

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 607
(I-16)

Introduced by: Pennsylvania

Subject: Analysis of American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) Finances

Referred to: Reference Committee F
(Gary R. Katz, MD, Chair)

1 Whereas, The American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM), a 501(c)(3) organization, used \$56
2 million of diplomats' money to form another 501(c)(3) corporation known as the ABIM
3 Foundation; and

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5 Whereas, The ABIM Foundation uses the income of the \$56 million for internal salaries, dubious
6 research which consistently publishes data in support of MOC, and approximately \$500,000 a
7 year for high-end retreats at the county's most expensive resorts; and

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9 Whereas, The ABIM paid its President \$2,774,000 for her final 30 months of employment (an
10 annualized salary of \$1.1 million dollars); and

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12 Whereas, The ABIM President gave her First Assistant a raise of \$103,000/year in 2011,
13 \$83,000/year in 2014, and a bonus of \$313,000 in 2011 for total earnings well in excess of
14 \$500,000; and

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16 Whereas, The ABIM purchased a condominium for \$2.3 million and sold it for \$1.7 million losing
17 \$600,000 in cash along with real estate sales and transfer fees adding another loss of
18 approximately \$200,000, and chose to house its out-of-town guests in the most expensive per
19 square foot real estate in the city of Philadelphia as well as provide a chauffeur-driven limousine
20 for their use; and

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22 Whereas, The top employees at the ABIM are receiving retirement contributions of 18 percent
23 per year (fully funded by the ABIM with no employee contributions) in contrast to the industry
24 average of five percent; and

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26 Whereas, There may well be many more undiscovered excessive expenses at the ABIM;
27 therefore be it

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29 RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association, prior to the end of December 2016,
30 formally, directly and openly ask the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) if they would
31 allow an independent outside organization, representing ABIM physician stakeholders, to
32 independently conduct an open audit of the finances of both the American Board of Internal
33 Medicine (ABIM), a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, non-profit organization, and its Foundation (Directive
34 to Take Action); and be it further

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36 RESOLVED, That in its request, our AMA seek a formal and rapid reply from the ABIM so that
37 issues of concern that currently exist between the ABIM and its Foundation and many members
38 of the AMA and the physician community at large can be addressed in a timely, effective and
39 efficient fashion (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

- 1 RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association (AMA) share the response to this request,
- 2 as well as the results of any subsequent analysis with our AMA House of Delegates and our
- 3 membership at large as soon as it is available. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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