

Memo to: Executive Directors  
National Medical Specialty Societies

From: Michael D. Maves, MD, MBA

Date: January 25, 2008

Subject: Official Notification of Delegate Allocation for 2008

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National medical specialty societies are currently apportioned delegates to the AMA House of Delegates based on the number of ballots designating a society for representation, and for the next five years, that number will be increased proportionately as described in Board of Trustees Report 17-A-07 (Bylaws §2.121). Under the current Bylaws (§2.1211), a grace period has been established for 2008 such that each specialty society will have the greater of the number of delegates it had in 2007 or the number apportioned under the extrapolation model described in policy; no society will have fewer delegates than it had in 2007. Listed below are the delegate allocations for those specialty societies that have more than one delegate:

<u>Society</u>	<u>Number of Delegates</u>
American Academy of Dermatology	4
American Academy of Family Physicians	16
American Academy of Neurology	3
American Academy of Ophthalmology	4
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons	4
American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery	4
American Academy of Pediatrics	5
American Academy of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	2
American Association of Neurological Surgeons	2
American College of Cardiology	3
American College of Emergency Physicians	4
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists	10
American College of Physicians	10
American College of Radiology	9
American College of Surgeons	5
American Psychiatric Association	7
American Society of Anesthesiologists	11
American Society of Plastic Surgeons	2
American Urological Association	3
College of American Pathologists	4

The remaining 89 specialty societies currently seated in the House of Delegates are each allotted one delegate (and one alternate) for 2008. In 2008, there will be 201 specialty society delegates, compared to 192 in 2007.

The numbers above also appear in the table accompanying this memo, which also shows *projected* delegate allocations for 2009. The projection is necessarily based on 2007 year-end data and could change dramatically if the number of physicians designating a specialty society for representation increases substantially. National medical specialty societies are encouraged to have their members visit [www.ama-assn.org/go/ballot](http://www.ama-assn.org/go/ballot) to designate a choice. Our initial efforts to increase the number of physicians naming a society for representation have made clear that support from specialty societies will be required to reach the goals outlined in Board of Trustees Report 17-A-07. For assistance, you may wish to contact Terri Marchiori (312 464-5271, or [terri.marchiori@ama-assn.org](mailto:terri.marchiori@ama-assn.org) by email).

Several specialty societies endorsed delegates from the Resident and Fellow Section (§2.14 of the Bylaws), and the list of those societies follows on the last page. The delegate allocation numbers above do not include the Resident and Fellow Section delegates, but allowance will be made to seat them with their endorsing society. Societies are urged to make every effort to include these delegates and alternate delegates in pertinent activities and communications.

The Bylaws specify that all delegates (§2.101) and alternate delegates (§2.19) must be AMA members. The current roster of delegates and alternate delegates for your society is included with this memo. Please review this information, and send or fax changes and corrections to:

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Office of House of Delegates Affairs  
American Medical Association  
515 North State Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60610  
Fax: 312 464-4505

Updates may be made directly on the pages and returned by fax if you wish. Changes should be received by Friday, February 29. For societies with more than one delegate, please indicate who will be serving as the delegation chair and vice chair in 2008.

Accurate information is necessary in order to credential all members of the delegation. Subsequent changes to the roster of delegates and alternate delegates must also be directed to Dr. Brown. Delegates' credential cards, which each delegate must present to the registration desk prior to being seated in the House, will be mailed to you prior to the 2008 Annual Meeting.

In addition, you may visit [www.ama-assn.org/go/pictorial](http://www.ama-assn.org/go/pictorial) to review your delegation's listing. Please note that you must establish a login if you have not already done so, and this can be accomplished by visiting [www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/1675.html](http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/1675.html) to register. New photos can be sent to Patti Wargo either electronically ([patti.wargo@ama-assn.org](mailto:patti.wargo@ama-assn.org)) or in hard copy.

Traditionally, delegates for national medical specialty societies with a single delegate have been seated in the House with the delegate's home state. Over the last few years, several specialty societies have indicated that they would like to be seated together, and these groupings will continue. Other specialty society delegations that would like to be seated together in the House should notify Dr. Brown in writing at least 60 days prior to the opening of the House (no later than April 14, 2008).

Enclosure

cc: Specialty Society Delegates  
Specialty Society Alternate Delegates  
Specialty Society Presidents

Projected Delegate Counts in 2009\*

<b>Specialty Society</b>	<b>AMA Members in Society</b>	<b>Designations 31 Dec 2007</b>	<b>A-08 Delegates</b>	<b>Projected A-09 Delegates</b>
Academy of Pharmaceutical Physicians and Investigators	260	7	1	1
Aerospace Medical Association	443	139	1	1
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology	546	344	1	1
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	1,400	187	1	1
American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery	272	20	1	1
American Academy of Dermatology	3,467	1,912	4	4
American Academy of Disability Evaluating Physicians	404	6	1	1
American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	429	87	1	1
American Academy of Family Physicians	14,311	10,330	16	15
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine	359	12	1	1
American Academy of Insurance Medicine	90	109	1	1
American Academy of Neurology	2,589	1,712	3	3
American Academy of Ophthalmology	4,252	2,207	4	5
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons	5,014	2,271	4	5
American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy Inc.	606	32	1	1
American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery	3,695	2,726	4	4
American Academy of Pain Medicine	523	156	1	1
American Academy of Pediatrics	6,097	2,901	5	6
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	1,647	727	2	2
American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law	531	12	1	1
American Academy of Sleep Medicine	1,002	73	1	1
American Association for Hand Surgery	327	3	1	1
American Association for Thoracic Surgery	414	53	1	1
American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists	1,085	296	1	1
American Association of Clinical Urologists, Inc.	1,350	62	1	1
American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists	1,162	4	1	1
American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons	324	7	1	1
American Association of Neurological Surgeons	1,234	829	2	2
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine	1,016	126	1	1
American Association of Plastic Surgeons	258	28	1	1
American Association of Public Health Physicians	75	103	1	1
American Clinical Neurophysiology Society	271	4	1	1
American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology	676	448	1	1
American College of Cardiology	5,034	1,612	3	3
American College of Chest Physicians	3,179	427	1	1
American College of Emergency Physicians	3,131	2,172	4	4
American College of Gastroenterology	1,674	427	1	1
American College of Medical Genetics	239	139	1	1
American College of Medical Quality	280	50	1	1
American College of Nuclear Medicine	115	29	1	1
American College of Nuclear Physicians	127	46	1	1
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists	6,256	6,086	10	9
American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine	1,274	462	1	1
American College of Physician Executives	3,716	189	1	1

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American College of Physicians	20,820	5,324	10	10
American College of Preventive Medicine	314	213	1	1
American College of Radiation Oncology	419	56	1	1
American College of Radiology	8,756	5,449	9	9
American College of Rheumatology	1,058	389	1	1
American College of Surgeons	20,022	2,755	5	6
American Gastroenterological Association	2,142	319	1	1
American Geriatrics Society	1,038	151	1	1
American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine	1,343	7	1	1
American Medical Directors Association	1,679	69	1	1
American Medical Group Association	6,908	50	1	1
American Orthopaedic Association	485	106	1	1
American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society	372	48	1	1
American Pediatric Surgical Association	206	74	1	1
American Psychiatric Association	6,646	4,063	7	7
American Roentgen Ray Society	3,415	20	1	1
American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, Inc.	574	8	1	1
American Society for Clinical Pathology	2,314	294	1	1
American Society for Dermatologic Surgery	1,197	28	1	1
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy	1,302	112	1	1
American Society for Reproductive Medicine	1,442	96	1	1
American Society for Surgery of the Hand	532	152	1	1
American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology	1,349	113	1	1
American Society of Abdominal Surgeons	598	117	1	1
American Society of Addiction Medicine	668	133	1	1
American Society of Anesthesiologists	10,598	6,110	11	11
American Society of Bariatric Physicians	186	2	1	1
American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery	1,988	134	1	1
American Society of Clinical Oncology	3,138	579	1	2
American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons	272	233	1	1
American Society of Cytopathology	379	21	1	1
American Society of General Surgeons	1,075	196	1	1
American Society of Hematology	1,277	99	1	1
American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons	205	52	1	1
American Society of Neuroimaging	231	20	1	1
American Society of Neuroradiology	618	44	1	1
American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	250	62	1	1
American Society of Plastic Surgeons	1,414	618	2	2
American Society of Retina Specialists	587	10	1	1
American Thoracic Society	1,647	112	1	1
American Urological Association	2,915	1,626	3	3
Association of Military Surgeons of the United States	1,118	55	1	1
Association of University Radiologists	262	1	1	1
College of American Pathologists	2,071	2,760	4	3
Congress of Neurological Surgeons	1,013	86	1	1
Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists, Inc.	198	9	1	1
Infectious Diseases Society of America	1,141	21	1	1

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International College of Surgeons - US Section	809	41	1	1
International Spine Intervention Society	566	8	1	1
National Association of Medical Examiners	245	61	1	1
North American Spine Society	1,115	221	1	1
Radiological Society of North America	3,956	129	1	1
Renal Physicians Association	986	231	1	1
Society for Investigative Dermatology, Inc.	237	12	1	1
Society for Vascular Surgery	615	70	1	1
Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons	939	47	1	1
Society of Critical Care Medicine	1,132	90	1	1
Society of Interventional Radiology	1,023	45	1	1
Society of Laproendoscopic Surgeons	2,530	1	1	1
Society of Medical Consultants to the Armed Forces	166	27	1	1
Society of Nuclear Medicine	622	97	1	1
Society of Thoracic Surgeons	1,260	333	1	1
The Endocrine Society	556	136	1	1
The Triological Society	199	12	1	1
United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology, Inc.	1,587	105	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>217,879</b>	<b>74,234</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>203</b>
Indicated a choice not to designate a specialty society		52		
Total AMA membership	241,026			
Number members eligible to designate a specialty society (#eligible)	213,130			
Number members who have made a designation (#actual)	74,286			
Percentage of eligible members who have designated	34.9%			
Target percentage of designations (See BOT Report 17-A-07)	60%			
Allocation factor (( #eligible / #actual) * target% )				
2009 allocation factor - target 65%, and assumes no other changes	1.865			

\*Note: The 2009 projections assume no changes in membership figures, which is unlikely, so the numbers should be considered preliminary at best. The numbers would be affected by total AMA membership; specialty society membership, especially those undergoing five-year reviews in 2008; and the number of designations secured from member physicians by the end of 2008.

**RESIDENT AND FELLOW SECTION DELEGATES  
ENDORISING SOCIETIES**

<b>Society</b>	<b>Delegates</b>	<b>Alternate Delegates</b>
Arkansas	0	1
California	1	0
Connecticut	0	1
District of Columbia	0	1
Kansas	1	0
Maryland	1	0
Massachusetts	0	1
Nebraska	1	0
New York	0	1
Ohio	1	0
Pennsylvania	1	1
Virginia	0	1
American Academy of Dermatology	0	1
American Academy of Pediatrics	0	1
American Association of Neurological Surgeons	1	0
American College of Emergency Physicians	1	0
American College of Radiation Oncology	0	1
American College of Radiology	1	0
American Society of Anesthesiologists	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>

Note: Resident and Fellow Section delegates are to be seated with their endorsing society (Bylaws §2.38). Alternate delegates who are temporarily badged as delegates will sit with the society that endorsed the delegate for whom the alternate is substituting.