

Memo to: Executive Directors
State Medical Associations

From: Michael D. Maves, MD, MBA

Date: January 25, 2008

Subject: 2008 Delegate Allocation

In accordance with the American Medical Association (AMA) Bylaws (§2.11 and subsections), I am pleased to provide the final 2008 state delegate allocation. The regular delegate allocation is derived by taking the larger of the number of delegates allocated to each state at the 2007 Annual Meeting or the number calculated from official AMA membership records as of December 31, 2007. Each state's allocation is listed in the attached *Final 2007 AMA Membership and 2008 Delegate Allocation* table. Note that §2.11112 established a grace period for constituent associations during 2008 and set the 2007 allocation as the floor for the coming year. Additional delegates granted for unified membership or for having at least 75% of the state's members being AMA members (§2.112 and subsections) or for the Speaker and Vice Speaker (§2.16) are noted in the table as well.

The rightmost column of the table also provides a *projection* of delegation sizes in 2009 when membership losses will begin to be reflected in delegation numbers. Please note that the projections are based on 2007 year-end membership and §2.11112 of the Bylaws, which limits the loss of delegates to not more than one per year from 2009 through 2011. Actual allocations for 2009 will of course depend on membership figures on December 31 of this year, but the figures in the table will facilitate planning. The figures do not reflect additional delegates to which various societies may be entitled for unified membership, attaining 75% membership or for the Speaker or Vice Speaker.

In light of the membership declines, state societies are encouraged to contact their account executives in the AMA's membership marketing area. The Bylaws (§2.11111) call for constituent associations to provide a membership development plan in order to retain delegates beyond the number to which they are entitled by membership numbers. This will be critical for many states in the very near future.

Also included with this memo is a listing of those states that have medical student regional delegates. Although elected by the Medical Student Section, the students' candidacies were endorsed by the state medical society they represent, and the relevant states are encouraged to include the medical student regional delegates in state or delegation activities and communications. These additional student delegates are **not** reflected in the *Final 2007 AMA Membership and 2008 Delegate Allocation* table but will be included in seating allocations for the Annual and Interim Meetings.

In addition, several states endorsed delegates from the Resident and Fellow Section (§2.14 of the Bylaws), and the list of those states follows the list of states with medical student regional delegates. As is the case for the students, the delegate allocation chart does not include the Resident and Fellow

Section delegates, but allowance will be made to seat them with their endorsing society. Again, states 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 also included with this memo. Please review this information, and send or fax changes and corrections by Friday, February 29 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

Please be sure to indicate who will be serving as your delegation's chair and vice chair for 2008. The names of medical student regional delegates and alternate delegates as well as the Resident and Fellow Section delegates and alternate delegates are also included in the relevant state rosters.

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.

Attachments

cc: State Delegates
State Alternate Delegates
State Presidents

Final 2007 AMA Membership and 2008 Delegate Allocation

	2007 Delegate Allocation	AMA Members 31Dec2007	2008 Regular Delegate Allocation	Greater of 2007 or 2008 ¹	Additional 2008 Delegate Allocation	Total 2008 Delegate Allocation	2009 Projected Regular Allocation ²
Total	309	241,026	265	309	6	315	281
Alabama	5	4,373	5	5	0	5	5
Alaska	1	321	1	1	0	1	1
Arizona	4	2,996	3	4	0	4	3
Arkansas	3	2,201	3	3	0	3	3
California	23	18,636	19	23	0	23	22
Colorado	3	2,816	3	3	1 †	4	3
Connecticut	5	3,576	4	5	0	5	4
Delaware	2	883	1	2	0	2	1
District of Columbia	2	1,370	2	2	0	2	2
Florida	14	12,491	13	14	0	14	13
Georgia	7	5,293	6	7	0	7	6
Guam	1	36	1	1	0	1	1
Hawaii	2	973	1	2	0	2	1
Idaho	1	599	1	1	0	1	1
Illinois	16	12,990	13	16	0	16	15
Indiana	6	4,502	5	6	0	6	5
Iowa	4	2,906	3	4	0	4	3
Kansas	3	2,219	3	3	0	3	3
Kentucky	5	3,846	4	5	0	5	4
Louisiana	5	4,323	5	5	0	5	5
Maine	2	1,027	2	2	0	2	2
Maryland	5	4,057	5	5	0	5	5
Massachusetts	8	6,153	7	8	0	8	7
Michigan	13	10,809	11	13	0	13	12
Minnesota	7	4,883	5	7	0	7	6
Mississippi	5	3,987	4	5	2 ‡	7	4
Missouri	7	5,972	6	7	0	7	6
Montana	1	454	1	1	0	1	1
Nebraska	3	2,012	3	3	0	3	3
Nevada	2	1,148	2	2	0	2	2
New Hampshire	1	645	1	1	0	1	1
New Jersey	9	6,304	7	9	0	9	8
New Mexico	2	1,309	2	2	0	2	2
New York	22	16,943	17	22	0	22	21
North Carolina	8	6,865	7	8	0	8	7
North Dakota	1	794	1	1	0	1	1
Ohio	13	11,014	12	13	0	13	12
Oklahoma	6	5,077	6	6	2 ‡	8	6
Oregon	3	1,920	2	3	0	3	2
Pennsylvania	16	12,602	13	16	1 †	17	15
Puerto Rico	2	984	1	2	0	2	1
Rhode Island	2	883	1	2	0	2	1
South Carolina	5	4,459	5	5	0	5	5
South Dakota	1	935	1	1	0	1	1

Tennessee	6	4,930	5	6	0	6	5
Texas	21	17,464	18	21	0	21	20
Utah	2	1,858	2	2	0	2	2
Vermont	1	433	1	1	0	1	1
Virginia	7	6,239	7	7	0	7	7
Virgin Islands	1	35	1	1	0	1	1
Washington	5	3,577	4	5	0	5	4
West Virginia	3	1,779	2	3	0	3	2
Wisconsin	6	5,156	6	6	0	6	6
Wyoming	1	245	1	1	0	1	1
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¹ Under Section 2.11112 of the Bylaws, constituent societies are in a grace period following the expiration of the freeze on 31 December 2007. The grace period extends through 2008. Hence, constituent associations have no fewer delegates in 2008 than in 2007.

² This projection assumes no changes in membership at the end of 2008 and deals only with the regular delegate allocation. It does not deal with additional delegates (Bylaw 2.112). It does address Bylaw 2.11112, which limits a society's loss of delegates to 1 per year.

† Section 2.16 of the Bylaws provides that the organization represented by the delegates elected to be Speaker and Vice Speaker shall be entitled to an additional delegate for the term of service of the Speaker and Vice Speaker.

‡ Section 2.1121 of the Bylaws entitles a constituent association to 2 additional delegates if all of its members are also members of the AMA as of 31 December.

**MEDICAL STUDENT REGIONAL DELEGATES
AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES BY STATE**

State	Delegates	Alternate Delegates
California	1	1
Connecticut	1	0
Florida	1	1
Georgia	1	1
Illinois	1	2
Indiana	1	0
Iowa	0	1
Louisiana	1	1
Massachusetts	1	1
Minnesota	1	0
Mississippi	1	1
Missouri	1	0
New Jersey	1	1
New York	1	1
Oregon	1	0
Pennsylvania	1	1
Rhode Island	0	1
South Carolina	1	1
South Dakota	0	1
Texas	1	1
Virginia	1	1
Region 4	Incomplete	Incomplete
TOTAL	19[†]	19[†]

Pursuant to American Medical Association Bylaws §2.13 and subsections, medical student delegates and alternate delegates were elected utilizing a regional structure. The seven medical student regions are defined as follows:

- Region 1: Arizona, Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.
- Region 2: Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Wisconsin
- Region 3: Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi Oklahoma, Texas.
- Region 4: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee.
- Region 5: Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia.
- Region 6: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia.
- Region 7: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont.

For 2008, delegates are allotted according to year-end 2006 AMA medical student membership within the region as follows: Regions 1 and 5, 2 delegates each; Regions 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7, 3 delegates each.

† There are 19 medical student regional delegates; some information from Region 4 is not available.

**RESIDENT AND FELLOW REPRESENTATION
ENDORSED BY STATE SOCIETIES**

Society	Delegates	Alternate Delegates
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

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.