

**MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
2024 HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

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

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Dr. Speaker and Members of the House of Delegates:

1) CREDENTIALS

There are 273 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) ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

3) PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Only credentialed Delegates and credentialed Alternate Delegates, when temporarily seated for a delegate from their delegation who is temporarily absent, are entitled to the privilege of the floor. The Speakers may grant the privilege of the floor to others who may expedite the business of the House, subject to objections sustained by the House.

4) LIMITATION ON DEBATE

There will be a 90-second limit on debate per presentation, subject to waiver by the Speakers for just cause, on any oral presentation.

5) ELECTION AND BALLOTING PROCEDURE

The committee proposes adoption of the following rules and procedures for the 2024 elections that are consistent with the MSSNY Bylaws and Standing Rules of the House of Delegates:

A. Election of Officers, Councilors, and Trustees

Election of Officers, Councilors, and Trustees will take place at the live HOD meeting in Uniondale. The Nominating Committee will present its report. The prefatory nominating process for Officers, Councilors, and Trustees ended on Monday March 15 at 9pm. No prefatory nominees were put forward.

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

Election of the Members of the New York Delegation to the AMA 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 for a full two-year term. As per MSSNY Bylaws, as this is an even numbered year, one resident/fellow physician shall be elected as a Delegate and one medical student shall be elected as an Alternate Delegate each of whom shall serve a one-year term.

An electronic ballot from electionrunner.com will be shared with all credentialed delegates at the HOD on Saturday, April 13 at 5:00PM. The election will close on Sunday, April 14 at 8:00 AM. Results will be announced on Sunday morning at 9am.

46 Please note that in order to receive their unique electionrunner ID to vote, delegates
47 must sign in at the registration desk by Saturday April 13 at 4:30p.m.
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49 Voting delegates can vote for a maximum of 10 nominees. The 10 candidates receiving
50 the highest number of votes cast will be elected Delegate, and the 10 candidates
51 receiving the next highest number of votes will be elected Alternate Delegates. Any other
52 nominees will not be elected to the AMA delegation.
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54 **207.976 Informed Choices for MSSNY Elections**

55 The following information is available on the MSSNY website to all voting members of
56 the House of Delegates about candidates nominated for election to the Board of
57 Trustees, the Council, Officers, and the AMA Delegation: Medical School,
58 Residency/Fellowship, Specialty, Hospital Affiliations, Practice Setting, and Prior
59 Experience in Organized Medicine. A written candidate statement can also be found on
60 the MSSNY website for all candidates nominated for election to the Board of Trustees,
61 the Council, Officers, and the AMA Delegation. (HOD 2015-209)
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63 C. Election results shall be announced at the discretion of the Speakers during the Sunday,
64 April 14 session of the House.
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66 **6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

67 Members of the House of Delegates who have a substantial financial interest in a
68 commercial enterprise, which would be materially affected by a matter before the House of
69 Delegates, must publicly disclose that interest before speaking in a Reference Committee
70 hearing or on the floor of the House of Delegates on the matter.
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72 **7. LATE RESOLUTIONS**

73 103 resolutions were received by the deadline of February 28, 2024. Four resolutions were
74 submitted after the deadline. At the April 8, 2024, meeting of the Rules, Credentials, and
75 Order of Business Committee, the late resolutions were discussed.
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77 Your Committee on Rules, Credentials and Order of Business recommends the following
78 consent calendar for disposition of the Late Resolutions:
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80 ➤ The following late resolutions were accepted by the rules committee because they
81 address pressing issues which emerged after the resolution submission deadline of
82 February 28, 2024:

83 1. Late Resolution A - Handicap Exemption in the Metropolitan
84 Transportation Authority (MTA) Congestion Pricing Plan

85 ◆ This resolution has been placed in the Reference Committee on
86 Governmental Affairs A

87 2. Late Resolution B - Healthcare Cybersecurity Breaches V1.1

88 ◆ This resolution has been placed in the Reference Committee on
89 Governmental Affairs B.

90 3. Late Resolution D – Moving Vehicles

91 ◆ This resolution has been placed in the Reference Committee on
92 Public Health and Education

93 ➤ The following late resolutions were not accepted by the rules committee:

94 1. Late Resolution D – Antisemitism in Medicine

95 ◆ While the Committee thought the subject of this resolution compelling,
96 the issue was whether this qualified for late consideration. The

97 conflict began in October 2023 and the author of this resolution
98 referenced a November 2023 article. Your Reference Committee
99 was sympathetic to this resolution but believes that it could have been
100 submitted for consideration by the February 28 deadline. Therefore,
101 for this reason only, the resolution did not meet the criteria for a late
102 resolution.

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104 **8. EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS**

105 As of the submission of this report, two emergency resolutions were received after the April
106 8, 2024, meeting of the Rules, Credentials, and Order of Business Committee. Since these
107 resolutions were unable to be considered by the committee, they shall be considered
108 emergency resolutions and presented directly to the House for decision regarding their
109 timeliness for submission. A $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the House is required for acceptance.

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111 **9. EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS to BE PRESENTED**

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113 **Dr. Speaker, this concludes the report of the Convention Committee on Rules,**
114 **Credentials, and Order of Business.**

I would like to thank the members of the Committee on Rules, Credentials, and Order of Business: Sophia Spadafore, MD; Erick Eiting, MD; Jef Sneider, MD; Daniel Nicoll, MD; Jack McIntyre, MD; as well as William R. Latreille, MD, Speaker; L. Carlos Zapata, MD, Vice Speaker, Melissa Hoffman, Staff; and Michael Reyes, Staff.

Respectfully submitted,

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