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***Speakers' Requested Submission Dates At-a-Glance:***

Delegate/Alternate Names:	ASAP
Timely Resolutions:	July 26, 2020
Proposed Bylaws Amendments:	May 27, 2020

**Preliminary Call to the 2020 Annual Meeting of the  
Pennsylvania Medical Society House of Delegates**

The House of Delegates (HOD or House) of the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) will convene its annual meeting at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, Pennsylvania on Saturday, October 24, 2020. The second session will follow on Sunday, October 25, 2020. Details regarding the starting times of both sessions will appear in the August publication of the Official Call. At this time, the Speakers remain hopeful and are anticipating that the COVID-19 pandemic will be controlled by the fall. Updates and any contingency plans will be posted on the website if mass meetings still pose persistent public health risks.

**Serving as a Delegate**

If you are a PAMED member and you wish to serve as a delegate at the 2020 HOD, you should work with your respective county, specialty, or section now in order to seek election by your constituent members to serve as their delegate. The names of all delegates and alternates are to be submitted to Ellen Yasinski at [eyasinski@pamedsoc.org](mailto:eyasinski@pamedsoc.org) **as soon as available but before July 26, 2020**. The 2020 Delegate Allocations document is available on the HOD page of the website for your reference.

**Resolutions**

All resolutions to be considered by the House must be submitted using the online portal which can be found at [www.pamedsoc.org/hod](http://www.pamedsoc.org/hod). (Click here to be taken directly to the form: [2020 Resolution Submission Form](#).) A resolution may be *authored* by any PAMED member, but it must be *introduced* by a voting delegate to the 2020 House of Delegates.

**Timely Resolutions**

In order to receive the benefit of review and assistance by reference committee staff, a resolution must be submitted **by July 26, 2020**. Complete and properly formatted resolutions which are received after that date **but prior to 11:59 p.m. on August 25** will be posted on the website prior to the meeting to the extent feasible.

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### Late Resolutions

Any resolution submitted less than sixty (60) days prior to the House will be considered late and will have to be presented to the Committee on Rules & Credentials for review and recommendation on whether it should be accepted as business of the House. In order to be accepted, a late resolution will require a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) favorable vote of the members present and voting at the first session. Any resolution submitted after the Committee on Rules & Credentials has adjourned will require a three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) favorable vote of the House.

### Section Resolutions

Although sections are permitted to submit their sponsored resolutions later since their annual business meetings typically take place immediately before the HOD on Saturday, they are encouraged to adhere to the above July 26 deadline whenever possible. Again, this will allow reference committee staff to work with them to ensure that all resolutions are in the proper format with appropriate supporting documents, relevance, and fiscal notes to be eligible for consideration by fellow delegates.

### Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws

Bylaws guide how the Medical Society conducts its business and changes can have complex implications which are best addressed by the Bylaws Committee. For those wishing to have the guidance and technical assistance of the Bylaws Committee, those proposed amendments should be submitted by May 27, 2020. While amendments may be proposed and submitted independently until July 24 with the written signatures of fifteen (15) active or associate members, they will not receive the same facilitated review by the Bylaws Committee, may not be in the proper format for consideration, and are discouraged.

### PAMPAC

We applaud your willingness to give your time and thoughtful input to PAMED to help improve the practice of medicine and strengthen our professional organization. Another way for you to catalyze change is by financially supporting pro-physician candidates through your membership in PAMPAC. The Speakers hope that all delegates will be PAMPAC members in 2020 and we urge you to visit [www.pampac.org](http://www.pampac.org) today to contribute at the highest level possible.

Stay safe and looking forward to seeing you in Hershey in October!