



Speaker's Update

February 26, 2021

Dear Delegates,

I hope you are all doing well and staying healthy. There is a lot of information that follows, so please read this thoroughly. The House of Delegates has a tremendous amount of work to accomplish in the coming months as we prepare for the May 20th Meeting. It is essential that delegates remain attentive to communications from the House Officers and AAPA staff and adhere to the many actions and deadlines that lie ahead as we navigate our way through many “firsts” to achieve a successful Virtual House of Delegates.

May 2021 HOD Meeting

As noted in my [January Speaker's Update](#), AAPA has made the difficult decision to make Annual Conference and the HOD totally virtual for 2021. The HOD will convene Thursday, May 20 – Saturday, May 22, and then finish up its business on Monday, May 24th.

If you had already registered using a promo code for HOD Only or HOD + CME, you should have received an email on January 27th from [Mairi Gardner](#) in AAPA's Meetings Department. AAPA will cancel all hotel reservations made through the registration portal. If you did not book a hotel and paid the full conference rate, AAPA will refund you the \$200 difference. If you already booked your flight to Philadelphia, please contact the airline to inquire about a refund or credit.

As a reminder, the deadline to submit non-Bylaws resolutions is March 21, 2021. The deadline has passed for the submission of Bylaws resolutions.

Annual Conference Registration

For your planning purposes, AAPA2021 will occur from Sunday, May 23 through Wednesday, May 26. Attached to this communication you will find the instructions and promo code for seated delegates to register at a discounted rate for AAPA 2021. If you are an additional (extra) delegate and want to register, please complete the [regular registration](#) process. There is no HOD Only registration since the meeting will be conducted virtually. Closer to the meeting, all credentialed delegates will receive individual links to participate in the Virtual HOD.

Motion for a Closed Meeting

As we did for the November 2020 meeting, the House Officers move that the May 2021 meeting of the HOD be a closed meeting to include AAPA members and staff and HOD Official Observers, in order to keep the anticipated sensitive discussions within the AAPA membership, not in the public domain. PA members. This motion would pass by an affirmative vote of the majority of delegates who are **apportioned and credentialed** at the time of the vote. You will

receive an email from help@yeselections.com containing your ballot link to vote on this motion on Friday, March 12th. Voting will close on Sunday, March 14th.

Credentialing

If you credentialed for the November 2020 virtual HOD meeting, there is no need for further action unless you have to update your disclosure. If that is the case or you did not credential for the last virtual HOD meeting, please complete [AAPA's Disclosure & Conflict of Interest form](#) ASAP. **Remember, to participate in the vote on the motion to have a closed HOD meeting in May, you must be credentialed prior to the ballots being sent March 12th.**

May 2021 HOD Meeting Agenda

To help prepare for the May meeting, please review the draft [meeting agenda](#). The House Officers expect there will be little to no change to this, but minor changes may be made if they better allow us to accomplish our work. The [HOD Meeting materials webpage](#) will be updated with more information as it becomes available so check back often.

Reference Committees and Reference Committee Chairs

Due to the number of resolutions the HOD will consider from the November 2020 meeting and new resolutions for the May 2021 meeting, the House Officers have decided to divide the work between four (4) reference committees.

The House Officers would like to thank the delegates below who volunteered and have been appointed to serve as Reference Committee Chairs. Their demonstrated experience and leadership within the HOD is critical as we prepare the reference committees to complete their important work at the HOD meeting. Reference Committees and chairs are as follows:

- Reference Committee A -- Bylaws/Membership
Chair: Rebecca Loveless, Missouri
- Reference Committee B -- Title Change/PA Education
Chair: Peggy Walsh, Colorado
- Reference Committee C -- Public Health/Diversity
Chair: Jason Prevelige, Connecticut
- Reference Committee D -- Advocacy/Access to Care/PA Utilization
Chair: Rachel Weinzimmer, Colorado

Amendments & Comments for November 2020 Referrals

The House has already accepted and extracted the resolutions/recommendations from the November Virtual HOD Meeting's consent agenda. These have been referred to the May 2021 HOD Meeting. Therefore, we are going to try something different to be more efficient with our time in May.

Please review the [list of the resolutions/recommendations](#) extracted from the consent agenda in November and referred to reference committees for the May 2021 HOD meeting. The list includes the author of each resolution/recommendation and the delegate who extracted it.

I encourage those who extracted a resolution/recommendation to work with the author and submit alternate language with written comments that is acceptable to both parties for the reference committee's consideration. This concept is the same as asking delegates to caucus at the back tables at an in-person meeting to agree upon language that is acceptable to then bring back to the main body. We will not accept pro or con testimony as this is not the intention at this time. For those of you who intended to extract a resolution(s), you are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity as well.

The process for this is:

- Delegates may submit suggested language with written comments for the applicable reference committee using this link - <https://fs1.formsite.com/aapa/wmyme0xhst/index.html>.
- The deadline for submission of written comments will be Friday, March 26th.
- Reference committees will use the comments as they prepare for the reference committee hearings in May.
- All comments received will be posted on the [HOD meeting materials webpage](#) at least 30 days in advance of the May HOD meeting.
- During a reference committee hearing, the chair will summarize any written comments that were received along with amended language noting if the author is in agreement before asking for testimony.

Separate HOD Meeting to Update the Standing Rules

As noted in my [January Speaker's Update](#), there will be a separate meeting of the HOD on Thursday May 6, 2021 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. EDT. The only agenda item for this meeting will be to consider and act on recommendations to the Standing Rules. **Only delegates credentialed and "seated" as of April 22nd will be sent a link to join this meeting.**

Call for Volunteers

We are still in need of volunteer reference committee members and reference committee secretaries. Please submit the [HOD Volunteer Form](#) no later than March 4th.

Key Dates

With so many important dates and deadlines approaching to prepare for the May HOD meeting, following is a chronological list for your reference.

- March 4 – Deadline to volunteer for a reference committee.
- March 5 – Deadline for delegates to be submitted and credentialed to participate in the HOD vote to make the May 2021 HOD Meeting closed.
- March 5 - Candidate applications open in [AAPA's General Election and HOD Elections](#).
- March 12-14 – HOD vote (seated delegates only) to make the May 2021 HOD Meeting closed.
- March 21 – Non-bylaws resolutions and five-year policy review recommendations due.
- March 26 – Written comments for 2020 referred resolutions/recommendations due.
- March 27-28 – House Officer Meeting (resolutions reviewed; House Officers may contact authors with any questions/concerns about their resolution(s))

- March 31 - Candidate applications close in AAPA's General Election and HOD Elections
- April 20 – HOD meeting materials available online
- April 22 - Deadline for delegates to be submitted and credentialed to participate in the Special May 6 HOD Meeting to consider proposed Standing Rules changes.
- April 27 – Voting delegate technology test session for Standing Rules Vote.
- April 29 – Proposed Standing Rules Changes shared with delegates.
- May 6 – Special HOD Meeting to consider proposed Standing Rules changes (7-9 pm EDT)
- May 6 – Deadline for eligible voters in HOD Elections to be current AAPA fellow or student members.
- May 12 – Deadline for any changes to delegations and for all delegates to be credentialed for the HOD Meeting on May 20-22 & 24.
- May TBD – Delegate practice session for May 20-22/24 HOD Meeting
- May 20-22 & 24 – 2021 Virtual HOD Meeting
- May 22 –3:00 p.m. EDT deadline to change credentialed delegates for General Session II on May 24

Constituent Organization Officers & Delegates: HOD Compliance

Please remember to submit your updated Officer and Delegate list if you have not already done so. Per AAPA policy, for compliance purposes, core officers are president, president-elect, vice president, secretary, treasurer, or secretary/treasurer. [Click here to check your organization's compliance status](#). This page allows you to confirm that your core officers and delegates are current AAPA fellow members.

If no officers and/or delegates are listed, an [officer update form](#) or [delegate notification form](#) has not been received for this leadership year. **Therefore, your organization is out of compliance and will not be eligible to participate in any HOD business.** You will need your AAPA login information to view the compliance webpage.

Ensuring your organization remains in compliance is critical to ensuring delegates are able to fulfill their responsibilities by participating in HOD business between now and the May 2021 HOD. COs which are not in compliance with AAPA Bylaws and Policy by the resolution deadline are not eligible to submit resolutions for consideration at the 2021 HOD.

AAPA Elections

Candidate applications open for both the Board of Directors General Election and HOD Elections on March 5th. The deadline to apply is March 31st and the election timeline and FAQs are available [here](#).

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[Resolution Guidelines & Policy Paper Guidelines](#)
[Conflict of Interest & Disclosure Form](#)
[Delegate Notification Form](#)
[Delegate Change Form](#)
[CO Annual Update Form](#)
[2020 Summary of Actions](#)
[HOD Webpage](#) or www.aapa.org/hod

Please let the House Officers know if you have any questions and stay tuned for our communications over the next twelve weeks.

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