

**FROM: Workgroup on Simulation Education (COE)**  
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**FOR ACTION**

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2 **Simulation Education**

3 The 2004 House of Delegates approved Board action recommending that a Workgroup on Simulation  
4 Education be formed and that the Workgroup be charged with:

- 5 1) formal pursuit of a set of recommendations and a formal business plan for the development of a  
6 standardized national anesthesiology human patient simulator training program

7 Then President Sinclair appointed the Workgroup which was chaired by Michael A. Olympio, M.D. and  
8 operated as a Workgroup of the Committee on Outreach Education.  
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10 Completing its mission, the Workgroup has 1) developed the ASA Simulation Registry, 2) conducted four  
11 polls of ASA members, 3) conducted Simulation Saturday, 4) developed the Simulation Education  
12 Website, 5) organized SimExpo for ASA 2006, 6) developed a business plan, and 7) developed the “white  
13 paper” on Approval of Anesthesia Simulation Programs, which has been extensively reviewed within the  
14 ASA (including general membership comment) and the COE. Having considered all comments, the  
15 Workgroup released a consensus final version (dated 7-18-06) which was approved for recommendation  
16 by the Board on August 20, 2006 (See electronic copy of “ASA Approval of Anesthesiology Simulation  
17 Programs”) The White Paper specifically describes the infrastructure and processes recommended by the  
18 ASA for promotion of simulation education, and for the review and approval of high quality anesthesia  
19 simulation programs. Such programs would provide opportunities for simulation CME and ABA MOCA  
20 Part IV PPAI to ASA members.  
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22 In conjunction with COE, the Workgroup **recommends** that the ASA form a new Committee on  
23 Simulation Education in accordance with ASA Bylaws. The Committee should be composed of  
24 individuals with Simulation expertise, and diversified backgrounds from military, private practice, and  
25 government entities, as well as non-physician ASA members who are Simulation educators. The  
26 recommended charge of the Committee is to:  
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- 28 1. Facilitate the use of simulation continuing medical education  
29 2. Oversee the ASA Simulation Registry  
30 3. Maintain the Simulation Education Website as an official subset of the ASA Website  
31 4. Establish and revise criteria and processes for Simulation Program Approval  
32 5. Review and Approve Simulation Programs  
33 6. Conduct an educational needs assessment regarding the development of Endorsed Courses  
34 7. Seek evidence-based validation of simulation education  
35 8. Promote interdisciplinary efforts to improve patient safety  
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37 A Business Plan is described and detailed within the white paper. It projects an initially neutral budget on  
38 the premise that reasonable application (\$2,500) and annual maintenance fees (\$500) will cover the cost  
39 of site visits, which are the predominant expense, and the expense of an annual Committee meeting.  
40 Administrative support is itemized in the business plan.  
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42 I would like to personally thank the selfless individual members of the Workgroup who have contributed  
43 immensely to the successful development of this project and proposal, and to the advancement of  
44 simulation education.  
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46 Michael A. Olympio, M.D., Chair  
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48 *TREASURER’S NOTE: There is no significant financial impact if this proposal is approved.*