

1 PENNSYLVANIA MEDICAL SOCIETY
2 House of Delegates
3 Report

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5 Committee on Rules and Credentials
6 Standing Rules

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8 CONSENT CALENDAR
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10 For Business of the House

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12 1. Standing Rules Nos.1-18

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14 Mr. Speaker, members of the House of Delegates, the Committee on Rules and Credentials has
15 considered all the items in the above index.

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17 1. STANDING RULES NOS.1-18

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19 Mr. Speaker, your Committee on Rules recommends that Standing Rules
20 Nos. 1 through 18 of the House of Delegates, as published in the 2018
21 Official Reports Book, remain in effect with the following amendments
22 to standing rule 2:

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24 **Standing Rule No. 2**

25 **Procedure for Submitting Resolutions**

26 (Revised Nov. 6, 1981; Oct. 23, 1987; October 19, 1990; October 23, 1992;
27 October 27, 2001; October 19, 2002; October 16, 2005; ~~and~~ October 23, 2010; and October 27, 2018;
28 Editorially Revised October 27, 1995)

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30 **All resolutions must be introduced by a member of the House of Delegates**
31 **either acting as an individual or as a representative for a component society,**
32 **specialty, or section. Per the policy established by the House of Delegates,**
33 **resolutions must include the name or names of the author(s) and the county**
34 **medical society or other entity, and be a means of identification when**
35 **presented to the Pennsylvania Medical Society, thus permitting clarification,**
36 **defense and redefinitions, if needed, from the original author(s).**

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38 **All resolutions are to be submitted to the Secretary of this Society, and**
39 **Resolutions** may be submitted at any time prior to thirty (30) days before a
40 meeting of the House of Delegates to become the business of the House.

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42 **Late Resolutions**

43 ~~Resolutions received after that date will be posted on the website prior to the~~
44 ~~meeting to the extent feasible. Those r~~**Resolutions** submitted later than **thirty**
45 **(30)** days prior to a meeting shall be posted on the website, but to become the
46 business of the House shall require a two-thirds favorable vote of the House
47 members present and voting at the first session. **Late R**~~r~~**esolutions** requiring a
48 vote of the House are to be accompanied by an explanation for lateness. Such
49 resolutions will be reviewed by the Committee on Rules and Credentials, which
50 will recommend to the House whether they should be accepted or rejected as

1 House business. Authors may be present at the Committee on Rules and
 2 Credentials meeting to explain their resolution. The foregoing rule shall not apply
 3 to substitute resolutions.

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 5 Any resolution submitted after the Committee on Rules and Credentials has
 6 adjourned will require a three-fourths favorable vote of the members of the House
 7 present and voting to become the business of the House.

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 9 ~~All resolutions must be introduced by a member of the House of Delegates either~~
 10 ~~acting as an individual or as a representative for a component society, specialty,~~
 11 ~~or section.~~

12 13 **Section Resolutions**

14 Resolutions emanating from a business meeting of an officially-recognized
 15 section of the Pennsylvania Medical Society may be presented for consideration
 16 by the House of Delegates at any time before **prior to** the close of business at the
 17 ~~opening session of the House~~ **on the day before the first session.** **Section**
 18 **resolutions submitted by the aforementioned deadline are not late**
 19 **resolutions.** Discretion is urged in the number and timeliness of the subjects of
 20 the resolutions introduced.

21 22 **Board of Trustee Resolutions**

23 Resolutions emanating from, and approved by, the Board of Trustees may be
 24 submitted directly to the House of Delegates at any time prior to or during the
 25 meeting at the discretion of the Speaker. **Board of Trustee resolutions**
 26 **submitted by the aforementioned deadline are not late resolutions.**

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 28 ~~All resolutions are to be submitted to the Secretary of this Society and are to~~
 29 ~~include the names of the author and the introducer.~~

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 31 The Speaker of the House of Delegates, during the meeting of the House, shall
 32 have the right to declare any resolution out of order in accordance with the
 33 principles of the parliamentary authority designated in the bylaws.

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 35 Standing Rule No. 2 outlines the procedure for submitting resolutions to the House of Delegates. The
 36 proposed amendments to this rule are intended to (1) align the rule with House policy, and (2) clarify the
 37 distinction between late resolutions and the timeliness of resolutions submitted by an officially-
 38 recognized section of the Pennsylvania Medical Society or the Board of Trustees.

39 40 ***Alignment with House Policy***

41 Standing Rule No. 2 requires that resolutions only include the names of the author and introducer.
 42 However, House policy requires *“that the name or names of author(s) and the county medical society or*
 43 *other entity be carried with the resolution, and be a means of identification when presented to the*
 44 *Pennsylvania Medical Society, thus permitting clarification, defense and redefinitions, if needed, from the*
 45 *original author(s).”* (See Policy No. 545.990: Continued Identification of Authors of Resolutions)

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 47 The Committee recommends the proposed amendment to allow Standing Rule No. 2 to align with House
 48 policy.

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1 ***Clarification re: Late Resolutions***

2 Under Standing Rule No. 2, resolutions emanating from a business meeting of an officially-recognized
3 section, or submitted by the Board of Trustees, may be submitted later than thirty (30) days prior to a
4 meeting of the House. There has been confusion regarding whether these resolutions are considered “late”
5 and, therefore, subject to review by the Rules and Credentials Committee and requiring a House vote.
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7 The Speaker of the House has opined that resolutions submitted later than thirty (30) days prior to an
8 HOD meeting by an officially-recognized section or the Board of Trustees are not considered late
9 resolutions; therefore, these resolutions are not subject to the late resolution submission requirements.
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11 The Committee recommends the proposed amendment to clarify this rule.
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