

**MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
2021 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 Wednesday, August 4 to discuss the following items:

**1 LATE RESOLUTIONS**

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

Late Resolution 1 – Inherent Dangers of Disulfiram (ANTABUSE) Use

**Recommendation: Not accepted**

Late Resolution 2 – Physician Scope of Practice vis-a-vie Family & Friends

**Recommendation: Not accepted**

Late Resolution 3– Collective Bargaining by Physicians

**Recommendation: Not accepted**

The committee voted not to accept any of the three late resolutions because the testimony heard did not indicate that either of these resolutions spoke to an issue that came up after this year's deadline to submit resolutions. The authors can appeal the committee's decision by re-submitting them as emergency resolutions.

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 September 18.

**2. REAFFIRMATION CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Speakers asked the Committee on Rules, Credentials, and Order of Business to review the recommendations for placing resolutions introduced at this meeting of the House of Delegates on the Reaffirmation Calendar. Reaffirmation of existing policy means that the policies reaffirmed remain active policies within the MSSNY policy database and therefore are part of the body of policy that can be used in setting MSSNY's agenda. It also resets the "sunset clock," so that such policies will remain viable for ten years from the date of reaffirmation. The committee recommends that existing MSSNY policy be reaffirmed in lieu of the following resolutions:

Governmental Affairs A

Resolution 50 – Physician Driven Medical Assistant Specialty Training in the Office Setting

**Recommendation:** that reaffirmation of policies 115.984 and 115.994 be made in lieu of Resolution 50.

Public Health and Education

Resolution 155 – Physician Burn Out

**Recommendation:** that reaffirmation of policy 207.969 and consideration of additional information about MSSNY efforts be made in lieu of Resolution 155.

### Socio-Medical Economics

Resolution 252 – Third Party Insurer Abuse of Modifier 25 Policy

**Recommendation:** that reaffirmation of policies 165.907, 165.862, 265.871 and 265.987 be made in lieu of Resolution 252.

Resolution 253 – Compensation for Appealing Denials to Insurance Companies

**Recommendation:** that reaffirmation of policy 265.859 be made in lieu of Resolution 253.

Members of the House who object to reaffirmation of existing policy in lieu of the resolutions cited above may extract those resolutions during the reference committee hearings on Friday, August 6 or Saturday, August 7.

## **4. ELECTIONS**

The MSSNY Council is authorized by its Bylaws to act when the House of Delegates is not in session. A special meeting of Council was held on May 1, 2021 for the sole purpose of leadership transition. The Nominating Committee presented its report to the Council. As the nominees for all officers, councilors, and trustees for the terms beginning in May 2021 were unopposed, the Secretary cast one vote for these individuals and they were elected.

In order to allow the entire House to participate, the election of New York Delegates to the American Medical Association will 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. As the nominees for the Medical Student Section seat and the Resident and Fellow Section seat on the AMA delegation were unopposed, their names will not appear on the ballot.

An electronic ballot will be e-mailed to each credentialed delegate on September 1, 2021 from [electionrunner.com](http://electionrunner.com). Component societies of the House of Delegates should take note that the deadline for credentialing delegates will be Tuesday, August 31. Every delegate will be provided with a unique ID and “key” to access their ballot. The election will close on September 14, 2021 at 9 PM.

Election results will be published during the House of Delegates at the discretion of the Speaker.

## **5. CONDUCTING THE BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

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

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 6**

[House Committee on Bylaws – 5 PM](#)

[Governmental Affairs A - 6 PM](#)

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 7**

[Socio-Medical Economics - 9 AM](#)

[Public Health & Education - 1 PM](#)

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 8**

[Reports of Officers & Admin Matters - 9 AM](#)

[Governmental Affairs B - 1 PM](#)

Registration will be required for those wishing to participate in the reference committee hearings so the Chairs can identify who is speaking, resolution authors, and conflicts of interest. A two-

minute limitation on testimony will be in effect. **Separate registration is required for EACH reference committee hearing and is unique to the individual registered.**

The 2021 MSSNY House of Delegates will be conducted both in-person and virtually by Zoom Webinar. A quorum of 100 delegates present both physically and virtually must be established in order to proceed with the business of reference committee reports and resolutions.

Reference Committee Reports will be posted to the MSSNY website no later than September 3, 2021. Members of MSSNY will be able to log in and virtually testify by posting comments on each recommendation.

**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 during the meeting on September 18.**

**I would like to thank the members of the Rules and Credentials Committee: Robert Armstrong, MD, Sunil Seoparson, MD, Michele Stern, MD and Gregory Threatte, 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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