



## **Speaker's Update**

**March 26, 2021**

Dear Delegates,

Time is certainly passing quickly, and the May 2021 meeting of the House of Delegates is right around the corner. The House Officers and AAPA staff continue the planning process for the meeting. This Speaker's Update is a reminder of many of the important details of our upcoming meeting. Please review this information carefully and check the HOD webpage regularly for important information leading to the HOD meeting.

### **May 2021 HOD Meeting**

To help prepare for the May meeting, please review the [draft meeting agenda](#). The House Officers expect only minor modifications to address the most effective use of delegate time. The [2021 AAPA House of Delegates Virtual Meeting page](#) will be updated regularly, so please bookmark this as your repository for all meeting information and materials. In accordance with policy, meeting materials, including resolutions, will be made available here by April 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Motion for a Closed Meeting**

Thank you for participating in the recent HOD vote on the motion by the House Officers to make the May HOD a closed meeting to include AAPA members and staff and HOD Official Observers. The motion passed. [Certified results](#) can be found on the [2021 AAPA House of Delegates Virtual Meeting page](#).

### **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 November meeting, please complete [AAPA's Disclosure & Conflict of Interest form](#) ASAP.

### **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 are in the process of assigning volunteers to the reference committees and those appointments will be made soon.

### **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 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 22<sup>nd</sup> will be sent a link to join this meeting.**

### **Important 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 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 for May 6 HOD Meeting to consider proposed Standing Rules.
- April 27 Voting delegate technology test session for Standing Rules Vote.
- April 29 Proposed Standing Rules Changes shared with delegates.
- May 6 HOD Meeting to consider proposed Standing Rules changes.
- 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 22 3:00 PM EDT Deadline to change credentialed delegates for General Session II on May 24.
- May 20-22/24 Virtual HOD Meeting

### **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.

### **AAPA Elections**

Candidate applications are open for both the Board of Directors General Election and HOD Elections. **The deadline to apply is March 31<sup>st</sup>.** You can access the application, election

timeline, FAQs, and more [here](#). The slate of candidates in each election will be announced on April 22. Within that communication, you will have the opportunity via a link to submit questions for contested positions. Submitted questions will be considered for the respective Meet the Candidates session.

### **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 for the conference, 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.

### **AAPA's Five Year Strategic Plan**

AAPA's 2021-2025 Strategic Plan has launched. Your investment in the future of the profession is demonstrated by your participation in AAPA's House of Delegates, and through the important work you do in your constituent organization. I encourage you to visit [Learning Central](#) for a comprehensive presentation of the core pillars upon which the plan is built and the key performance indicators by which we will measure success. This presentation is available for 0.50 Category 1 CME credit.

### **Political Action Committee**

HOD Delegates have long been a critical source of funding for the [PA PAC](#), but in 2020, fewer than 35% of Delegates contributed to the PAC. I encourage you to lead by example. [Please consider a gift to the PA PAC today.](#)

### **Quick Links**

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[HOD Apportionment for May 2021 Meeting](#)  
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[CO Officer Compliance Webpage](#)  
[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](http://www.aapa.org/hod)

Please let the House Officers know if you have any questions as we move closer and closer to the May 2021 Virtual House of Delegates and stay tuned for frequent communications between now and then.

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