

**MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
2026 HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**REPORT OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE ON
RULES, CREDENTIALS, AND ORDER OF BUSINESS**
Realba Rodriguez-Iglesias, MD, Chair

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. A copy of the registration record can be found on the HOD website.

Doctor Speaker, your Committee recommends that the Credentials Report be filed for information

2. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business as published on the HOD website shall be the official order of business for all sessions of the HOD. This may be varied by the Speaker if, in their judgment, it will expedite the business of the House, subject to objection sustained by the House.

3. HOUSE SECURITY

Maximum security shall be maintained at all times to prevent disruptions of the HOD, and only those individuals who have been properly credentialed and/or registered will be permitted to attend. Badges must be worn during in person sessions.

4. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Only delegates and alternate delegates temporarily substituting for a delegate are entitled to the privilege of the floor. In addition, the Speaker may grant the privilege of the floor to others who may expedite the business of the House, subject to objection sustained by the House.

5. LIMITATION ON DEBATE

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

6. PROCEDURES OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The current edition of the "House of Delegates Reference Manual" shall be the official method of procedure in handling and conducting the business before the HOD.

7. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Members who have an interest that is or may be material to the matter being considered and that would reasonably be expected to impair the objectivity of the individual who is testifying, must publicly disclose that interest immediately prior to testifying at a reference committee on the matter or speaking on the floor of the HOD on the matter.

8. RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOR

Courteous, collegial and respectful behavior in all interactions with others, including delegates, staff, and other parties, are expected of all attendees at HOD meetings, including social events apart from HOD meetings themselves.

9. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

The HOD shall receive the Report of the Nominating Committee at the Opening Session of the HOD. Potential candidates who are not named in the Report of the Nominating Committee must obtain written endorsement from a minimum of ten credentialed delegates to the HOD office in order to become a prefatory nominee. All nominees must submit a conflict of interest statement to the HOD office. The deadline for submitting both written endorsements for prefatory nominees and conflict of interest statements shall be Sunday, March 22 at 9PM. This committee will review each prefatory nominee to ensure they meet the endorsement threshold and are eligible to hold the office they seek.

All nominees shall have the opportunity to provide a written statement of interest and their background information for distribution to the HOD as per MSSNY policy 207.976 Informed Choices for MSSNY Elections.

At the Election Session, the Speaker shall direct the Secretary to cast one ballot for those whose candidacy is unopposed. All other ballots shall be electronic. It shall take a majority of legal votes cast to be elected officer, councilor, or trustee.

Half the full number of AMA Delegates and AMA Alternate Delegates are elected each year for a two year term. In addition, one Resident or Fellow physician shall be elected AMA delegate and one Medical Student shall be elected AMA alternate delegate for a one year term.

For the election of the NY Delegation to the AMA the delegates shall be declared elected in the order of the highest number of legal votes cast until the allotted number shall have been chosen. A corresponding number in the next highest order of votes shall be declared elected alternate delegates. It shall take a majority of legal votes cast to be elected medical student and resident or fellow physician member of the New York Delegation to the AMA.

Dr. Speaker, this concludes the Report of the Convention Committee on Rules, Credentials, and Order of Business and on behalf of the entire committee I move for its adoption.

I would like to thank the members of the Rules, Credentials, and Order of Business Committee: James Docherty, DO; Anna Heffron, MD, PhD; Daniel Nicoll, MD; Gregory Threatte, MD; L. Carlos Zapata, MD, Speaker; Jane Simpson, DO, Vice-Speaker; and Michael Reyes, Staff

Respectfully submitted,

Realba Rodriguez-Iglesias, MD, Chair

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)