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In 1904, it was stated in the AMA Bylaws that the function of the Council on Medical Education includes making an annual report to the HOD on the current state of medical education in the US; making suggestions as to the best way for the AMA to influence medical education; and acting as the agent of the AMA in its efforts to elevate medical education. The current council does much of its work through five committees: Executive Committee; Undergraduate Medical Education Committee; Graduate Medical Education Committee; Continuing Medical Education Committee; and Nominations Committee. The Council on Medical Education writes reports and formulates policy recommendations to be presented to the HOD; responds to external requests for commentary; and works with other groups of the AMA and groups outside the AMA to address medical education issues of mutual concern.

I can certainly say that already in my brief time on the council, the work is fluid and ongoing. We do much of it by email and conference call in the five committees. Our first in person meeting is the third week of September. It is an honor to follow in the footsteps of Southeastern Delegation members of the Council, both current and former. I find this work to be a privilege and an integral part of the AMA's function.

Thank you all, again, for your support of me.

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