

Board of Directors - Action Item Request

Project Title:

BOC/BOS Advisory Opinion #2: AAOS Efforts to Abolish MOC Recertification and Establishment of Alternate Forms of Proficiency

Date:

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**Sponsoring
Governance
Unit:**

Board of Councilors
Board of Specialty Societies

**Summary and
background
information:**

The Board of Councilors (BOC) is responsible for advising the AAOS Board of Directors regarding "matters of importance to orthopaedic surgeons." The Board of Specialty Societies (BOS) is similarly charged with advising the AAOS Board of Directors of "issues of concern of musculoskeletal specialty societies and their members." One method by which the BOC and the BOS provide advice is through their advisory opinion process.

At the 2017 National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference (NOLC), the BOC and BOS voted to adopt Advisory Opinion #2 (as substituted) for submission to the AAOS Board of Directors. It provides as follows:

- A. **RESOLVED**, that the AAOS Board of Directors and the Maintenance of Certification Alternate Pathway Project Team continue to explore the feasibility of easing the recertification process by eliminating the requirement of a high stakes recertifying examination, either through collaboration with ABOS or by the development of an alternate MOC pathway; and
- B. **RESOLVED**, that the AAOS Board of Directors provide a status report to the BOC and BOS at the 2017 Fall Meeting regarding the Maintenance of Certification Alternate Pathway Project Team's recommendations and the Board of Directors' actions on them.

The Report of the BOC/BOS Resolutions Committee as it relates to the Advisory Opinions, including the actions of the BOC and BOS on its recommendations, is attached at the end of this set of eight BOC/BOS Advisory Opinions.

**AAOS funding
request and/or
resources required:**

Depends upon action taken by the Board of Directors.

**Source of
funding:**

N/A

**Finance Committee
recommendation:**

N/A

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Evaluation Metrics:

**S-specific
M-measurable
A-achievable
R-realistic
T-tied to the
Strategic Plan**

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**Positive/negative
implication on
other AAOS
activities:**

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**Options or
alternative action
approaches:**

For each BOC/BOS Advisory Opinion, the AAOS Board of Directors may:

1. Adopt the Advisory Opinion;
2. Refer the Advisory Opinion to an appropriate Council/Cabinet, Committee for Project Team for implementation;
3. Receive the Advisory Opinion; or
4. Reject the Advisory Opinion.

**Units that have
previously reviewed
the requested item:**

Board of Councilors
Board of Specialty Societies