

**Board Deferred Consideration Until Conclusion of Pilot Program
(January 2020)
(Affirmed; 2021 Annual Meeting)**

ILLINOIS STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

**Resolution 06.2019-03
(A-20)**

Introduced by: Paul E. Pedersen, MD, ISMS Member
Subject: Mission and Vision Statements
Referred to: Special Committee

1 Whereas, the current purpose statement of the Illinois State Medical Society
2 (ISMS) states “The Illinois State Medical Society is a professional organization that
3 represents and unifies its physician members as they practice the science and art of
4 medicine. The Society represents the interests of member physicians, advocates for
5 patients and promotes the doctor/patient relationship, the ethical practice of medicine,
6 and the betterment of the public health.” (ISMS Constitution, Article II); and
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8 Whereas, this is a description of the organization and not a mission statement;
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11 Whereas, there is no defined vision statement for ISMS; and
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13 Whereas, ISMS is undergoing a profound change in its organizational structure;
14 therefore, be it
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16 RESOLVED, that a mission statement for the Illinois State Medical Society be
17 adopted in conjunction with the Pilot initiative, such as “The mission of the Illinois State
18 Medical Society is to educate, advocate for and support the health and wellbeing of the
19 people of Illinois and the physicians who care for them.”; and be it further
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21 RESOLVED, that a vision statement for the Illinois State Medical Society be
22 adopted in conjunction with the Pilot initiative, such as “Through the collective voice of
23 Illinois physicians, the Illinois State Medical Society will work individually and
24 collaboratively with other organizations to transform healthcare in Illinois to the benefit
25 of Illinois citizens and healthcare providers.”

Fiscal Note:

N/A

Existing ISMS policy related to this issue:

From Substitute Resolution A100 (A-17), Pilot Plan for Restructuring ISMS and Modernizing the Annual Meeting: That as part of the pilot process, ISMS formally collaborate with county medical societies in the development of new regional medical societies and the formation of a common future vision. Further, ISMS is to provide regular and frequent progress reports to county and new regional medical societies that include a feedback mechanism. (HOD 2018)

Board of Trustees approved establishment of a process overseen by the Executive Committee to develop and present an updated ISMS mission statement reflecting the House-approved strategic plan elements. (BOT 2011-OCT)

To guide future activities, programs, resource allocation, physician outreach and organizational advocacy in this era of large-scale medical practice consolidation and evolution, the following statement of principles is the policy of ISMS: 1. ISMS recognizes and welcomes the diversity of physician practice throughout Illinois; this diversity brings strength to ISMS and to our members' mission of providing high quality patient-centered care, by supporting ISMS members in their efforts. 2. ISMS represents Illinois physicians, physician-led organizations, residents and medical students regardless of practice model. In working to forge common ground on core issues, ISMS affords equal weight and consideration to members' views that emanate from widely differing practice situations. 3. ISMS welcomes membership and involvement of physicians, residents and medical students from all practice modes and all areas of Illinois to bring forward their perspectives and concerns for open review and discussion within the Society. 4. ISMS strives to address the needs of its diverse member segments through proactive issue advocacy, programming, targeted communications and other activities. The Society may use physician advisory panels and other appropriate means to identify and develop programs, policies and other valued benefits and features that will attract and engage specific membership segments. A targeted menu of benefits, resources and communications for large groups and/or employed physicians may be tested and utilized by the Society to demonstrate membership value and relevance. 5. ISMS encourages leadership development and service from physicians in all practice models, all geographic areas of Illinois and all ages and specialty groups. This includes leadership consideration for physicians who are employed by hospital systems or working in and/or leading large group practices, as well as those involved in academic medicine, health care related administrative roles, independent medical practice and other modalities. (HOD 2016)