



Speaker's Update

November 30, 2021

Dear Delegates,

The holidays are upon us and it is a wonderful time of year. As we prepare for family gatherings, remember to keep preparing for the HOD. Please ensure that your delegations are in compliance so that you can be seated when we meet in person. Please be aware that there are no plans for a virtual or hybrid HOD.

I would like to welcome the two new COs that have joined since the last HOD: Puerto Rico Academy of PAs (chapter) and the PAs for Women Empowerment (caucus). We are so pleased to have both groups join us and look forward to their contributions in the HOD. You can view the updated HOD apportionment document [here](#).

I hope that you and your family had a wonderful Thanksgiving. While we are all excited about spending time with our loved ones and gatherings with friends, we need to remain vigilant against Covid. Please keep safe.

Disclosure & Conflict of Interest (COI)

Each new leadership year (July 1 – June 30), all Delegates are required to complete a disclosure/COI form as a part of the credentialing process. The form has been updated to allow submission of a single form for those of you who hold more than one leadership position with AAPA. To ensure your delegation is in compliance and prepared for any business that may come before the HOD, please submit your form TODAY!

- [Introductory Video about Disclosures and COIs](#) (1 minute)
- [Disclosure & COI Policies and Procedures](#)
- [Disclosure & COI FAQs](#)
- [Disclosure and COI Form](#)

Call for HOD Volunteers

Are you interested in becoming more involved in the HOD? If so, please visit the [HOD Volunteer page](#) to learn about volunteer needs in the HOD. Submit your interest for any or all of the positions below:

- Reference Committees – Chair, Member, or Secretary
- Credentialing Committee – Member
- Elections Committee – Member

- Tellers
- New Delegate Mentors

Note: Some appointments may not be made until March once the resolution deadlines have passed.

CO Compliance for HOD

To further assist COs in remaining in compliance throughout the year and eligible to have representation in any HOD business that is conducted, a compliance document (attached to this email) has been created to easily view the status of your CO by checking the color coding for your organization as shown below.

1. COs that have submitted their officers/delegates and are in compliance at this time
2. COs that have submitted their officers and delegates, but are not in compliance at this time due to an officer (or officers) no longer having current AAPA Fellow membership
3. COs that have not submitted their officers and/or delegates and are not eligible to participate in any HOD business at this time

Note: Officer membership compliance can change monthly as memberships come up for renewal between now and May. We will share this document each month leading up to the HOD updating those COs who have submitted and each CO's compliance status as of that time.

To check your CO's officer (delegates too!) membership expiration dates, visit the compliance webpage (login required) which can be accessed on the [HOD landing page](#). Per AAPA policy for compliance purposes, core officers are president, president-elect, vice president, secretary, treasurer, or secretary/treasurer. If your CO has an individual serving in any of these positions, they are expected to remain in good standing as AAPA Fellows throughout their term in office. CO delegates have the same membership expectation, but only impact their own ability to participate in any HOD business.

HOD & AAPA 2022 Registration and Housing

All CO Delegates should have received an email from Tom Shoemaker (tshoemaker@aapa.org) about registration and housing opening for AAPA 2022 and the HOD meeting being held in Indianapolis, IN. The HOD will meet from Friday, May 20 – Sunday, May 22. AAPA 2022 will be held May 21-25. Contact Tom if you did not receive this information and promo code(s) to register.

The HOD meeting and AAPA 2022 will be in-person events with no virtual or hybrid options to attend/participate live.

If you have not yet registered, you will first need to select full conference registration to begin the registration process even if you will only attend the HOD meeting. Once you enter the applicable promo code and get to the payment screen, you will see the price change to the correct

amount. If you have any issues with registering, please reach out to [Mairi Gardner](#) in AAPA's Meetings Department.

Even if you are only able to attend the HOD meeting, all delegates are invited to attend the conference General Session on Saturday, May 21 at 4:00 p.m. at the Indiana Convention Center, and the Welcome Reception in the Exhibit Hall directly following the conference General Session. The HOD will conclude its business for the day to allow attendance at these events.

Delegate and Reference Committee Orientations

Conducting the various components of the 2021 HOD virtually was a success and got your House Officers thinking about which pieces of that process could be applied moving forward when meeting in-person. The delegate and reference committee orientations came to mind first. There is no reason to wait until everyone has traveled to the host city for these orientations to be effective. While the date and time for each of these orientations is not yet determined, I want to announce both orientations will be conducted virtually during the final weeks leading up to the 2022 HOD in-person meeting.

HOD Resolutions

The earlier you submit resolutions for the 2022 HOD, the more time the House Officers have to ensure the resolution is in order and is placed on the HOD meeting agenda. As a reminder, resolutions can: (a) amend current AAPA policy; (b) fill a policy gap on a particular topic; or (c) introduce a new policy on an issue which is relevant and important to the profession. HOD 2022 Resolution submission deadlines are:

- Bylaws Resolutions – February 19, 2022
- Non-Bylaws Resolutions – March 21, 2022

AAPA's Annual Membership Meeting

[Register now to attend AAPA's virtual 2021 Annual Membership Meeting](#) on Wednesday, December 15 at 8 p.m. EST. AAPA President Jennifer Orozco, myself, Secretary-Treasurer Lauren Dobbs and CEO Lisa Gables will share updates on AAPA and then take questions from members.

AAPA's Leadership and Advocacy Summit (LAS) Update

LAS will not be held in the spring of 2022 and has been postponed until September 29 – October 1, 2022. Stay tuned for more information on registering for this event when we get closer to the meeting.

Quick Links

- [Previous Speaker's Updates](#)
- [Delegate List](#)
- [Delegate Notification Form](#) (if only submitting Delegates)
- [Delegate Change Form](#)
- [CO Annual Update Form](#) (if submitting Officers & Delegates)

- [2021-22 AAPA Policy Manual](#)
- [Current policies being reviewed for 2022 HOD](#)
- [Resolution Guidelines](#)
- [Policy Paper Guidelines](#)
- [2020 Summary of Actions](#)
- [2020 HOD Category II CME Certificate](#)
- [HOD Home Page](#) or www.aapa.org/hod

Thank you for all you do for the profession and for the Academy.

Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "T. Pickard".

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