

March 22, 2019

Dear Colleagues:

As we write this letter, 135 resolutions were received by the March 8 deadline. Of those, 124 will be moved forward for consideration at the HOD meeting next month and have been installed on the [MSSNY website](#). Printed handbooks will be available on site for those who want them.

We remind you again, that the refinements of the MSSNY Bylaws are on the website for your review. They will be discussed in the hearing of the House Committee on Bylaws, or you may email your comments to bylawscomments@mssny.org.

Please note that our House of Delegates meeting will have a dedicated “app” this year – information on how to download and use the app is on the MSSNY website and will be included in your handbook.

House of Delegates Schedule

The HOD begins officially at 8 AM on Friday April 12. The New York State Deputy Commissioner of Health, Dr. Heslin, will address our assembled delegates that morning.

On Saturday, April 13, the HOD will open at 8 AM and close at 5 PM. Dr. David Barbe, Immediate Past President of the AMA, will address us Saturday morning; as will Shawn Whately, the Past President of the Ontario Medical Association, who will discuss his experience with the Canadian health care system. The afternoon session will start off with a program on Graduate Medical Education, both the new AMA initiative and experiences of New York program directors and resident physicians.

Elections on Sunday will start at 7 AM, and the HOD will also open at 8:30 AM.

Education Programming and Other Events

There is a **very extensive slate of CME programming** on Thursday April 11. The schedule is as follows:

8:30 AM *2019 HOD MLMIC Risk Management Conference*

1 PM *What's Your Diagnosis? – Infectious Diseases*

2 PM *The Special Mental Health Needs of Women Veterans*

3 PM *Protect Your Patients, Your Practice, and You!*

Friday, April 12 also has extensive CME programming after Reference Committee hearings:

1 PM *Fibromyalgia & Myalgic Encephalomyelitis*

2 PM *Improving Maternal Mortality Trends in New York State*

4 PM *Physician Wellness: Moving from Resilience to System Culture Change*

5:00 *Women in Medicine: Reaching Your Potential Now!*

All of these CME programs are listed on the MSSNY Website in much greater detail and pre-registration is available for many of them.

The 14th Annual Poster Symposium for Resident Physicians, Fellows and Medical Students also runs Friday afternoon, April 12 starting at 1:30 PM. Please be sure to stop and ask about the intriguing work our physicians in training have done.

Orientation for New Delegates or those wanting a “refresher” on process at the HOD will take place on Friday at 4:00 PM in the Grand Ballroom A

A Young Delegates Meet & Greet will take place At 5:00 in Tarrytown Ballroom 2.

Election Information

You will find installed on the MSSNY Website, the **nominating committee report and its recommended slate of candidates** for MSSNY officers and AMA delegates., You should find additional information on all candidates including qualifications as well as personal statements as links within that report. Any questions regarding the nominating committee report should be directed to Philip Schuh, MSSNY’s Executive Vice President.

Additional Meeting Details

As a reminder to all those who have accepted appointments to the **Convention Committee on Rules and Credentials**, we will be meeting on THURSDAY, April 11 at 3 PM in the Irvington Room. Please make your travel plans accordingly. Additionally, your Committee duties include verifying credentials for elections on Sunday, April 14.

For those delegations that may submit LATE resolutions, take note that a representative for your delegation **must be present** at the Rules committee meeting to discuss late submission. Again, make travel plans accordingly.

All reference committee members, but especially the CHAIRS of reference committees, are strongly urged to attend a 5 PM meeting with the Speakers on Thursday, April 11 in Grand Ballroom F&G. We hope to see everyone there for this important orientation.

An additional important note for all delegates is that **the parliamentary authority for the Medical Society is now the American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedures**. Information regarding major motions is included in Rules and Procedures of the House and is on the HOD webpages as well as being included in your handbooks provided to you at the HOD. A brief highlight of some of the parliamentary changes will be discussed at the Friday morning general session.

We look forward to having all of our delegates in Tarrytown this year for what promises to be a very educational and important meeting. Our House of Delegates provides a venue by which the concerns which involve physicians every day can be discussed and debated. The challenges of opioid abuse continue to increase as does the issue of legalized marijuana and its impact. Most importantly, we need to develop better ways to care for our colleagues, from medical students through all stages of clinical practice. We need to help each other be resilient in facing the challenges of being compassionate physicians in the ever evolving world of medicine.

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