

**ILLINOIS STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY**

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Subject: Organizational Support for the Pilot Restructuring Plan

Referred to: Executive Committee

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1           Whereas, our Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS) has committed to a pilot  
2 three-year redesign of the Annual Meeting and the Trustee Regions; and

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4           Whereas, the new five Regional Trustees and five At-Large Trustees will be  
5 charged with large geographical areas and a substantial workload to achieve the goals  
6 of the ISMS and its pilot plan; and

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8           Whereas, this might entail a great need for support in so far as planning,  
9 communications, policy research, publications distribution and advocacy efforts; and

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11           Whereas, the new trustees will be making a big investment in time, and can ill  
12 afford delays in fulfilling their ISMS, needs; therefore, be it

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14           RESOLVED, that our excellent ISMS redouble its usual very timely and efficient  
15 efforts to insure the success of the trustees' endeavors; and be it further

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17           RESOLVED, that our ISMS maximize the trustees' access to audio, video, print,  
18 electronic and social media resources when it is in the best interest of the Society's  
19 mission; and be it further

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21           RESOLVED, that each and every one of our ISMS members also endeavors to  
22 support and assist the trustees in their efforts to improve membership recruitment,  
23 satisfaction and retention.

**Fiscal Note:**

**TBD**

**Existing ISMS policy related to this issue:**

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)