

1 RESOLUTION #11-16 (DIRECTIVE)

2 **ENCOURAGE COMPONENT SOCIETIES TO CONSIDER 5.4 STATUS FOR PART-TIME**  
3 **PRACTITIONERS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP**

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5 WHEREAS, Part-time practitioners are an actuality in this profession and will continue to  
6 be so;

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8 WHEREAS, There is no part-time practitioner membership category for the American  
9 Podiatric Medical Association (APMA);

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11 WHEREAS, It has been reported that some component societies do not consider 5.4  
12 reduced membership fee status for part-time practitioners who are experiencing financial  
13 hardship;

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15 WHEREAS, Some component societies limit the number of years a DPM can be approved for  
16 5.4 status;

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18 WHEREAS, Part-time practitioners often practice in this way when they care for children or  
19 family members, which is often not a situation that will change in a 2-3 year period;

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21 WHEREAS, Some component societies require higher participation of members granted 5.4  
22 status;

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24 WHEREAS, The reason many practitioners practice part-time does not allow the time  
25 required to be more active in a component society than its other members;

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27 WHEREAS, Many of these part-time practitioners in financial hardship have allowed their  
28 APMA membership to lapse due to a component society's policy to not consider 5.4 status  
29 for this segment of the profession;

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31 WHEREAS, When APMA membership lapses, the APMA affiliated and related organizations  
32 must suspend membership with their organizations; and

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34 WHEREAS, Maintaining and increasing the membership base is the goal of APMA, the  
35 component societies, and the affiliated and related organizations;

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37 RESOLVED, That the component societies of the American Podiatric Medical Association  
38 (APMA) are encouraged to consider 5.4 status and reduced membership fee to those who  
39 practice part-time and are experiencing financial hardship;

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41 RESOLVED, That the component societies of APMA that have a restriction on the number of  
42 years 5.4 can be considered are encouraged to waive this restriction for part-time  
43 practitioners who are experiencing financial hardship; and

1 RESOLVED, That the component societies of APMA that require increased involvement  
2 from members granted 5.4 status are encouraged to waive this restriction for part-time  
3 practitioners who are experiencing financial hardship.

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