

Speaker's Letter #2

We are now less than two months from the opening of the 2024 MSSNY House of Delegates which will occur at 8 a.m. on Friday, April 12 at the Long Island Marriott in Uniondale, New York. This letter attempts to detail important dates leading up to the House, as well as outline the daily schedule of House activities.

The deadline for submission of resolutions is Wednesday, February 28 at 5 p.m. Resolutions are to be sent to Melissa Hoffman at mhoffman@mssny.org. Any resolutions received after the deadline will be considered late resolutions. The Rules Committee will meet before the House opens and decide whether the late resolutions could have been submitted by the deadline. Late resolutions will not be judged by the Rules Committee on their merit, but only on their timeliness.

Reference committee appointments have been made and Michael Reyes has sent emails to those who have been chosen to serve. There is still time to indicate that you would like to serve because some of those who have been chosen may have declined and will need to be replaced. Please note that there are many criteria that are reviewed in an effort to be fair and inclusive. Diversity in terms of geographic location, specialty, and many other criteria are considered.

Reference committees will hear testimony, both virtually and live at the House. With input pending from reference committee members, our staff has chosen to hold the virtual reference committee meetings between Saturday, March 16 and Wednesday, March 20. Weekday meetings will occur in the evening with daytime and afternoon meetings on the weekend. The in-person reference committee meetings will be held on Friday morning, April 12, after the opening of the House. There will be executive committee sessions after the virtual meetings and again after the live sessions to discuss testimony and come up with final language and decisions regarding what will be presented to the House.

All elections will occur at the House by secret ballot, facilitated by electionrunner.com. The nominating committee will have its final meeting on February 27 and present its proposed slate of nominees for Officers, Councilors and Trustees, and AMA delegates by February 28. This information will be available on the MSSNY House of Delegates website at www.mssny.org/HOD. Once posted, other nominations considered "Prefatory Nominees" may be put forward for any position except President Elect and must be forwarded to Michael Reyes mreyes@mssny.org by 9 p.m. Monday, March 25. Potential nominees must have the signed support of at least 10 fellow delegates, provide a CV, indicate any potential conflict of interest, and provide a brief statement supporting their candidacy. All prefatory nominees will be reviewed by the Rules Committee to ensure proper vetting. (i.e. that above conditions have been met). The nominees must be from the delegation.

The House agenda is as follows-

Thursday, April 11:

CME programs will be presented virtually. The programs will be finalized soon and will be available on the MSSNY HOD website.

Friday, April 12:

House opens at 8 a.m. District/County caucuses may occur before the House opens each morning, and at noon time on both Friday and Saturday. Groups planning to caucus should inform Michael Reyes so that room arrangements can be made.

Live reference committee hearings will occur after the House recesses on Friday morning. Friday afternoon is reserved for meetings that will be scheduled such as MSSNYPAC, AMA delegation meeting, New Delegate orientation, etc. as traditionally have been held.

The MSSNY poster symposium will begin at 12 p.m. Delegates wishing to be judges should contact Kathy Rohrer at krohrer@mssny.org

Friday evening is reserved for a cocktail reception provided by MLMIC at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 13:

The opening of the house will begin at 8 a.m. with a hard stop at around 4-4:30 p.m. Election voting will begin at 5 p.m. and conclude at 8 a.m. Sunday. Should a run-off vote be required, voting will occur Sunday morning. Specific electionrunner voting instructions will follow.

The ceremony of presidents will begin at 6 p.m. followed by the Presidents dinner dance.

Sunday, April 14:

The House will open at either 8 a.m. or 9 a.m. depending on the amount of business that remains. The House must conclude all business by noon. Election results will be announced on 9 a.m. on Sunday

Hotel reservations - Delegates wishing to stay at the Long Island Marriott must make their reservations by Thursday, March 21. Please click the following link to reserve your room.

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You can also call 1-800-228-9290 to reserve a room. Please mention you are with MSSNY or The Medical Society of the State of New York.

All the Best,

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