

1994 RESOLUTIONS

An AAOS Resolution is an official statement of policy, adopted by majority vote of the AAOS Fellowship casting ballots and binding on AAOS and its Board of Directors. An AAOS Resolution is not a product of a systematic review, but rather Open Hearings and the opinions of AAOS Fellows.

Newly Adopted Resolutions

Orthopaedic Workforce Assessment

American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons – R1994A

Adopted 1994

- A. Resolved, that the American American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall continue to take an active role in assessing orthopaedic work force needs in response to the changing practice environment. (R1994A)

Public Relations Program Regarding Managed Care

Academy – R1994B

Adopted 1994

- A. Resolved, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall continue its implementation of an “effective broad based public advocacy campaign designed to educate the public about the strengths and weaknesses of managed care and other health care reforms.” (R1994B)

Policy in the National Debate over Medical Care in the United States

Academy – R1994C

Adopted 1994

- A. Resolved, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons of Orthopaedic Surgeons reaffirm its Principles of Health Care Reform; and be it further (R1994C1)
- B. Resolved, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall not endorse President Clinton’s Health Security Act (H.R.3600; S.1757) in its current form where it conflicts with the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons’ Principles of Health Care Reform. (R1994C2)

AAOS Selective Membership Process

Academy – R1994D

Adopted 1994

- A. Resolved, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall alter its process for admission to Fellowship so as to admit any applicant who is certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (ABOS) and who has been approved by an American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons-conducted, cost-effective, modified credentialing process. (R1994D)

Review of Previously Adopted Resolutions

Recertification; ABOS; Fifth Pathway

Academy – R1991A

Adopted 1991; retained 1994

- A. Resolved, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, recognizing that the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery initiated time limited certificates for orthopaedic surgeons in 1986, and is likely to continue issuing time limited certificates for the foreseeable future, hereby reaffirms its action of 1990 regarding recertification and the importance of continuous update of a knowledge base in orthopaedics; and be it further [Retain] (R1991A1)
- B. Resolved, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons encourage and assist the ABOS in the development of a fifth assessment pathway to be based on appropriate continuing medical education and self-assessment at home; and be it further [Retain] (R1991A2))
- C. Resolved, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons rescind all resolutions on the issue of recertification adopted by the Fellowship prior to 1990. [Retain] (1991A3)

Update of Orthopaedic Knowledge; Recertification; ABOS

Academy – R1990C

Adopted 1990; retained 1994

- A. Resolved, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons endorse the concept that a continuous update of a knowledge base in orthopaedics is essential to provide quality health care; and be it further [Retain] (R1990C1)
- B. Resolved, that the recertification process of the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgeons (ABOS) be clearly defined as a method of determining the maintenance of adequate and appropriate current knowledge of orthopaedic surgery, rather than an effort to determine continuing competence, and that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons urge ABOS to adopt this position; and be it further [Retain] (R1990C2)
- C. Resolved, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons urge the ABOS to adopt a position that a proctored, written examination not be the sole pathway for this recertification process; and be it further [Retain] (R1990C3)
- D. Resolved, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons be a principle instrument to ensure opportunities for the maintenance of orthopaedic knowledge; and be it further [Retain] (R1990C4)
- E. Resolved, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons support the continuing dialogue between the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the ABOS in which the most efficient and reliable mechanisms for this evaluation process can be identified and be it further [Retain] (R1990C5)

Certificates of Added Qualification (CAQs); Residency Review Committee Academy – R1989A/B

Adopted 1989; modified and retained 1990 and 1994

- A. Resolved, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons register its strong opposition to Certificates of Added Qualification (CAQs) as an appropriate mechanism in recognizing special skills in orthopaedic surgery at this time. [Rescind] (R1989A1)
- B. Resolved, that if additional CAQs are proposed for consideration by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, that meaningful and jointly shared impact studies be developed by the specialty societies, the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the American Board of Medical Specialties; and be it further [Retain] (R1989A2)
- C. Resolved, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons direct its efforts to influence all organizations in orthopaedics to prevent exclusivity through restrictive CAQs; and be it further [Retain] (R1989A3)
- D. Resolved, that this position and the legitimate concerns of the Fellowship be communicated to the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery and the American Board of Medical Specialties; and be it further [Retain] (R1989A4)
- E. Resolved, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons continue to strongly support the work of the Residency Review Committee on Orthopaedic Surgery in its role of accrediting fellowship programs in an efficient and effective manner. [Retain] (R1989B)
- F. Resolved, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Fellowship reconfirm its action of 1989 to oppose the issuance of additional Certificates of Added Qualification in the field of orthopaedic surgery. [Rescind] (R1989A5)

Nominees for the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery Academy – R1989C

Adopted 1989; retained 1994

- A. Resolved, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons' Board of Directors develop guidelines for the Nominating Committee to use when considering nominees for the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. Nominated Fellows shall reflect the broad interests of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Fellowship. [Retain] (1989C1)
- B. Resolved, that the Board of Directors immediately communicate these guidelines to the American Medical Association Section Council on Orthopaedic Surgery and insist that the American Medical Association Board of Trustees utilize the Section Council as its resource to determine its nominees for the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery as is required by its Bylaws. [Retain] (R1989C2)
- C. Resolved, that the Board of Directors communicate a strong recommendation to the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery that the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery increase its size to include additional representation from the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. [Retain] (R1989C3)

AAOS/ABOS Joint Task Force Academy – R1989D

Adopted 1989; rescinded 1994

- A. Resolved, that the Joint AAOS/ABOS Task Force be continued and the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons continue to insure that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons representatives reflect these broadly based concepts and concerns; and be it further [Rescind] (R1989D1)
- B. Resolved, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons maintain continuity in representation on this Task Force and encourage the same from the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery; and be it further [Rescind] (R1989D2)
- C. Resolved, that the Board of Directors regularly inform the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Fellowship regarding progress in this continuing dialogue with the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. [Rescind] (1989D3)