DATE: December 15, 2023

TO: Members of the MSMS House of Delegates

FROM: Phillip G. Wise, MD, Speaker
       Bryan W. Huffman, MD, Vice Speaker

SUBJECT: 2024 House of Delegates Meeting Timeline

Dear Delegates,

We look forward to seeing you at the 2024 House of Delegates on Saturday, May 11, 2024, at the Crowne Plaza in Lansing. Please find several important updates and changes to this year’s meeting below.

As has been reported in many venues over the last year, MSMS has made significant efforts to balance its budget. All areas of the organization were affected by cuts such as the AMA Delegation, the Board of Directors, staff, membership, and communications. This includes the House of Delegates.

For 2024, our Board, House, and Executive leadership, support moving to a one-day House. The preliminary plan calls for Reference Committees to be held virtually two weeks prior to House. **Live verbal testimony will be taken during the live virtual meeting as well as in the written online forum.** These will be scheduled on different evenings so delegates can attend multiple meetings. The in-person, one-day schedule will include the Candidate Forum, officer speeches, Reports of the Reference Committees, and then we will conclude the day with the Presidents Inaugural and Reception. These changes will cut MSMS’ expenses by at least half, or $50,000. We hope this schedule will also save county medical societies and delegates expenses as well.

Thank you for your flexibility and support as we do our very best to sustain this incredibly important organization for future generations of physicians.

Delegate Numbers Sent: The number of delegates for each county will be sent by December 18, 2023.

Delegate Rosters Due: Initial Delegate Rosters will be due on January 29, 2024, with updates able to be made up until the meeting.

Reference Committee Invitations: Recommendations for Reference Committees are due by January 29, 2024. Reference Committee invitations will be sent out
February 12, 2024. If you would like to volunteer for a Reference Committee, please contact Carrie Wheeler at cwheeler@msms.org or 517-336-5723.

Resolutions Due: The Resolution deadline has not changed. The Resolution due date is March 1, 2024.

Handbook: The handbook will be available online on April 1, 2024.

Online Testimony Forum: Online Reference Committee testimony can be submitted from April 1-15, 2024.

Reference Committee Meetings: The Reference Committee meetings will be held virtually in the weeks leading up to the House of Delegates meeting. They will each be held on a different evening allowing you to attend more than one if you choose. The schedule is as follows:

- Ways and Means Committee – April 16, 2024
- Reference Committee A (Medical Care Delivery) - April 17, 2024
- Reference Committee B (Legislation) – April 18, 2024
- Reference Committee C (Internal Affairs, Bylaws, and Rules) – April 23, 2024
- Reference Committee D (Public Health) – April 24, 2024
- Reference Committee E (Scientific and Educational Affairs) – April 25, 2024

Reference Committee Report (Blue Report): The Reference Committee report will be distributed on May 3, 2024.

Order of Business: Please click here for the DRAFT Order of Business.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Rebecca Blake at 517-336-5729 or rblake@msms.org or Carrie Wheeler at 517-336-5723 or cwheeler@msms.org. Thank you.