



Speaker's Update

September 24, 2020

Dear Delegates,

As the House Officers and AAPA staff work to finalize the details for the virtual meeting of the AAPA House of Delegates on November 20, 2020, we continue to keep all those who have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic in our thoughts and prayers. As a profession, we need to support our colleagues who have been affected by increased health risk, illness, burn-out, and/or job loss due to Covid-19 or any other situation.

This Speaker's Update contains updated information and deadlines regarding the November meeting. Please read the information carefully and contact the House Officers at Houseofficers@aapa.org or HOD staff Advisor at HODstaffadvisor@aapa.org if you have any questions.

November Meeting of the AAPA House of Delegates

The November meeting has been condensed to a one-day meeting on Friday, November 20, 2020. To accommodate for both multiple time zones and the volume of work, the meeting is tentatively planned to begin at 10 am EST. A final agenda with times will be sent 30 days prior to the meeting, along with the HOD meeting materials.

- **Standing Rules Committee Report & Vote:** As noted in the August Speaker's Update, the House Officers charged the Standing Rules Committee (SRC) to review our current rules and make recommendations for any changes that are needed to run an efficient virtual meeting in November. Attached are the committee's recommendations. Delegates can submit comments for consideration by the SRC until October 2, 2020. Please submit comments to HODstaffadvisor@aapa.org. The SRC will review all comments and then their final recommendations will be sent to all credentialed and [apportioned delegates](#) for a vote October 9 to 16. On behalf of the House Officers, I would like to thank the members of the Standing Rules Committee for their diligence, expediency, and thoroughness as they adapted to the new environment in which we are working.
- **Motion for Closed Meeting:** A motion by the House Officers to make the November HOD a closed meeting, to include AAPA members and HOD Official Observers will be sent with the final SRC recommendations for a vote. Due to the sensitive nature of the Title Change Investigation presentation and report, the House Officers believe it is in the best interest of the organization and the profession to have a closed meeting.

Credentialed delegates will vote on this motion at the same time as the recommended rules changes.

- **Delegate Credentialing:** In order to participate in the pre-HOD vote on the rules changes and motion for a closed meeting, delegates must be credentialed. You will not receive a ballot for this vote if you are not credentialed. To be credentialed your constituent organization must be in compliance with AAPA policies, which include official submission of the officer and delegate lists—all of whom must be current AAPA members. Delegates must also submit their [Conflict of Interest Form](#). Be sure to select HOD as the position you are completing the form for at the bottom of the first page. To ensure your delegation is fully credentialed to vote on the recommended rules changes for the November meeting, you **must be credentialed no later than Thursday, October 8.** You will receive your Standing Rules Ballot on October 9 from this email address - help@yeselections.com.
- **Deadline for Participation in November Meeting:** We need to generate an accurate list of credentialed delegates consistent with the [apportionment for each constituent organization](#). In order to do this, delegates MUST complete the credentialing process by Friday, November 6 to participate in the November HOD meeting. There will be no exceptions to this deadline. If you are not credentialed by November 6th, you will not have access to the meeting as a voting delegate. In addition, there can be no changes in the delegate list by the constituent organization after the November 6th deadline.
- **Title Change Investigation Report:** WPP/Landor (title and rebranding research), Foley and Lardner (legal review), and AAPA (financial analysis) will present the final Title Change Investigation presentations at the November meeting. There will be 2 hours of reports for this important issue, followed by a Q&A period.
- **Other Agenda Items:** At the November meeting, delegates will also hear important reports from Academy leaders on the status of the AAPA and the profession during these difficult times. A consent agenda will be presented with recommendations from the Five-Year Policy Review. The consent agenda will also include both bylaws and non-bylaws resolutions that were submitted by the appropriate deadlines. All meeting materials will be available 30 days prior to the meeting.
- **Elections for Nominating Work Group:** The Governance Commission will soon open the application for the Nominating Work Group vacancies. There are two positions this year to be elected by the House of Delegates. The application process will conclude at the November meeting since delegates are permitted to self-declare from “the floor”, which requires completion of the application during the meeting. I strongly encourage all those interested to pre-declare for these positions prior to the HOD. This allows voters to familiarize themselves with the candidates in advance of voting. Look for an email from Governance Chair Dave Bunnell soon outlining the process and timeline for submitting your application.
- **PA Foundation and PA Political Action Committee:** As leaders of this great profession, the House of Delegates has always “led by example” by supporting the important work of the PA Foundation and the PA Political Action Committee (PAC). Although we are not able to meet in person, I urge all of you to continue your strong

support and challenge you to have 100% participation by the delegates as we do when we meet in person. Please see messages below from these important groups.

I look forward to our meeting in November. Thank you for your service to the profession and to our patients.

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PA PAC Needs Your Support

HOD Delegates have been a critical source of funding for [PA PAC](#) – but the cancelation of the 2020 Conference has seriously impacted the PAC’s ability to support our champions in Congress, and threatens to diminish the PA voice on Capitol Hill. [Please consider a gift to PA PAC today](#); the stakes are simply too high to sit on the sidelines.

Support the PA Foundation

You may recall that each year the PA Foundation produces a souvenir coin to commemorate the AAPA conference. This year they were unveiling the fifth in the series. These souvenir coins were already produced and ready to ship to Nashville when the conference was canceled. **But now they are offering you the coin that represents a first in AAPA history: the conference that wasn’t.** These are typically a popular item among our House representatives. What a great way to support our PA Foundation and have a one-of-a-kind piece of PA history. Please [make your contribution today](#).