

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

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

L. Carlos Zapata, MD, Chair

Dr. Speaker and Members of the House of Delegates:

1. CREDENTIALS

There are 298 delegates credentialed and entitled to vote; there are no disputed delegations. This constitutes a quorum. The registration record of this Convention Committee shall constitute the official roll call during the House of Delegates.

2. RESOLUTIONS

Sixty-seven resolutions were received by the deadline of February 25, 2022. Three resolutions were submitted after the deadline. At the March 28, 2022 meeting of the Rules, Credentials, and Order of Business Committee, the late resolutions were discussed. Two of the three late resolutions were recommended to be accepted for business. Sixty-nine resolutions and five sunset reports were referred to six Reference Committees who conducted virtual hearings via Zoom from April 3-9, 2022. Reference Committee Reports were posted on the MSSNY website on May 6, 2022. At the time this report, no emergency resolutions have been received.

3. ELECTION AND BALLOTING PROCEDURE

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 was electronic. Since the House of Delegates elects half the number of AMA Delegates each year, delegates were 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.

An electronic ballot was e-mailed to each credentialed delegate on Friday, April 29 from electionrunner.com. The election closed on Friday, May 6 at 9 PM.

The 10 candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast were elected Delegate, the 10 candidates receiving the next highest number of votes were elected Alternate Delegate.

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

B. Election of Officers, Councilors, and Trustees

Election of Officers, Councilors, and Trustees will take place at the call of the Speakers. After the nominating committee presents its report, the speaker shall direct the secretary to cast one ballot for the candidate on behalf of the delegates for uncontested positions.

Then, each candidate for contested positions shall be given the opportunity to address the HOD for 2 minutes. Ballots shall be distributed to credentialed delegates at a time to be determined by the Speakers. 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 with the two highest vote totals.

The deadline for credentialing for the purposes of voting in elections for Officers, Councilors, and Trustees was 4 PM on Friday May 20. The deadline for any candidate planning to run from the floor to submit background materials for publication on the MSSNY website prior to the opening of the House was Wednesday May 11 at 5PM.

The committee reviewed the materials submitted by five individuals who announced their intention to the Speakers to be nominated from the floor and has confirmed that each of them are in compliance with the endorsement requirements contained in standing rule on floor nominations and provided required background information which was distributed to the house as per MSSNY policy 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. BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The order of consideration of the Reference Committee Reports shall be determined by the Speaker, subject to objections sustained by the House.

5. VOTING

Votes shall be taken by voice, except for elections which shall be taken by ballot. At the discretion of the Speaker or upon a request for Division of the House from any delegate, a standing vote shall be taken.

6. LIMITATION ON DEBATE

There will be a 120-second limit on debate per presentation, subject to waiver by the Speaker for just cause, on any oral presentation.

7. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Members of the House of Delegates who have a substantial financial interest in a commercial enterprise, which would be materially affected by a matter before the House of Delegates, must publicly disclose that interest before speaking on the floor of the House of Delegates on the matter

Dr. Speaker, this concludes the Supplemental report of the Convention Committee on Rules, Credentials, and Order of Business, and we recommend its adoption.

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, and 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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