

RIMS Committee Descriptions

Finance Committee

The Committee on Finance is a standing committee of the Society. It is chaired by the Treasurer and supports the Treasurer in the performance of the duties associated with that office.

~ Meets quarterly with one additional meeting during Q3.

Mediation Committee

The Mediation Committee is a standing committee of the Society charged to respond to complaints lodged by individual members of the public against particular physicians. The Chair and members of the Mediation Committee are elected annually by the Council. The Chair may also take an active role in constituting the Committee, the size of which is not set but should be very small. The Chair shall have discretion to seek out advice and expertise relevant to a particular case.

~ Meets only as needed.

Physician Health Committee

The Physician Health Committee (PHC) is a standing committee of the Society established in 1978. It works in a highly confidential manner to assist clinicians in managing stressors in their professional and personal lives for the purpose of ensuring that the clinician is consistently able to care for patients at the peak of the clinician's potential.

~ Meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month.

Physician Health Governance Committee

The Physician Health Program Governance Committee is a standing committee of the RIMS Foundation and has general oversight over operations and finances of the PHP.

~ Meets quarterly.

Climate Change and Health Committee

The Climate Change and Health Committee brings RI physicians together to share their experiences on caring for patients affected by climate change and advocating for climate change mitigation legislation including a transition to green energy, climate change adaptation measures, and waste reduction across industries.

~ Meets monthly on the third Thursday.

Awards Committee

The RIMS Council recommended convening an ad-hoc awards committee. The committee will review the existing recognition and awards programs and recommend modifications and new programs to the RIMS Board of Directors. RIMS is currently recruiting volunteers from the membership to serve on the committee. The committee will likely meet 2-3 times over the next few months via zoom at a time convenient to participants.

~Meets 4-5 times annually.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee provides oversight to membership development programs and promotional opportunities for RIMS, including recruitment, retention, and related outreach activities, while using multiple marketing channels. Attention is focused on constituencies that will increase the diversity of the membership base and address new modes of practice and employment models through group enrollment. This committee meets as needed.

~ Meets at minimum quarterly, but more frequently as needed.

Public Laws Committee

The Committee on Public Laws is a standing committee of the Society. It:

- Has a Chair and a Vice Chair, each appointed annually by the President. Appointments are normally made between sessions of the General Assembly rather than during the legislative season.
- Provides direction and advice to the Director of Government Relations & Public Affairs.
- Originates legislative ideas and systematically elicits legislative suggestions from medical specialty organizations, other physician groups, and individual members of the Society.
- Recommends legislative initiatives, positions, and priorities to the Board of Directors.
- Oversees the development and promotion of legislative initiatives approved by the Board of Directors.
- Reviews all legislative bills introduced in the General Assembly during each legislative session.
- Recommends to the Board of Directors which bills merit support or opposition, and which are to be monitored.
- Directs and coordinates efforts to influence legislation, as determined and prioritized by the Board of Directors.
- Reports regularly to the President and the Board of Directors regarding legislative developments, especially during the legislative season.
- Advises RIMPAC on election support for individual political candidates.

~ Meets monthly on the third Monday of the Month during session and one additional meeting in the fall to set priorities.

Nominations Committee

The Committee on Nominations is a standing committee of the Society. The Committee:

- Has seven (7) members as follows: Immediate Past President, Chair, President, President-Elect, Vice President, three at-large members of the Society who do not serve on the Board of Directors (the three at-large members shall be selected and appointed by the President-Elect to 3-year staggered terms).
- Initially, one of the three at-large members shall be appointed for a 3-year term and shall be eligible for re-appointment only after leaving the Committee for at least one year. Another of the initial three shall be appointed for a 2-year term and shall be eligible for reappointment to one 3-year term and shall be eligible for further reappointment only after leaving the Committee for at least one year. One of the initial three shall be appointed for a 1-year term and shall be eligible for reappointment for one three-year term and shall be eligible for reappointment only after leaving the Committee for at least one year.
- The President-Elect shall appoint replacements as needed to fill any vacancies that may develop among the three at-large positions.
- Is charged to foster and maintain a complementary balance in the leadership of the Society, taking into consideration such attributes as:
- Complementing the Society's need for expertise in areas such as financial management, governance, fund-raising, law, public relations, politics, public health, business management, personnel management, cultural awareness, CME, long-range planning, health equity, social determinants of health, etc.
- Contributing to representative diversity and balance of perspectives in RIMS' leadership about such attributes as medical specialty, practice setting, practice affiliation, status as employed or independent, gender and gender expression or identity, age, race, ethnicity, national origin, etc.
- May design a program of periodic or continual outreach within the medical community to elevate the visibility of the Society and engage colleagues who have interest and aptitude for leadership in

organized medicine and who may bring complementary skills and perspectives to RIMS' leadership.

- Shall consider RIMS' leadership cycle to stretch normally from September to September with elections normally conducted by the Council on the first Monday in June and the transition to the new leadership team normally taking place formally at the Convivium, which usually takes place in mid- to-late September. To meet this timetable, the Committee may wish to begin consulting with current office holders and committee.

chairs early in each cycle regarding everyone's willingness and interest in continued service in the same or a different office. This would be a first step in developing and mapping out succession plans, in some cases perhaps multiple years ahead. The Committee will aim to assemble a slate of nominees well in advance of the election vote by the Council, which normally takes place at the regular Council meeting held the first Monday in June.

~Meets during the spring 2-3 times to prepare nominations slate.