

**MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
2017 HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

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

To the House of Delegates, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen:

ITEM NUMBER:

**1. CREDENTIALS**

There are 285 delegates credentialed and entitled to vote; there are no disputed delegations.

The registration record of this Convention Committee shall constitute the official role call at each meeting of the House.

**2. LATE RESOLUTIONS**

Your Committee met to discuss late resolutions and other matters pertaining to the House of Delegates and presents the following recommendation for your approval.

RECOMMENDATION A:

Your Committee recommends that the following resolutions be accepted:

LATE A        Changes in Insurance Accepted by Pharmacies  
*The Committee finds the issue to be timely and that it merits discussion at this meeting of the House of Delegates*

LATE B        Sickle Cell Anemia Research and Management Funding  
*The Committee notes that Late B raises an important issue which deserves discussion*

LATE C        Prompt Response to Physician's Request for Authorization for Patient  
Care Services  
*The Committee felt that Late C also raises an important issue deserving of discussion*

LATE D        Mandates use of a Face Mask by those Not Receiving Flu Shots  
*The Committee was of the opinion that the topic merits discussion at this House of Delegates*

LATE E        Changing MSSNY Goals on Medical Liability  
*The Committee notes that resolution Late E raises a timely and important issue that should be considered at this meeting*

LATE F        AMA Policy on American Health Care Act  
The Committee recommended acceptance of Late F because the vote on the AHCA did not occur until after the March 17 resolution deadline.

LATE G        Providing Income Tax Credits for Clinical Preceptorships  
The Committee felt that Late G is timely and urgent and this issue did not arise in the Legislature until after the resolution submission deadline

### **3. REAFFIRMATION CONSENT CALENDAR**

Your Committee recommends reaffirmation of the designated current policies in lieu of the following resolutions. The makers of these resolutions have been informed of the Committee's recommendations. Current policies to be reaffirmed in lieu of these resolutions are listed in the attached Appendix.

Resolution 52 - Improving EHR Technology to Enhance and Track Clinical Outcomes

Resolution 61 - Out-of-Network Insurance Benefit Availability in Individual Insurance

Resolution 101 - Promote Legislation To Ensure Confidentiality Of Peer Support

Resolution 102 - Copying And/Or Scanning Costs

Resolution 103 - Pharmacy Benefit Managers Medical Necessity Criteria for Prescribed Medications

Resolution 105 - Expanded Clinical Roles For Medical Assistants In New York State

Resolution 107 - Medical Liability Coverage Through The Federal Tort Claims Act

Resolution 108 - Further Limitation To Insurer Recovery Activity

Resolution 111 - Any Willing Provider with Universal Credentialing

Resolution 150--Protecting Children from Exposure to Second Hand Smoke

Resolution 152--Evaluation and Education vs. Marijuana Possession Arrest

### **4. ELECTION AND BALLOTING PROCEDURE**

Madam Speaker, the following election and balloting procedures are consistent with the Bylaws of the Medical Society of the State of New York:

A) The Nominating Committee will present its report and nominations for officers, councilors, trustees, and delegates to the American Medical Association at the Saturday, April 22, session of the House.

B) The Speaker will:

Acknowledge nominations from the floor, if any, based on new standing rules of the HOD adopted in 2016, which have been posted on the MSSNY website.

Direct the Secretary to cast one ballot for those whose candidacy is unopposed.

Instruct the members of the House that HALF the full number of AMA delegates is elected each year. The House will be electing 9 AMA delegates in 2017, therefore, twice the number of elected have been nominated for delegates to the AMA. (In addition, one Resident Physician shall be elected delegate and one Medical Student shall be elected alternate delegate for a one-year-term.)

C) Any changes in delegate certification for voting purposes on Sunday morning are to be submitted to the Committee through the Registration Desk on the day prior to the elections. The Committee will be unable to credential any changes in delegates after 4:00 PM on Saturday, April 22, 2017

The Society's annual election balloting for AMA delegates and any contested office will be held on Sunday, April 23, in the Westchester Ballroom of the Marriott Hotel (the MSSNY Production Room). The polls will open at 7:30 a.m. and close at 9:00 AM. Delegates must be wearing their badge in order to vote. Members of this Committee will certify each delegate and will then direct the delegate to a station where the delegate will complete the ballot electronically.

On Sunday morning, at the direction of your Speaker, election results will be made known to the House.

**5. 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:

- testifying at a reference committee on the matter or
- speaking on the floor of the House of Delegates on the matter

**6. LIMITATION ON DEBATE**

There shall be a 3-minute limitation on debate per presentation subject to the discretion of the Speaker who may waive the rule for just cause.

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

I would like to thank Bruce Berlin, MD, Lorraine Giordano, MD, Sonya Sidhu-Izzo, MD, Myrna Sanchez, MD, Gregory Threatte, MD, Kira A. Geraci-Ciardullo, MD, Speaker; William R. Latreille, MD Vice-Speaker, Laurel Mayer, Staff, and, on behalf of the Committee, all those who appeared and offered testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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