

**MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
2022 HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**REPORT OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE ON
RULES, CREDENTIALS, AND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

L. Carlos Zapata, MD, Chair

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Delegates:

The Committee on Rules, Credentials and Order of Business met on Monday, March 28 to discuss the following items:

1. LATE RESOLUTIONS

Three resolutions were received after the February 25 submission deadline. Your Committee met to discuss those late resolutions and presents the following recommendations for your approval.

Late Resolution A – Interpretation of What is Considered Privileged and Confidential Information during Hospital Quality Assurance Processes

Recommendation: Not Accepted

This resolution reflects in large part what is contained in Resolution 63 and is therefore duplicative.

Late Resolution B – Breast Cancer Screening/Clinical Breast Exam Coverage

Recommendation: Accepted

The author of the resolution was made aware of the issue on February 25 and was therefore unable to submit in a timely manner. The Committee felt it was an issue deserving discussion.

Late Resolution C – Concurrent Processing of Procedure Codes

Recommendation: Accepted

The issue raised in the resolution became apparent after February 25 and therefore the author was unable to submit in a timely manner. The Committee felt it was an issue deserving discussion.

Resolutions received after the Convention Committee on Rules, Credentials and Order of Business has met will be deemed Emergency Resolutions. Emergency resolutions will require a vote of approval by $\frac{3}{4}$ of the members of the House of Delegates in order to be considered at the House of Delegates meeting on May 21.

2. REAFFIRMATION CONSENT CALENDAR

The House of Delegates has necessarily adapted to changing needs and process. Because the meeting of the Rules Committee must precede virtual ref com hearings, but no General Session will occur before the hearings, it is no longer practical for the Rules Committee to consider items that could be referred to the Reaffirmation Consent Calendar. The Speakers have determined that resolutions that substantially represent reaffirmation of existing policy will be handled by the reference committees. They will be listed on each order of business as recommended for reaffirmation. They may be extracted for discussion in the hearing. The reference committee reports will indicate which items are recommended for reaffirmation.

3. ELECTIONS

Given this year's modified meeting of the House of Delegates and policy adopted by the 2020 session of the MSSNY House of Delegates which requires shortening the length of House to two days, time devoted in the past to the election process is no longer an option. Therefore, the committee recommends suspending the 2016 standing rules on floor nominations, except for the requirement that all floor nominations be supported by a minimum of 10 delegates, and proposes adoption of the following rules and procedures for the 2022 elections that are consistent with the MSSNY Bylaws:

A. Election of the members of the New York Delegation to the AMA

Election of the Members of the New York Delegation to the AMA shall be electronic. Since the House of Delegates elects half the number of AMA Delegates each year, delegates will be instructed to vote for up to 10 candidates for a full two-year term. As per MSSNY Bylaws, as this is an even numbered year, one medical student shall be elected as a Delegate and one resident/fellow physician shall be elected as an Alternate Delegate each of whom shall serve a one-year term.

Component societies of the House of Delegates should take note that the **deadline for credentialing delegates for voting for the AMA Delegation will be Thursday, April 28 by 5 PM.**

An electronic ballot will be e-mailed to each credentialed delegate on Friday, April 29 from electionrunner.com. Every delegate will be provided with a unique ID and "key" to access their ballot. **The election will close on Friday, May 6 at 9 PM.**

The 10 candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast shall be elected Delegate, the 10 candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected Alternate Delegate. Candidates are also required to submit a statement of qualification for the position sought and any conflict of interest they may have.

The deadline for floor nominations, should there be any, for candidates for the New York Delegation to the AMA shall be Friday April 15 at 5PM EDT.

The full list of candidates and their materials shall be published on the MSSNY website by Monday April 18. This will allow adequate time for publication and consideration of any additional candidates prior to the election process starting on April 29.

Results of the Election of Members of the New York Delegation to the AMA shall be published at the House of Delegates at the discretion of the Speakers.

B. Election of Officers, Councilors, and Trustees

Election of Officers, Councilors, and Trustees will take place at the live HOD meeting in Tarrytown. Those listed as nominees in the Report of the Nominating Committee will remain on the ballot for the position indicated.

Those wishing to be considered for positions that do not indicate a nominee OR for any other position may place their name into consideration by complying with the same requirements listed above.

The deadline for any candidate to announce plans to run from the floor will be **Wednesday May 11 at 5PM**. As noted above, background materials for publication on the MSSNY website must be submitted by this date in order to be considered; this includes the candidate statement about their qualifications and the endorsements received. This deadline allows adequate time for the ballot to be updated and published one week prior to the opening of the House of Delegates.

Rules for Contested Elections:

~For any contested positions, each candidate will be given the opportunity to address the HOD for two minutes.

~Ballots for contested positions shall be distributed to credentialed delegates in the House

~The vote shall be counted and announced. The candidate receiving a majority of votes cast shall be elected. If no candidate receives a majority, there shall be a runoff election between the candidates who received the two highest vote totals.

~Candidates who appeared as nominated in the January report of the Nominating Committee and who have placed their names into consideration for another position as well (thus creating a contested election) will be considered for the original position recommended by the Nominating Committee if they lose the contested election.

Credentialing for the purposes of voting in elections for Officers, Councilors, and Trustees must be completed by 4 PM on Friday, May 20.

As noted in our Floor Nomination policy, given the extensive time delegates have to evaluate the nominating committee recommendations posted on the website, last minute nominations do not allow sufficient time for voting members of the House to properly evaluate these candidates and their qualifications.

The committee wishes to remind members of the House that all candidates for election should comply with MSSNY policies 207.976.

207.976 Informed Choices for MSSNY Elections

MSSNY will provide all voting members of the House of Delegates with the following information about candidates nominated for election to the Board of Trustees, the Council, Officers, and the AMA Delegation: Medical School, Residency/Fellowship, Specialty, Hospital Affiliations, Practice Setting, and Prior Experience in Organized Medicine.

MSSNY will provide candidates nominated for election to the Board of Trustees, the Council, Officers and the AMA Delegation the opportunity to provide a written statement for distribution to all voting delegates. (HOD 2015-209)

4. CONDUCTING THE BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Reference Committee hearings will be conducted virtually by the following schedule:

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| Sunday, April 3 - 9 AM | Governmental Affairs B |
| Monday, April 4 - 6 PM | Governmental Affairs A |
| Tuesday, April 5 - 6:30 PM | Bylaws |
| Wednesday, April 6 – 6:30 PM | Reports of Officers |
| Thursday, April 7 – 6 PM | Socio-Medical Economics |
| Saturday, April 9 – 9 AM | Public Health and Education |

In order to participate, everyone will need to **REGISTER for each** hearing to ensure receipt of the link to participate on that day. Registration information is also on our website.

Registration will be required so the Chairs can identify who is speaking, resolution authors, and conflicts of interest. A 90 second limitation on testimony will be in effect.

Separate registration is required for EACH reference committee hearing and is unique to the individual registered.

Reference committee reports shall be posted to the MSSNY website no later than Friday, May 6.

Mr. Speaker, this concludes the report of the Convention Committee on Rules, Credentials, and Order of Business, and on behalf of the committee I move for its acceptance. A Supplementary Report of the Committee to address additional issues and business will be presented to the House of Delegates on May 21.

I would like to thank the members of the Rules and Credentials Committee: Louis Auguste, MD; Edward Bartels, MD; Anjee Panjwani (Medical Student); Jeffrey Sneider, MD; Michele Stern, MD; as well as William R. Latreille, MD, Speaker; Maria A. Basile, MD Vice-Speaker, Laurel Mayer, and Michael Reyes, Staff

Respectfully submitted,

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