April 5 to open the nominations process for section executive council positions and discuss items relevant to the section in the 2022 House of Delegates Handbook. The following information is a summary of those discussions.

WPS Executive Council Nominations

Tina Philip, DO, TMA-WPS Chair, began the meeting by opening the nomination process for the following WPS executive council positions: chair-elect, secretary, TMA delegate and TMA alternate delegate.

One nomination was received for the position of chair-elect. Shanna Combs, MD, Ob/Gyn, from Fort Worth, TX was nominated.

The deadline to [submit an application](https://form.jotform.com/220894448135158) is **April 20**.

2022 House of Delegates Handbook Discussion

Section members discussed multiple reports and resolutions published in [TexMed 2022 HOD Handbook](https://www.texmed.org/uploadedFiles/Current/2016_About_TMA/TMA_Leadership/House_of_Delegates/2022%20HANDBOOK%20FOR%20DELEGATES.pdf) and voted to provide testimony on behalf of the section for the following items:

* Joint Report 1, Paid Sick Leave, p. 605
	+ A poll was taken to support the report and Tina Philip, DO, was identified to provide testimony on behalf of the section.
* Joint Report 3, Paid Parental Leave, p. 610
	+ A poll was taken to support the report and Tina Philip, DO, was identified to provide testimony on behalf of the section.
* C-SE Report 5, Improving Coverage and Access for Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment, p. 583
	+ A poll was taken to support the report and Cynthia Jumper, MD, was identified to provide testimony on behalf of the section.
* Resolution 101, Encouraging Participation in House of Delegates by Allowing Voting in Elections without Being Present at the HOD, p. 348
	+ A poll was taken to support the report and Zahra Ali, MD, was identified to provide testimony on behalf of the section.
* Resolution 111, Interference in the Patient-Physician Relationship, p. 372
	+ A poll was taken to support the resolution and Cynthia Jumper, MD was identified to provide testimony on behalf of the section.
* Resolution 414, Eradicating Gender Discrimination in Reimbursement, p. 641
	+ A poll was taken to support the resolution. Sara Woodward-Dyrstad, MD, was identified to provide testimony on behalf of the section.

Section members also discussed multiple items but ultimately determined no testimony would be provided as a section. The following is a list of those resolutions:

* BOT Report 11, Addressing Racism in Medicine, p. 421
	+ Cynthia Jumper, MD, brought to the floor discussion to raise awareness about the report.
* Resolution 102, Preserving the Viability of Independent Physician Practices, p. 350
	+ Section members were neutral about the resolution. They suggested an Ad-Hoc Committee or to meet informally to gauge participation.
* Resolution 108, Increasing Support for Doula Services to Address Perinatal Health Outcomes, p. 362
	+ Section members suggested more studies on this resolution.
* Resolution 110, Protecting the Patient-Physician Relationship by Eliminating Lawsuits Filed by Uninvolved Parties, p. 371
	+ Section members were neutral and noted that TMA is currently working on this initiative
* Resolution 301, Ensuring that Health-Related Public Policies Are Scientifically Based and Physician Driven, p. 492
	+ Section members were neutral since task forces are currently established for this initiative.
* Resolution 305, Creation of Standards through Consensus for Future Public Health Emergency Preparedness, p. 500
	+ Section members were neutral since there is already collaboration with appropriate stakeholders.
* Resolution 415, Amend TMA Policy 245.023 Equal Pay for Equal Work, p. 643
	+ Section members decided to wait for the interim reference committee report to be published prior to providing testimony on this resolution.

Finally, section members reviewed multiple resolutions which they determined did not need to be addressed during this meeting. The following is a list of those resolutions.

* Resolution 106, Bullying in the Practice of Medicine, p. 355
* Resolution 309, Asking the State Board of Education to Update Sexual Health Education Guidelines in Texas K-12 Public Schools, p. 505
* Resolution 311, Gun Safety Education in Schools, p. 512
* Resolution 319, Improving the Efficiency of the TxEVER System, p. 536
* Resolution 320, Addressing the Impact of Abortion Restrictions in Texas, p. 537
* Resolution 421, Strengthening Protections Against Government Interference in the Practice of Medicine, p. 661

WPS Meeting at TexMed 2022

**Join us on Saturday, April 30,** Noon-1:30 pm, where Sara Laschever will provide attendees information on negotiation skills for women. Admission is complimentary for TMA members registered for TexMed 2022, but seating is limited. To reserve your seat, be sure to indicate you plan to attend the Women Physicians Section business meeting when registering for [TexMed 2022](https://www.texmed.org/events/viewseminars.aspx?eventcode=TEXMED22R). **RSVPs are required**.