

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Report of Committee on Rules and Credentials

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1 Mister Speaker, Members of the House of Delegates: Your Committee on Rules and
2 Credentials recommends the following rules for this Special Meeting of the House of Delegates:
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4 1. Special Meeting of the House of Delegates (HOD)

5 In accord with the official "Call for the Special Meeting" dated April 25, 2020, the AMA
6 House of Delegates will convene via a virtual platform on June 7, 2020 at 2 pm CDT.
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8 2. House of Delegates Security

9 Maximum security shall be maintained at all times to prevent disruptions of the House, and
10 only those individuals who have been properly credentialed shall be permitted to vote or
11 comment.
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13 3. Credentials

14 The registration record of the Committee on Rules and Credentials shall constitute the
15 official roll call at this Special Meeting of the House. Delegates have been issued a unique
16 credential for use during the virtual meeting and should guard it carefully. If the credential
17 is compromised, it should be reported immediately to HOD@ama-assn.org.
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19 Recredentialing can be accomplished by notifying the HOD office electronically no less
20 than 2 hours prior to the call to order, in which case a new credential shall be issued and
21 the previous credential made void. Only delegates may vote in elections and must use
22 their unique credential in order to cast a ballot. For other business, either the delegate or
23 alternate delegate may vote using the credential.
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25 4. Business by the House of Delegates

26 The order of business as published in the Handbook shall be the official order of business
27 for this Special Meeting of the House of Delegates. This may be varied by the Speaker,
28 subject to any objection sustained by the House. Under the bylaws, business is restricted
29 to that for which this Special Meeting has been called. No further business shall be
30 entertained.
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32 5. Privilege of the Floor

33 Delegates may request the privilege to comment using the chat function, if an alternate
34 wishes to comment he/she must have the permission of the delegate. The Speaker may
35 grant the privilege of the floor to such persons as may be presented by the President, or
36 Chair of the Board of Trustees, or others who may expedite the business of the House,
37 subject to objections sustained by the House.
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39 6. Procedures of the House of Delegates

40 As per the official "Call for the Special Meeting" and per the Bylaws governing the Special
41 Meeting, discretion shall be given to the Speaker to conduct the business before the AMA
House of Delegates.
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1 7. Limitation on Debate

2 Debate will be limited to the chat feature of the virtual platform or a two-minute limit on any
3 oral presentation. A 10-minute limit shall be enforced on any single item of business,
4 subject to waiver by the Speaker or a majority vote of the house.

5 8. Nominations and Elections

6 The House will receive nominations for President-Elect, Speaker, Vice Speaker, Trustees
7 and Council Members during the Special Meeting. Individuals who wish to make additional
8 nominations from the floor should do so using the chat function in order to ensure timely
9 submission. Speeches will be limited to officer candidates in contested elections, with no
10 seconding speeches permitted. The order of speeches was determined by lottery. After
11 nominations are closed, any candidate in an uncontested race will be deemed elected by
12 acclamation. As previously announced to the House of Delegates, any candidate to be
13 nominated must have submitted their Conflict of Interest form not later than June 5, 2020
14 at 2 pm CDT. This includes candidates nominated for newly opened positions created by
15 other elections.

16 9. Conflict of Interest

17 Members of the House of Delegates who have a substantial financial interest in a
18 commercial enterprise, which interest will be materially affected by a matter before the
19 House of Delegates, must publicly disclose that interest.

20 10. Respectful Behavior

21 Courteous and respectful dealings in all interactions with others, including delegates, AMA
22 and Federation staff, and other parties, are expected of all attendees at House of
23 Delegates meetings.

24 Mister Speaker, this concludes the Report of the Committee on Rules and Credentials and we
25 recommend its adoption.

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