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**RESOLUTION:** # S'18-4

**SUBMITTED BY:** Alicia Kurtz, MD, EMRA Immediate Past President with support from the EMRA Board of Directors

**SUBJECT:** MSC Chair Voting Rights on EMRA Board of Directors

1 **Whereas** medical students represent the fastest growing section of EMRA membership, including a 12% increase in  
2 calendar year 2017 totaling almost 4,000 medical student members, which is over 20% of EMRA's membership; and  
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4 **Whereas** EMRA's medical student members will soon be resident members and, as such, their needs, interests, and  
5 insights are vital to the continued success of our organization; and  
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7 **Whereas** the Medical Student Council Chair (MSC) represents the voice of EMRA's medical student members to the  
8 EMRA Board of Directors; and  
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10 **Whereas** EMRA's MSC Chair is chosen and appointed by the EMRA President with majority approval from the  
11 EMRA Board of Directors in a manner defined by the policy compendium based on previous service and performance  
12 on the MSC; and  
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14 **Whereas** EMRA's past MSC Chairs have consistently proven active, productive members of the Board of Directors  
15 whose contributions have made EMRA stronger far beyond improving our medical student member benefits; and  
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17 **Whereas** allowing the MSC Chair a formal vote would recognize the importance and contributions of our medical  
18 student membership and student leaders in EMRA; Therefore, be it  
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20 **RESOLVED** that EMRA shall adopt the following changes to the EMRA bylaws:  
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22 **ARTICLE III**  
23 **MEMBERSHIP**  
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25 Section 2.2 — Student Members  
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27 Section 2.2.1 — Qualifications

28 Any allopathic, osteopathic, or international student attending a medical school is eligible for student membership.  
29 Any student granted a leave of absence from their medical school, may remain eligible for student membership for the  
30 duration of their leave of absence, as long as it is honored by their respective school. All student members shall  
31 maintain membership in the American College of Emergency Physicians.  
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33 Section 2.2.2 — Rights

34 Student members are entitled to attend and address meetings of the Association, to vote, and to sit on committees.  
35 Student members, **with the exception of the Medical Student Council (MSC) Chair**, may not hold office.  
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**ARTICLE V  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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40 Section 1 — Composition of the Board of Directors

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42 The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the Association, Five Members-At-Large, Ex-Officio liaisons,  
43 and the [Medical Student Council \(MSC\) Chair](#) as appointed by the president of the organization.

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45 Section 1.1 — Members-At-Large

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47 Section 1.1.1 — Qualifications

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49 Five Members-At-Large (“Members-At-Large”) shall be elected to the Board of Directors at the Annual meeting of  
50 the Association. Members At-Large shall be chosen from the active or international membership. No more than two  
51 officers or directors may be elected from the same residency program for the same or overlapping terms of office.

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53 Section 1.1.2 — Duties

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55 Members At-Large shall be voting members of the Board of Directors and shall share fully with the officers of the  
56 Board of Directors in the management of the Association.

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58 Section 1.1.3 — Vacancy

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60 Should the seat of a Member-At-Large become vacant, or a Member-At-Large be unable or unqualified to serve, the  
61 position shall be filled by an election held at the next Annual meeting of the Association. Should the position become  
62 vacant at a time greater than six months before the next Annual meeting of the Association, the President may appoint  
63 a person to fill the vacancy for the remaining term subject to majority approval of the Board of Directors. Should the  
64 position become vacant at a time less than six months before the next Annual meeting of the Association, the  
65 President may allocate the duties of the vacant position among the remaining directors until the office is filled by  
66 election at the next Annual meeting of the Association.

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68 Section 1.1.4 — Recall

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70 Any Member-At-Large may be recalled at any meeting of the Representative Council by a three-quarters vote of the  
71 representatives present, as certified by the chair of the credentials and tellers committee. A recall must be initiated by  
72 a petition signed by representatives present at that meeting. The number of signatures on the recall petition shall  
73 represent at least one-third of the number of eligible votes present at the meeting in which the Member-At-Large was  
74 elected, as certified in the final report of the chair of the credentials and tellers committee in order to be valid.

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76 In the event of recall of a Member-At-Large of the Board of Directors, a replacement shall be immediately installed in  
77 accordance with Article V, Section 1.1.3 and Article IX of these bylaws from nominations from the floor of the  
78 Representative Council to fill the balance of the unexpired term.

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80 Section 1.2 – Ex-Officio Board Members

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82 Section 1.2.1 — Qualifications

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84 Ex Officio Board members will be appointed by the President of the Association with majority approval by the board  
85 of directors. Ex Officio members shall be chosen from the active, international, fellow, alumni, or student  
86 membership.

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88 Section 1.2.2 — Duties

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90 Ex Officio members will attend all board of director meetings, be allowed to make motions and participate in debate.  
91 Ex Officio members will not count towards quorum and will not be entitled to vote.

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93 Section 1.2.3 — Vacancy

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95 Should the seat of an Ex Officio member become vacant, or an Ex Officio member be unable or unqualified to serve,  
96 the position shall be filled by appointment at the discretion of the President.

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98 Section 1.2.3 – Term

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100 The term of Ex Officio members will be determined by the President of the Association in consultation with the  
101 Board of Directors

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104 Section 1.3 Medical Student Council (MSC) Chair

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106 Section 1.3.1 — Qualifications

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108 The MSC Chair shall be a medical student member appointed annually to the Board of Directors by the President of  
109 the Association with majority approval by the board of directors.

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111 Section 1.3.2 — Duties

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113 The MSC Chair will attend all board of director meetings, be allowed to make motions and participate in debate.

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115 After appointment, the MSC Chair will be presented to the EMRA Representative Council at the next meeting of the  
116 Association for consideration of confirmation as an additional voting member of the EMRA Board of Directors. If  
117 approved by a majority vote, the MSC Chair shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors and shall share fully  
118 with the other voting Members-At-Large of the Board of Directors in the management of the Association. If not  
119 approved by a majority vote, the MSC Chair will serve on the EMRA Board of Directors as an Ex Officio member.

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121 Section 1.3.3 — Vacancy

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123 Should the seat of the MSC Chair become vacant, or the MSC Chair be unable or unqualified to serve, the position  
124 shall be filled by appointment at the discretion of the President with the majority consent of the Board of Directors. In  
125 this case, the replacement MSC Chair would remain an Ex Officio member of the board until the next meeting of the  
126 Association when he or she will be considered for confirmation.

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128 Section 1.3.4 — Recall

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130 The MSC Chair may be recalled at any meeting of the Board of Directors by a three-quarters vote of the board  
131 members present.

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133 In the event of recall of the MSC Chair, a replacement shall be immediately installed in accordance with Article V,  
134 Section 1.3.3.”; be it further

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136 **RESOLVED** that EMRA shall adopt the following changes to the EMRA bylaws:  
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139 **Article VI**  
**Representative Council**

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141 Section 1 — Composition of the Representative Council  
142 The Representative Council shall consist of resident, and medical student members.

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Section 1.1 — Residency Program Representative

Each emergency medicine residency program recognized by the Association will be allocated one residency program representative. Program representatives should be elected or appointed for one-year terms by their peers. Credentialed representatives are allotted one vote for each EMRA member at their residency program as of thirty days prior to the meeting of the Representative Council.

Section 1.2 — Medical Student Representatives

The Chair of the EMRA Medical Student Council (MSC) will be allocated one vote for every twenty-five EMRA medical student members as of thirty days prior to the meeting of the Representative Council. If the MSC Chair is unavailable, he or she may select an alternate MSC Member to vote on behalf of EMRA's student members.

Section 1.3 — Verification

All representatives shall be verified by the Speaker of the Representative Council at least thirty days prior to the scheduled meeting. No representative shall be seated who is not a member of the Association. No member of the Board of Directors may simultaneously serve as a [residency program or fellow](#) representative to the Representative Council.”

Relevant EMRA policy: included in body of resolution

Financial Note: None