



## **Speaker's Update – Special Edition**

**May 11, 2022**

Dear Delegates,

We are rapidly approaching the 2022 House of Delegates. I am looking forward to seeing you all very soon. I wanted to share some “pack your bags” reminders to help you prepare. Please take a careful look at the following reminders as you continue to review the House materials.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Thursday, May 12, 8:00 p.m. EST Virtual Delegate Orientation**

All delegates should have received an email for the orientation directly from Zoom on May 10 with login information. In preparation for the meeting, you will find all 2022 AAPA House of Delegates Meeting Materials [here](#). I and my fellow Speakers – PA Clayton and PA Walsh – welcome all delegation members to this virtual meeting – not just new delegates. We want to ensure each delegation feels prepared for our first in-person meeting in two years. This orientation will cover topics such as duties and composition of the HOD, policy-making process, delegate responsibilities, parliamentary procedure, reference committee and consent agenda process, how to offer testimony, and more.

#### **Tuesday, May 17, 9:00 p.m. EST Virtual Poll Everywhere Training & Test Session**

Only voting delegates should have received an email from Zoom on May 10 with login information for the Poll Everywhere Test Session.

In advance of the meeting, voting apportioned delegates should create an account/login to the Poll Everywhere web platform using [these instructions](#). The training will begin with an overview of how to access/use the voting platform prior to conducting a few test votes and troubleshooting any remaining issues accessing the voting platform.

Delegates will receive applicable reminders from Zoom via email the day before and an hour before each meeting. If you have not received an email/invite within 24 hours of the applicable meeting, please reach out to Mairi Gardner ([mgardner@aapa.org](mailto:mgardner@aapa.org)).

### **HOD Credentialing/Check-in**

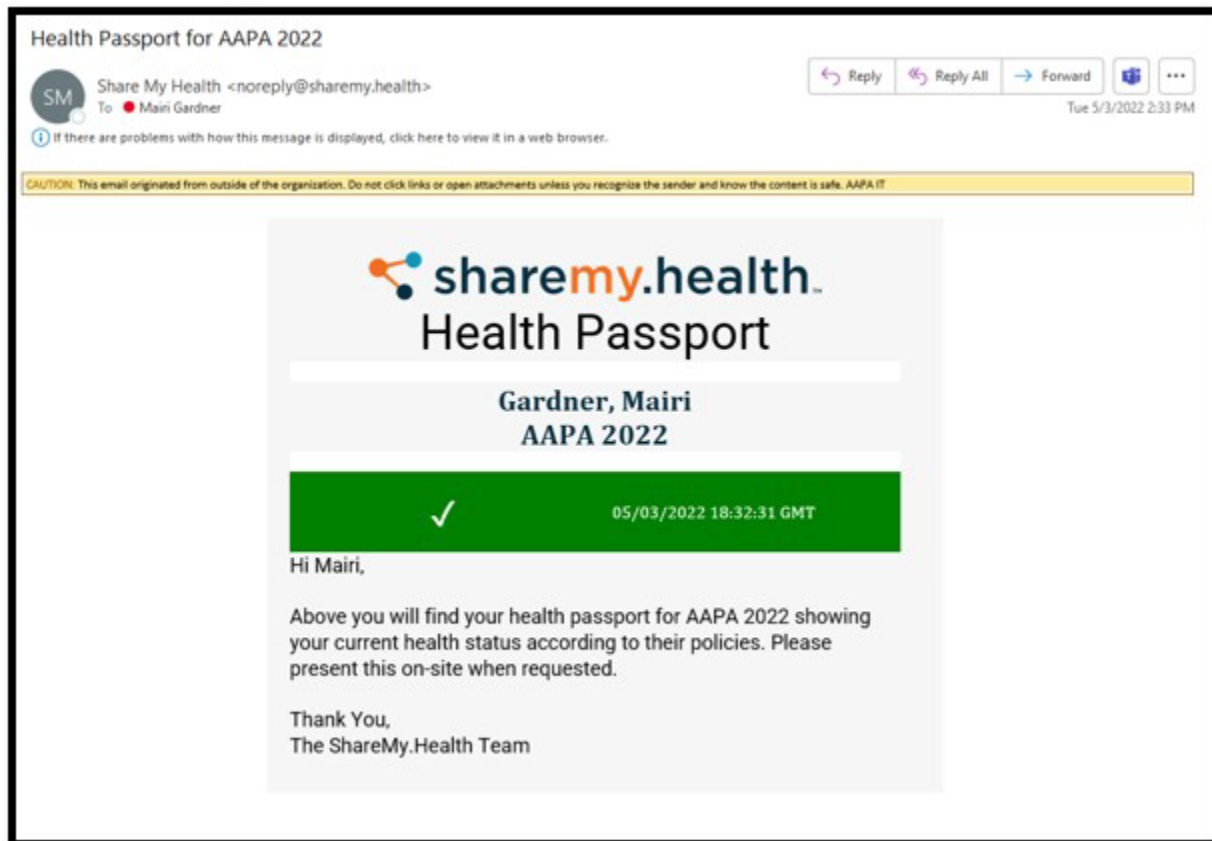
Upon arriving at the HOD Credentialing desk at the JW Marriott Indianapolis – located on the Third Floor in the JW Grand Ballroom 6 Foyer, **ALL** individuals attending the HOD Meeting will first be required to pass through our COVID Safety Checkpoint. Anyone attending the HOD Meeting, even if they are not a credentialed delegate, must be registered via the AAPA 2022

registration portal, and have created an account in the COVID Safety Portal to **upload their COVID-19 vaccination card or a negative COVID-19 test** (within 72 hours of arrival).

Upon verification, you should receive an email from Share My Health with a **GREEN CHECK** (example below). Print this verification and bring it with you *or* have it visible on your smart phone to show our COVID Checkpoint security officer. Once the green check has been verified, you are considered “cleared” and can proceed to the HOD Credentialing Desk and the AAPA 2022 satellite registration area to print your badge.

**Badges will be required to enter the HOD Meeting room and should be worn at all times. This allows us to recognize those who have been “cleared.”**

- **GREEN CHECK** emails will be sent to attendees upon verification in Share My Health and will be sent to all individuals again on May 12 and May 18.
- If you have registered and already created an account in our COVID Safety Portal but cannot find your **GREEN CHECK** email, please contact [meetings@aapa.org](mailto:meetings@aapa.org) for your verification to be resent.
- If you have registered and NOT created an account in our COVID Safety Portal, please do so ASAP, using the email address you registered with here: <https://app.sharemy.health/signup?regcode=AAPA2022Attendee>
- If you have NOT registered for AAPA 2022, please do so immediately here, <https://connect.aapa.org/conference/registration>, and then follow the step above to create an account in our COVID Safety Portal



If you need any assistance, please contact [meetings@aapa.org](mailto:meetings@aapa.org).

### **Miscellaneous Information & Reminders**

- Changes/additions to your delegation in general or voting delegate identification are no longer being accepted. Delegate lists were finalized on May 6.
- Wi-Fi will be available in the HOD meeting room.
- Delegates are encouraged to bring a second device for voting instead of switching back and forth between tabs.
- Remember to pack your charging cord(s). Power outlets will be provided at each delegation table.
- Credentialing desk hours are as follows:
  - Thursday, May 19 from 3:30 -7:00 pm EST
  - Friday, May 20 from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. EST
- Paper copies of the resolutions and reference committee reports **will not** be provided. Plan to access them directly from the HOD meeting materials webpage.
- Lunch will be provided on May 20 and 21 in the HOD meeting room. Your attendance/participation in the lunch discussion sessions is strongly encouraged.
- All delegates are invited to attend the HOD Reception on Friday, May 20 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. which will take place near the HOD meeting room in JW Ballrooms 1-3. Delegates must wear their badge to gain entry and will receive a drink ticket at the door. Additional beverages can be purchased at one of the cash bars.

- While coffee will be available during the HOD, there is also a Starbucks in the hotel on the second floor if you need an extra cup.
- All delegates are encouraged to attend the conference General Session – Journeys of Courage: Simone Biles and Jane Pauley on Mental Health -- on Saturday, May 21 at 4:00 p.m. in the Indiana Convention Center, as well as the Welcome Reception in the Exhibit Hall directly following the General Session.

### **Quick Links**

- [2022 HOD Meeting Materials](#)
- [Previous Speaker's Updates](#)
- [Elected Delegate List](#)
- [2021-22 AAPA Policy Manual](#)
- [2021-22 HOD Apportionment](#) (Indianapolis HOD 2022)
- [2022-23 HOD Apportionment](#) (Nashville HOD 2023)
- [2021 Summary of Actions](#)
- [HOD Home Page](#) or [www.aapa.org/hod](http://www.aapa.org/hod)

Thank you for all you do for the profession and for the Academy. I look forward to seeing each of you in Indianapolis next week!

Best,



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