Good Morning

We apologize for the sudden onset of emails. We are having issues with the msms.org/hod direct link. When we test in our email system we can get to the site but when it sends in the email for some reason it’s not working. Please use the following direct links:

Resolution Review Committee Report

2021 House of Delegates Notebook

To access the full HOD website please type https://msms.org/hod in to your URL bar.

House of Delegates Reference Committee Testimony and Next Steps

DATE: April 5, 2021

MEMO TO: Members of the MSMS House of Delegates

FROM: Theodore B. Jones, MD, Speaker
Phillip G. Wise, MD, Vice Speaker

RE: House of Delegates Reference Committee Testimony and Next Steps

As previously communicated, MSMS will hold a virtual House of Delegates. Based on a delegate survey, the Resolution Review Committee will vet resolutions for timeliness. Resolutions determined to require action in 2021 will be referred to reference committees. Reference Committee testimony will be submitted online in writing, reference committee members will conduct their deliberations via video, and a vote on the final report will be completed online. Any extractions with a majority vote will be tabled until 2022.

Resolution Review Committee (RRC). The Committee was instructed by the House to 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? Is this policy or ask needed before April 2022?
Is there existing policy that 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?

Members of the Committee included: Theodore B. Jones, MD, Chair; Phillip G. Wise, MD; Barry I. Auster, MD; Laura A. Carrauallah, MD; Sanjay Das; Kaitlyn D. Dobesh, MD, JD; Martha L. Gray, MD; Bryan W. Huffman, MD; Charles F. Koopmann, Jr., MD, FACS; Rose M. Ramirez, MD; Caroline G. M. Scott, MD; and David T. Walsworth, MD.

The RRC met last week and determined 25 of the 52 resolutions met the criteria to be considered at the 2021 House of Delegates. The RRC Report and the House of Delegates handbook may be found online at https://msms.org/hod.

Authors do have the opportunity for a second assessment. They will need to submit an appeal by emailing Rebecca Blake by April 8, 2021. New information will be required that is different than what the Committee already reviewed. The Speaker and Vice-Speaker will provide the second evaluation.

Written Online Reference Committee Testimony.
Reference Committee testimony for the 25 resolutions will be submitted online until April 16, 2021.
Delegates may access the online resolution forum at: https://msmshod.freeforums.net/

To submit testimony, click on the resolution desired.

Comment in the box at the end of the resolution titled “Quick Reply.” Click “Post Quick Reply” to post your comment. You will be asked to submit your name in order to post. Please include your first and last name.

To navigate the list of resolutions, either click on the arrows next to the “Resolution” tab in the left-hand navigation menu or click on the “Resolution” tab in the left-hand navigation menu and click on the “Next” tab to move to the next page.
The online forum most closely resembles in person testimony where delegates are able to hear (or read in this case) their colleagues’ comments. If you would prefer to send your testimony directly to staff, you may email Rebecca Blake. Both types of submissions will be shared with the Reference Committees prior to their deliberations.

Schedule of Activities.

MSMS developed the following schedule to complete the work of the House process by the end of May and allow adequate time for delegate participation. A Resolution Flowchart with timelines can be found here. Highlights are as follows:

- **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

**Optional General Session:** May 1, 2021, 9:00 – 10:30 am. MSMS will hold a live, virtual general session with Officer Speeches and the Candidate Forum on Saturday, May 1, 2021, for those interested in participating. The Order of Business can be found here. The link to join is [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82805076046?pwd=Qlh6U0JhTXp1VWJiaDR5NVJwMGd2d09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82805076046?pwd=Qlh6U0JhTXp1VWJiaDR5NVJwMGd2d09)

We look forward to hosting a meaningful and productive House of Delegates. Please feel free to contact Rebecca Blake or (517) 336-5729 with any questions. Thank you again.
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