AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

HOUSE OF DELEGATES 2013

RESOLUTION: B-2

INTRODUCED BY:	Nida Degesys, National Vice-President of Internal Affairs; Deborah Hall, National Secretary; Elizabeth Wiley, National President
SCHOOL:	Northeast Ohio Medical University; University of Connecticut SOM; George Washington University School of Medicine
SUBJECT:	Election Code of Conduct
TYPE:	Resolution of Internal Affairs

WHEREAS, there have been prior allegations of misconduct against candidates for AMSA national office related to the use of social media; and

WHEREAS, modes of mass communication and media have increased to include Facebook, Twitter, and the like; and

WHEREAS, the Nominations Committee in 2012 needed additional guidance in the event of an allegation after the completion of an election,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Internal Affairs, Section I, Subsection G, (p. 14), be AMMENDED to read:

Section I. Elections of the Officers and Trustees of the Association

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<u>G. Code of Election Conduct</u>

1. No distribution of campaign materials. The Nominations Committee chair, with the assistance of the Secretary and Vice President for Internal Affairs, will determine how the candidates will identify themselves as such.

2. No form of mass communication will be utilized by any candidate in efforts to "campaign" with the general membership. This includes the prohibition of posting candidacy on Facebook or social media outlets. Candidates will submit application materials and these materials will be uniformly disseminated by the Secretary and Vice President for Internal Affairs.

3. Nominees shall publicly address the membership only at times designated by the Nominations Committee.
4. Receptions and/or hospitality should not be used for promotion of an individual candidate.
5. No member of AMSA shall recklessly or negligently disseminate information on behalf of a candidate about another AMSA member or candidate. In addition, no AMSA member shall take any action to unduly positively or negatively affect the election outcome of any candidate, including but not limited to posting on Facebook, Twitter, Inspiration Exchange, blogs or other social media. If this occurs, any knowing individual is obligated to notify the Nominations Committee in writing immediately, preferably by 5 p.m. the night prior to the election. If it is submitted after 5 p.m., then the Nominations Committee shall have the power to postpone the election for that office to review the allegations. If the allegation of misconduct is found to be valid or will discredit the organization, the Nominations Committee shall determine the best course of action. If the allegation is submitted after the election for that office the Nominations Committee shall determine the best course of action, which includes but is not limited to re-opening election for that office.
6. The Secretary and the Vice President for Internal Affairs (if not running for a national office) shall advise the Nominations Committee as necessary and conduct the HOD as appropriate.

Fiscal Note: NONE