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## House of Delegate Survey Results and Next Steps

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RE: House of Delegate Survey Results and Next Steps

### House of Delegates Survey Results

The House of Delegates survey achieved overwhelming consensus on how to proceed with the 2021 meeting. Delegates have chosen the same model as 2020. The Speakers are providing an optional general session for officer speeches and additional guidance with extractions.

A Resolution Review Committee will vet resolutions for timeliness. Reference Committee testimony will be submitted online in writing, Reference Committees will deliberate via video, and a vote on the final report will be completed online. Any extractions with a majority vote will be tabled until 2022\*. The survey results can be found [here](#).

Highlights of the survey include:

- 47% preferred resolutions only, 47% opted for resolutions and speeches
- 88% support a vetting process and limited resolutions
- 46% voted for the same model as 2020, the second highest preference at 21% was the same option without the extraction clause

### Timeline

MSMS developed a tentative timeline to complete the House process by the end of May. The Speakers intend to remain flexible should the status of the state change between now and then.

- Communicate plan to Delegates and Board: February 1-5
- 2021 and 2020 (held or tabled) Resolutions Due: March 1
- Resolution Review Committee meets: March 29 – April 3

- Post resolutions: April 5 - 9
- Online testimony: April 5-16
- Reference Committees meet: April 19 - 23
- Virtual Officer Speeches and Candidate Forum (Optional): May 1, 9:00 – 10:30 am
- Post Reference Committee Report and Online Voting: April 30 – May 16
- Candidate Voting (if contested): May 1 – May 16
- Vote on Extractions (majority needed for tabling): May 17 - 21
- Post final report: May 24 - 28

### Resolution Review Process

As a reminder, the Resolution Review Committee will identify resolutions that are time sensitive and must be acted on yet this year, and those that can be postponed until 2022. The intent of narrowing the number of resolutions is solely due to time constraints and the online format, and not intended to be an assessment of the resolution's merit. The criteria for determining if a resolution will be reviewed this year will include:

- Is the resolution time sensitive? Will this policy or ask be needed before April 2022?
- Is there existing policy that already covers all or some of the same intent?
- Is the resolution already being addressed by MSMS or regular staff work?
- Can the resolution be addressed within MSMS in another venue like an MSMS Committee or regular staff work?

### 2020 Resolutions

Authors of 2020 resolutions that were held voluntarily or by the Resolution Review Committee will be queried next week. They will be asked to submit for 2021; hold until 2022; edit or revise it; or indicate it is no longer needed. They will have until March 1 to respond.

### Optional General Session – May 1, 2021, 9:00 – 10:30 am

Since the delegate survey was very close regarding interest in the Saturday afternoon session which included officer speeches and the candidate forum, MSMS will hold an optional session for those interested in participating. The agenda will be emailed to you and posted on the House of Delegates website as soon as it is finalized.

### \*New Process for Extractions

Based on delegate feedback, the process for extractions this year has been revised to better duplicate the procedure at the House. As noted in the timeline above, the Reference Committee Report will be posted on April 30. Online voting will take place from April 30 – May 16. Delegates will be given the opportunity to vote yes, no, and submit any extractions. New this year, a second vote will then take place from May 17 – 21, just on those resolutions that were extracted. A majority will be required to change the recommendation of the Reference Committee and table the resolution until 2022. The final report will be posted the week of May 24.

If you are interested in applying for the Resolution Review Committee or any of the Reference Committees, please email [cwheeler@msms.org](mailto:cwheeler@msms.org) by March 1, 2021.

Reference Committees, please email [rebecca@msms.org](mailto:rebecca@msms.org) by March 1, 2021.

Thank you for your continued patience as we work through a second year online. We look forward to hosting a meaningful and productive House of Delegates. Please feel free to contact [Rebecca Blake](#) at (517) 336-5729 with any questions. Thank you again.

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