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Good Morning

We apologize for the sudden onset of emails. We are having issues with the [msms.org/hod](https://www.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

https://www.msms.org/Portals/0/Documents/MSMS/About_MSMS/House_of_Delegates/2021/Report%20of%20the%20Resolution%20Review%20Committee_HOD21.pdf?ver=2021-04-05-152016-410

2021 House of Delegates Notebook

https://www.msms.org/Portals/0/Documents/MSMS/About_MSMS/House_of_Delegates/2021/MSMS%20HOD%202021%20Handbook%20April%205.pdf?ver=2021-04-05-212530-863

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. Carravallah, 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.

The screenshot shows the MSMS House of Delegates website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Help', and 'Search' links, and a welcome message for a guest user. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: 'MSMS House of Delegates > General > Resolutions'. The main content area is titled 'Resolutions' and features a table with the following columns: Subject, Created By, Replies, Views, and Last Post. There are three rows of resolutions listed, each with a folder icon on the left and a 'by Admin 20 hours ago' timestamp on the right. A 'Create Thread' button is visible in the top right corner of the table area.

	Subject	Created By	Replies	Views	Last Post
	13-21: Integrity and Vitality of State and County Societies	Admin	0	1	by Admin 20 hours ago
	11-21: Updates to Organ Donation and Transplant Policies	Admin	0	1	by Admin 20 hours ago
	10-21: Impact and Transparency of AMA CPT Program	Admin	0	1	by Admin 20 hours ago

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.

The screenshot shows a 'Quick Reply' form. It has a blue header bar with the text 'Quick Reply' on the left and 'Reply' on the right. Below the header is a large, empty white text area for entering a comment. At the bottom of the form is a button labeled 'Post Quick Reply'. Two yellow arrows point to the text area and the button.

To return to the list of resolutions, either click your back arrows or click on the "Resolutions" tab in the header.



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](mailto:Rebecca.Blake@msms.org). 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=Qlh6U0JhTXp1VWJlaDR5NVJwMGM2dz09>

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

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