



Utah Medical Association ANNUAL HOUSE OF DELEGATES



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Representation Overview

The Utah Medical Association (UMA) House of Delegates (HOD) is the highest authority and policy-making body of the Utah Medical Association. Any UMA member in good standing is eligible to be a delegate and as a delegate will be required to attend the annual UMA HOD meetings. A member may not attend the HOD meeting unless a delegate but may attend the reference committees.

The HOD directs by resolution and setting of policy the issues that UMA will address annually, and that policy becomes UMA policy. UMA policy directs stances that UMA takes on all discussions related to the issue the policy addresses. This is why it is so important for Physicians to represent their group as a delegate and vote. The HOD conducts its business at the annual meeting, generally held on a Friday and Saturday in September. Delegates typically serve two-year terms and can serve every year at the will of their group or sponsoring organization.

Under the UMA Bylaws, the HOD debates and adopts the policies of the organization, receives reports from UMA officers and component societies, considers Bylaws amendments, approves the annual budget and membership dues, and elects UMA officers.

Resolutions

Individual delegates may introduce resolutions to be considered by the HOD. Component or specialty societies may also introduce resolutions if reviewed and approved by the membership or leaders of the societies. UMA can provide guidance on how to prepare a resolution.

The Speaker of the House appoints delegates to serve on reference committees, which consider the resolutions, offer opportunities for discussion, and prepare their recommendations to the HOD. As the reference committees report their recommendations to the HOD, the resolutions may be debated, amended, and finally voted on by the full HOD. Resolutions adopted by the HOD become official UMA policy.

Resolutions Due 30 Days Prior

Resolutions must be submitted to the UMA office 30 days prior to the convening of the HOD by 9 am to be considered on time. Resolutions submitted after that time but within two weeks of the HOD will be regarded as late resolutions and only considered by the HOD if agreed to by a majority of the delegates.

Officers

UMA officers are elected at the annual HOD meeting. They include the President, President-elect, immediate Past President, Board Members At-Large, Delegates and alternate Delegates to the AMA, and Speaker and Vice Speaker (every other year) of the HOD.

If you are a UMA Member, we can find a Delegate spot for you!

Apply to be a Delegate - Contact Paige DeMille at paige@UtahMed.org or (801) 747-3500 x228