



Memo to: Executive Directors
National Medical Specialty Societies

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Subject: 2018 Specialty Society Delegate Apportionment

This year delegates from national medical specialty societies are apportioned under new rules that will provide them with the same overall number of delegates as constituent societies. The ballot system has been abandoned; each national specialty society will (in most cases) be apportioned delegates on the basis of the number of AMA members in the society at its most recent five-year review. The 2018 delegate apportionment is based on official AMA membership records.

Policy G-600.027, “Designation of Specialty Societies for Representation in the House of Delegates,” sets out the rules implementing Bylaw 2.2 to determine each specialty society’s delegate apportionment. Constituent societies have been apportioned 271 delegates for 2018 (not including two delegate slots for the speakers per bylaw 2.5). Consequently, 271 delegates were apportioned across the 117 national medical specialty societies in the House and the five additional specialty societies expected to be admitted in June, societies that the Specialty and Service Society has determined meet the criteria.

Every society seated in the House of Delegates is entitled to one delegate, but the following 43 national specialty societies have more than one delegate (with a like number of alternate delegates):

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	2
American Academy of Dermatology	3
American Academy of Family Physicians.....	18
American Academy of Neurology	3
American Academy of Ophthalmology	4
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.....	7
American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery	3
American Academy of Pediatrics	9
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	2
American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists	2
American College of Cardiology	6
American College of Chest Physicians.....	3
American College of Emergency Physicians.....	7
American College of Gastroenterology	2
American College of Physicians	23
American College of Radiology	7
American College of Rheumatology.....	2
American College of Surgeons	13
American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists	12

American Gastroenterological Association	2
American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine	2
American Medical Group Association.....	3
American Psychiatric Association	8
American Roentgen Ray Society	3
American Society for Clinical Pathology	3
American Society for Dermatologic Surgery.....	2
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy	2
American Society of Anesthesiologists	6
American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery	2
American Society of Clinical Oncology	3
American Society of Echocardiography	2
American Society of Hematology	2
American Society of Plastic Surgeons	2
American Thoracic Society.....	2
American Urological Association.....	2
College of American Pathologists.....	3
Infectious Diseases Society of America.....	2
North American Spine Society	2
Radiological Society of North America.....	3
Society of Critical Care Medicine.....	2
Society of Hospital Medicine.....	2
The Endocrine Society	2
United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology	2

Remaining national medical specialty societies, including those expected to be seated in June, are each apportioned one delegate (and one alternate) for 2018. The net result is that there will be 271 specialty society delegates this year. Delegate apportionment figures for all specialty societies appear in the 2018 Specialty Society Delegate Apportionment table accompanying this memo.

Specialty societies with more than one delegate are generally seated as a unit. For those societies newly apportioned more than one delegate, this will be a change, as one person specialty delegations have historically been seated in the House with the delegate's home state. However, it is also true that over the last few years, many specialty societies have chosen to be seated together as a group, and societies are welcome to form new groups or join an existing group. Seating charts can be found in any recent Handbook, or contact Roger Brown or Patti Wargo in the House of Delegates office (contact information below). Requests for seating arrangements must be submitted no later than April 2, 2018.

Rosters of delegates and alternate delegates are maintained by the Office of House of Delegates Affairs, and the current listings can be viewed at ama-assn.org/2018-delegation-rosters (login required). In light of the new rules for apportioning specialty society delegates, 54 new delegates will be named. Those new names along with corrections or changes should be sent by March 16, 2018 to:

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This will ensure that your society's delegates and alternates receive information about this year's House of Delegates meetings. Be sure to include an email address for each individual, as most House-related communications are electronic. No action is required at this time if all your delegates and alternate delegates are listed and their contact information is correct.

Please note that these requested roster updates are distinct from the credentialing process that takes place before each meeting. Under AMA bylaws, (§2.2.4) delegates and alternate delegates must be certified before *each* meeting. For the Annual Meeting, you can expect the certification process to begin in late-March, after roster updates have been applied.

Please ensure that your delegates and alternate delegates have renewed their AMA memberships for 2018. AMA bylaws specify that all delegates (§2.0.1.1) and alternate delegates (§2.8.1) must be AMA members, and individuals who are not members will not be included on a delegation roster. You will be notified of any discrepancies.

You might also wish to check the pictorial directory at <https://pictorialdirectory.ama-assn.org> to review your delegation's listing and note those delegates for whom photos are missing or outdated. The pictorial directory is only as good as it is current, and your help in ensuring its completeness would be greatly appreciated. New photos should be sent to Patti Wargo either electronically (patti.wargo@ama-assn.org) or in hard copy.

Several specialty societies have endorsed resident and fellow sectional representatives (§2.4 of the bylaws) and are listed in a second table below. The delegate numbers above and in the Specialty Society Delegate Apportionment table do not include these resident and fellow sectional delegates, but allowance will be made to seat them with their endorsing societies. Societies are urged to make every effort to include these delegates and alternate delegates in pertinent activities and communications.

Questions about the delegate apportionment process, roster updates or the credentialing process should be directed to Roger Brown.

Attachment

2018 Specialty Society Delegate Apportionment

Specialty Society	Most recent member count¹	Delegates @ 1 per 1000
Academy of Physicians in Clinical Research	97	1
Aerospace Medical Association	173	1
AMDA-The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine	853	1
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology	361	1
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	1,408	2
American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery	348	1
American Academy of Dermatology	2,955	3
American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	365	1
American Academy of Family Physicians	17,323	18
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine	700	1
American Academy of Insurance Medicine	61	1
American Academy of Neurology	2,207	3
American Academy of Ophthalmology	3,380	4
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons	6,755	7
American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy Inc.	386	1
American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery	2,895	3
American Academy of Pain Medicine	471	1
American Academy of Pediatrics	8,160	9
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	1,838	2
American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law	359	1
American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry	876	1
American Association for Hand Surgery	266	1
American Association for Thoracic Surgery	279	1
American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists	917	1
American Association of Clinical Urologists, Inc.	968	1
American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists	1,264	2
American Association of Neurological Surgeons	902	1
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodagnostic Medicine	778	1
American Association of Plastic Surgeons	175	1
American Association of Public Health Physicians	45	1
American Clinical Neurophysiology Society	197	1
American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology	555	1
American College of Cardiology	5,693	6
American College of Chest Physicians (CHEST)	2,552	3
American College of Emergency Physicians	6,705	7
American College of Gastroenterology	1,383	2
American College of Legal Medicine	133	1
American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics	347	1
American College of Medical Quality	134	1
American College of Mohs Surgery	219	1
American College of Nuclear Medicine	81	1
American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine	547	1
American College of Phlebology	310	1
American College of Physicians	22,690	23
American College of Preventive Medicine	484	1

Specialty Society	Most recent member count¹	Delegates @ 1 per 1000
American College of Radiation Oncology	316	1
American College of Radiology	6,077	7
American College of Rheumatology	1,111	2
American College of Surgeons	12,445	13
American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists	12,000	12
American Gastroenterological Association	1,709	2
American Geriatrics Society	927	1
American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine	1,174	2
American Medical Group Association	2,928	3
American Orthopaedic Association	311	1
American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society	218	1
American Psychiatric Association	7,478	8
American Rhinological Society ²	172	1
American Roentgen Ray Society	2,377	3
American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, Inc.	348	1
American Society for Clinical Pathology	2,094	3
American Society for Dermatologic Surgery	1,001	2
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy	1,283	2
American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery	313	1
American Society for Radiation Oncology	776	1
American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery ²	168	1
American Society for Reproductive Medicine	983	1
American Society for Surgery of the Hand	439	1
American Society of Abdominal Surgeons	243	1
American Society of Addiction Medicine	623	1
American Society of Anesthesiologists	5,958	6
American Society of Breast Surgeons	568	1
American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery	1,085	2
American Society of Clinical Oncology	2,363	3
American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons	225	1
American Society of Dermatopathology	344	1
American Society of Echocardiography	1,135	2
American Society of General Surgeons	65	1
American Society of Hematology	1,017	2
American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians	544	1
American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons	102	1
American Society of Neuroimaging ²	105	1
American Society of Neuroradiology	464	1
American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	160	1
American Society of Plastic Surgeons	1,001	2
American Society of Retina Specialists	608	1
American Society of Transplant Surgeons	142	1
American Thoracic Society	1,581	2
American Urological Association	1,112	2
Association of Military Surgeons of the United States*	660	1
Association of University Radiologists	181	1
College of American Pathologists	2,500	3

Specialty Society	Most recent member count¹	Delegates @ 1 per 1000
Congress of Neurological Surgeons	774	1
Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists	52	1
Heart Rhythm Society	651	1
Infectious Diseases Society of America	1,147	2
International Academy of Independent Medical Evaluators	191	1
International College of Surgeons - US Section	263	1
International Society for the Advancement of Spine Surgery	134	1
International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery	106	1
National Association of Medical Examiners	169	1
North American Neuromodulation Society ²	260	1
North American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society ²	100	1
North American Spine Society	1,131	2
Obesity Medical Association	253	1
Radiological Society of North America	2,240	3
Renal Physicians Association	568	1
Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions	420	1
Society for Investigative Dermatology, Inc.	310	1
Society for Vascular Surgery	560	1
Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons	921	1
Society of Critical Care Medicine	1,539	2
Society of Hospital Medicine	1,556	2
Society of Interventional Radiology	680	1
Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons	982	1
Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging	243	1
Society of Thoracic Surgeons	935	1
Spine Intervention Society	542	1
The Endocrine Society	1,086	2
The Triological Society	152	1
Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society	186	1
United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology	1,303	2
TOTAL		271

Elements of 2018 specialty society delegate apportionment

National specialty societies currently seated in House of Delegates	117
National specialty societies expected to be seated at A-18	5
National specialty societies apportioned delegates	122
Specialty delegates apportioned at 1 per 1000 AMA members	271
Delegates apportioned to constituent societies under Bylaw 2.1.1	271
Additional specialty delegates apportioned per Policy G-600.027	0

Notes:

- 1 Most recent membership counts are taken from Board of Trustees Report 6-I-16, which developed the delegate apportionment scheme implemented herein. More recent data are used for societies with five-year reviews after I-16, societies that underwent special counts since 2016, and societies expected to be admitted to the House of Delegates at A-18.
2. Societies expected to be admitted at A-18.

Societies Endorsing Resident and Fellow Sectional
Delegates and Alternate Delegates

	Delegates	Alternate Delegates
American Academy of Ophthalmology	1	
American Academy of Pediatrics	1	1
American College of Cardiology	1	
American College of Mohs Surgery		1
American College of Radiology		1
American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists	1	1
American Psychiatric Association	1	1
American Society of Anesthesiologists	1	1
American Society of Clinical Oncology		1
American Society of Hematology	1	
American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians	1	1
American Society of Plastic Surgeons	1	
American Urology Association	1	
Association of University Radiologists	1	
California Medical Association	1	1
College of American Pathologists		1
Colorado Medical Society	1	
Florida Medical Association		1
Illinois State Medical Society		1
Indiana State Medical Association	1	
Infectious Diseases Society of America	1	
Iowa Medical Society		1
Massachusetts Medical Society	1	1
Medical Association of Georgia		1
Medical Society of Delaware	1	
Medical Society of the State of New York	1	1
Minnesota Medical Association		1
North Carolina Medical Society	1	1
Ohio State Medical Association	1	
Oklahoma State Medical Association	1	
Pennsylvania Medical Society	1	1
Radiological Society of North America	1	
Rhode Island Medical Association		1
Society of Critical Care Medicine	1	
Society of Interventional Radiology	1	1
Texas Medical Association		1
The United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology		1
Washington State Medical Association		1
Wisconsin Medical Society	1	

This table reflects information available as of January 15, 2018 and is subject to change.

For 2018, Resident and Fellow Section sectional delegates were apportioned according to year-end 2016 AMA resident and fellow membership figures, with a delegate being apportioned for every 2,000 members (Bylaws §2.4 and subsections).

Resident and Fellow Section delegates are to be seated with their endorsing society (Bylaws §2.10.8). Alternate delegates who are substituting for a delegate will sit with the society that endorsed the delegate for whom the alternate is substituting.