



MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL SOCIETY

RESIDENT AND FELLOW SECTION (MMS-RFS)

2026-2027 GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION INFORMATION

What does the MMS-RFS Governing Council do?

Members of the RFS Governing Council represent the interests of all the residents and fellows training in Massachusetts. They work as patient and physician advocates; plan educational programs; organize social events; write, review and endorse resolutions; discuss graduate medical education; promote resident physician leadership; and assist with membership recruitment and engagement for the section.

MMS-RFS Governing Council positions available for 2026-2027 election:

- ❖ **Vice Chairperson (+ MMS Delegate and AMA-RFS Assembly Delegate)** (an officer)
- ❖ **Resident Primary Trustee* to MMS Board of Trustees (+MMS Delegate and AMA-RFS Assembly Delegate)** (an officer)
- ❖ **Resident Secondary Trustee* to MMS Board of Trustees (+MMS Delegate and AMA-RFS Assembly Delegate)** (an officer)
- ❖ **Secretary (+MMS Delegate and AMA-RFS Assembly Delegate)** (an officer)
- ❖ **MMS Delegates – RFS Delegates to the MMS House of Delegates** – Three (3) positions available (at-large GC member)
- ❖ **AMA-RFS Delegates – MA Delegates to the AMA-RFS Assembly** – Up to (7) positions available (at-large GC member)

Position Responsibilities:

The **Vice Chairperson** shall assist the Chairperson and/or Chairperson-Elect with their duties. They shall also coordinate the Section's testimony at national (AMA-RFS Assembly) meetings and serve as delegate to the MMS House of Delegates and the AMA-RFS Assembly Meetings.

The **Primary Trustee** and **Secondary Trustee** shall represent the MMS-RFS at the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts Medical Society, which [meets six times a year](#) from 9:30am to 1pm virtually. The Secondary Trustee shall attend the BOT meeting and have the right to vote if the Primary Trustee cannot attend. The Primary Trustee and Secondary Trustee shall also serve as delegates to the MMS House of Delegates, lead and coordinate testimony of the RFS delegation to the MMS House of Delegates, and serve as delegates to the AMA-RFS Assembly Meetings.

The **Secretary** shall be responsible for receiving reports from resident members of MMS committees and report relevant committee activities to the RFS Governing Council. The Secretary shall serve as a delegate to the MMS House of Delegates and the AMA-RFS Assembly Meetings.

The **MMS Delegates (RFS Delegates to the MMS House of Delegates)** shall represent the MMS-RFS at the Massachusetts Medical Society House of Delegates, which meets biannually for two non-consecutive days during the months of November/December and April/May. Each delegate must be a member of the MMS. *MMS Delegates are also eligible to be elected as delegates to the AMA-RFS Assembly Meetings.*

The **AMA-RFS Delegates (MA Delegates to the AMA-RFS Assembly)** shall serve as the representatives for the resident and fellow physicians in Massachusetts to the AMA Resident and Fellow Section. The AMA-RFS Assembly meets biannually during the months of November and June for a full day on a Friday in a destination city. Each delegate must be a member of the MMS and the AMA. Funding for travel is provided by the MMS.

Please note – an individual CAN be elected to serve as an MMS Delegate and AMA-RFS Delegate simultaneously.

Time commitment and term-length of elected positions:

- The entire Massachusetts Medical Society Resident and Fellow Section (MMS-RFS) Governing Council (GC) meets approximately 4 times per year, virtually. The MMS-RFS Governing Council may also conduct business discussion via email or GroupMe between GC meetings.
- The eight MMS-RFS Governing Councilors who serve as Delegates to the MMS House of Delegates (these are the five officers and three elected at-large MMS delegates) also attend up to four caucus meetings in preparation for the MMS House of Delegates per year, and attend the MMS House of Delegates Interim meetings on **November 16 & December 5** (virtually) and Annual Meetings in **April** (virtually) & **May** (in-person in Waltham, MA). *Hotel costs and mileage reimbursement are provided for resident/fellow MMS Delegates to stay in Waltham, if needed.*
- The twelve MMS-RFS Governing Councilors who serve as Delegates to the American Medical Association Resident and Fellow Section Assembly (these are the five officers and seven elected at-large AMA-RFS delegates) also attend up to four caucus meetings in preparation for the AMA-RFS Assembly meetings per year, and attend the AMA-RFS Interim and Annual Assembly Meetings. The 2026-2027 AMA-RFS Assembly meetings are scheduled for **November 5-6, 2026 in Orlando, FL** and **June 10 - 11, 2027 in Chicago, IL**. *Funding for travel is provided for elected AMA-RFS Delegates by the MMS.*
- Terms of office are for one year, beginning June 11, 2026.

Membership and requirements:

- All officer positions and AMA-RFS Delegate positions require that you are a member of both the MMS and the AMA.
- MMS Delegate positions require that you are a member of the MMS.
- Nominees for the position of Primary Trustee and Secondary Trustee must have previously attended a meeting of the AMA or MMS House of Delegates or have attended a meeting of the MMS RFS Governing Council within the last academic year (7/1/25 through present) to be considered for the position
If being nominated for Primary Trustee or Secondary Trustee, please indicate which AMA or MMS meeting(s) you have attended in 2025-2026:

If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else, please complete the nomination form and return it to the MMS by midnight, Monday, April 27, 2026, by e-mail to chennessy@mms.org. Please provide a head shot/photo along with completed application.

Candidates will also be invited to submit up to a one-minute video statement for review by voting members during the balloting period. Nominees will be contacted with further instructions once the nomination period has closed.

Balloting for elections will be conducted electronically from May 16 to May 31, 2026.



MMS-RFS 2026-2027 GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION INFORMATION

Nominee’s Full Name (include credentials): _____

Nomination for the position(s) of:

- Vice Chairperson & MMS/AMA-RFS Delegate
- Resident Primary Trustee* to MMS Board of Trustees & MMS/AMA-RFS Delegate
- Resident Secondary Trustee* to MMS Board of Trustees & MMS/AMA-RFS Delegate
- Secretary to MMS-RFS Governing Council & MMS/AMA-RFS Delegate
- MMS Delegate
- AMA-RFS Delegate
- Both MMS and AMA-RFS Delegate

Email: _____

Street or PO Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____

Hospital Affiliation: _____

Specialty: _____ **Anticipated Year of Training Completion:** _____

If not self-nominating, please complete the following information and request a statement of interest from your nominee before submitting this form:

Your Name: _____

Your Email: _____

Nominees: Please provide a brief statement of interest below (no more than 200 words).

Statements will be distributed to voting members in advance of balloting.

Statement of Interest

** required to complete meeting attendance question on page 2 for this position*

**EMAIL this completed form along with headshot/photo to: chennessy@mms.org
by midnight, Monday, April 27, 2026**