OFFICIAL CALL TO 2017 MEETING

The 2017 annual meeting of the House of Delegates of the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) will be called to order at the Hershey Lodge, Hershey, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, October 14th at 8:30 am. The second session of the House is scheduled for Sunday, October 15th beginning at 8:00 am.

ELECTIONS
In accordance with Chapter XII, Section 1 of the PAMED Bylaws, “(t)he officers of this Society shall be a president, a president elect, a vice president, an immediate past president, a secretary, a treasurer, and a speaker and a vice speaker of the House of Delegates. There may be such assistant treasurers and assistant secretaries as may be designated by resolution by the Board of Trustees.”

Chapter XI, Sections 1-4 state that:

Elections shall be held in accordance with these bylaws and the Standing Rules of the House of Delegates.

All contested elections shall be by ballot and a majority vote shall be necessary to elect candidates except that delegates and alternates to the American Medical Association and to the Committee to Nominate Delegates and Alternates to the American Medical Association shall be elected by a plurality vote.

Election by acclamation shall be valid when there is no contest and therefore such positions need not be included on a ballot.

The speaker shall appoint tellers who shall be responsible to the speaker for a count on a vote in any session of the meeting of the House of Delegates. Tellers are also responsible for the counting of all ballots and reporting the results directly to the speaker.

In accordance with Chapter X, Section 1 of the Bylaws: “Nominations for all offices to be elected by the House of Delegates may be made by seated delegates from the floor of the House or published in the Official Call upon recommendation of the respective section or district. To be accepted by the House, nominees should possess the prescribed qualifications for the office for which they are nominated.”

Chapter X continues: “Nominees for officers and trustees, if known, will be published in the Official Call. Where candidates for offices are unopposed, except for the office of Vice President, there will be no nominating speeches. Nominations for delegates and alternates to the American Medical Association shall be made by the Committee to Nominate Delegates and Alternates to the American Medical Association and published in the Official Call. Nominations for the Judicial Council shall be made by the Board of Trustees at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. At least one qualified person shall be nominated for each expiring term.
These names should be disseminated to the members of this Society via appropriate means as determined by the secretary. Nominations for district trustees shall be made from the floor of the House and only by seated delegates from their respective districts for which positions need to be filled. Nominations for a trustee from the specialties organized in Pennsylvania and recognized by the Pennsylvania Medical Society and the American Board of Medical Specialties shall be made by the seated delegates from those specialties in the House of Delegates. Nominations for special section trustees shall be made from the floor of the House and only by seated delegates from their respective special sections for which positions need to be filled.”

In accordance with Chapter XI of the Bylaws, the following elections shall be in order:

**Vice President:** Lawrence R. John, MD (Allegheny County), nominated by the Allegheny County Medical Society, is seeking election.

**Speaker, House of Delegates:** John J. Pagan, MD, FACS (Bucks County), who is eligible for re-election.

**Vice Speaker, House of Delegates:** John W. Spurlock, MD (Northampton County), who is eligible for re-election.

**Sixth District Trustee:** Candace R. Good, MD (Centre County), nominated by the Centre County Medical Society, was appointed to fill the 6th District Trustee seat until October 15, 2017 due to the vacancy created when Danae M. Powers, MD was elected Vice President. Dr. Good is eligible for election.

**Seventh District Trustee** to succeed James W. Redka, MD (Lycoming County), who is not eligible for re-election.

**Eighth District Trustee:** John P. Gallagher, MD (Mercer County), who is eligible for re-election.

**Eleventh District Trustee:** Edward M. Stafford, MD (Washington County), who is eligible for re-election.

**At-Large Specialties Trustee:** Walter M. Klein, MD (Montgomery County), who is eligible for re-election.

**Hospital-Based Trustee** to succeed Joseph F. Answine, MD (Dauphin County), who is not eligible for re-election.

**Obstetrics/Gynecology Trustee:** Sherry Blumenthal, MD (Montgomery County), who is eligible for re-election.
Primary Care (Internal Medicine) Trustee: Eileen M. Moser, MD (Dauphin County), who was appointed to fill the vacant Primary Care (Internal Medicine) Trustee seat until October 15, 2017, is eligible for election. The vacancy was created subsequent to the resignation of Jaan E. Sidorov, MD. Dr. Sidorov’s resignation was effective January 4, 2017, due to his employment arrangement with PMSCO/CCC.

Early Career Physicians Section (ECPS) Trustee: John M. Vasudevan, MD (Philadelphia County), who is eligible for re-election.

Medical Students Section (MSS) Trustee: Michael A. Loesche (Philadelphia County), who is eligible for election. Mr. Loesche was appointed in May 2017 to fill the vacant MSS Trustee seat until October 15, 2017. The vacancy was created due to the resignation of Cicily Vachaparambil (Philadelphia County).

In accordance with Chapter X, Section 1 of the Bylaws, elections for Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the American Medical Association are in order. In accordance with Standing Rule Number 10, elections for Delegates will be held on Saturday afternoon, October 14, 2017, and elections for Alternate Delegates will be held on Sunday morning, October 15, 2017.

Delegates whose terms expire December 31, 2017 are:

1. Theodore A. Christopher, MD (Philadelphia County)
2. Stephen N. Clay, MD (Delaware County)
3. Marilyn J. Heine, MD (Bucks County)
4. Peter S. Lund, MD (Erie County)
5. Judith R. Pryblick, DO (Lehigh County)
6. Ralph Schmeltz, MD (Allegheny County)
7. John W. Spurluck, MD (Northampton County)
8. Martin D. Trichtinger, MD (Montgomery County)

The Committee to Nominate Delegates and Alternates to the American Medical Association makes the following nominations for Delegates to serve for two (2) years commencing January 1, 2018 and expiring December 31, 2019:

1. Theodore A. Christopher, MD (Philadelphia County)
2. Michael A. DellaVecchia, MD (Philadelphia County)
3. Marilyn J. Heine, MD (Bucks County)
4. Peter S. Lund, MD (Erie County)
5. Judith R. Pryblick, DO (Lehigh County)
6. Ralph Schmeltz, MD (Allegheny County)
7. John W. Spurluck, MD (Northampton County)
8. Martin D. Trichtinger, MD (Montgomery County)
Alternate delegates whose terms expire December 31, 2017 are:

1. Erick J. Bergquist, MD (Indiana County)
2. Michael A. DellaVecchia, MD (Philadelphia County)
3. Mark S. Friedlander, MD (Delaware County)
4. Kevin O. Garrett, MD (Allegheny County)
5. Jill M. Owens, MD (McKean County)
6. Evan J. Pollack, MD (Delaware County)
7. Scott E. Shapiro, MD (Montgomery County)

The Committee to Nominate Delegates and Alternates to the American Medical Association makes the following nominations for Alternate Delegates to serve for two (2) years commencing January 1, 2018 and expiring December 31, 2019:

1. Erick J. Bergquist, MD (Indiana County)
2. Stephen N. Clay, MD (Delaware County)
3. Mark S. Friedlander, MD (Delaware County)
4. Kevin O. Garrett, MD (Allegheny County)
5. Jill M. Owens, MD (McKean County)
6. Evan J. Pollack, MD (Delaware County)
7. Scott E. Shapiro, MD (Montgomery County)

Also to be elected will be one member for a three-year term to serve on the Committee to Nominate Delegates and Alternates to the American Medical Association. The term of Kenneth M. Certa, MD (Philadelphia County) expires on December 31, 2017; he is not eligible for re-election.

In accordance with Chapter XVI, Section 2 of the Bylaws, the Board of Trustees nominates the following member for a vacancy on the Judicial Council for a three-year term: For the office now held by C. Eve Kimball, MD (Berks County), who was appointed at the February 2017 Board meeting to serve the remainder of the final term of William W. Lander, MD (Montgomery County), deceased, the Board nominates C. Eve Kimball, MD (Berks County), who is eligible to serve. The terms of Edward H. Dench, Jr., MD (Centre County) and Victor F. Greco, MD (Luzerne County) will expire at the conclusion of the 2017 House of Delegates; they are both eligible for re-election.
2017 OFFICIAL CALL REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

SUBJECT ONE—MEMBERSHIP: ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP
The following proposed revision to the Bylaws suggests that language be added to exempt physicians and medical students from component society membership if they neither live, nor work, nor have a hospital affiliation in Pennsylvania. The rationale for this proposed amendment is that component society benefits are not utilized by out-of-state physicians.

Chapter I, Section 2—Membership: Admission to Membership
To be a member of this Society, a physician must be a member of a component society; honorary members, and physicians and medical students who neither live, nor work, nor have a hospital affiliation in Pennsylvania, are not required to do so. The term physician means a person who has received formal and recognized training in the art and science of medicine and is qualified to acquire an unlimited license to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

SUBJECT TWO—MEMBERSHIP: MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES, ADMINISTRATIVE MEMBERS
The following proposed amendment to the Bylaws suggests that language be added stating that a medical staff coordinator is not exempt from paying dues. The rationale for this proposed amendment is that current practice medical staff coordinators have always paid 10% of full active state and county dues (unless the county society chooses to forego the dues).

Chapter I, Section 3, Subsection E—Membership: Membership Categories, Administrative Member
An administrative member shall be:

(1) A County Society Executive. A county society executive, who may or may not be a physician, shall be exempt from paying dues;

(2) A Practice Administrator. Practice administrators from a practice with at least one physician member and a membership level of 50 percent or more, as of the current membership year, shall be exempt from paying dues. Practice administrators with less than 50 percent membership are not exempt from paying dues; or,

(3) A Hospital Medical Staff Coordinator. Hospital medical staff coordinators must meet the State Society’s membership guidelines and are not exempt from paying dues.
An administrative member may not vote or hold office, but may serve as a non-voting member of any workgroup or committee provided that the percentage of administrative members does not exceed 25 percent.

SUBJECT THREE—SPECIAL SECTIONS: EARLY CAREER PHYSICIANS SECTION

The following proposed revision to the Bylaws suggests extending the number of years an individual is eligible to be a member of the Early Career Physicians Section (ECPS) from the first five (5) years of practice to the first seven (7) years of practice. The rationale for this proposed amendment is that extending the term of eligibility to 7 years would match the ECPS with the AMA’s Young Physician Section to allow for active PAMED members to more easily participate at that level. Additionally, as PAMED makes efforts to attract new members, particularly those physicians early in their careers, extending eligibility increases the pool of potential members for the ECPS to reach out to and engage with. Ultimately, this will align eligibility at the state and national levels to provide clarity to a given member’s career stage.

Chapter XVIII, Section 3—Early Career Physicians Section

The purpose of the Early Career Physicians Section is to increase involvement of early career physicians in organized medicine and provide a direct means for early career physician members of the Pennsylvania Medical Society to participate in Society activities and policymaking. Membership in this section shall include all active physician members of the Pennsylvania Medical Society who are under 40 years of age or in the first five (5) seven (7) years of professional endeavor after residency and fellowship training programs.

Note: If Chapter XVIII is amended, then concurrent amendments to Chapter XIV are necessary to align membership eligibility with trustee representation eligibility.

Chapter XIV, Section 6—Board of Trustees: Terms

Each trustee, except the residents and fellows, medical student, and early career physicians trustees, shall be elected for a term of four years.

... The term of the early career physicians trustee shall be one year so long as the early career physicians trustee is under 40 years of age or in the first five (5) seven (7) years of professional endeavor after residency and fellowship training programs at the time of election.

2016-17 Bylaws Committee Members:
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