

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES
Report of Committee on Rules and Credentials
Presented by: Gary Thal, MD, Chair
June 7, 2020

Mister Speaker, Members of the House of Delegates: Your Committee on Rules and Credentials recommends the following rules for this Special Meeting of the House of Delegates:

1. Special Meeting of the House of Delegates (HOD)

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

2. House of Delegates Security

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

3. Credentials

The registration record of the Committee on Rules and Credentials shall constitute the official roll call at this Special Meeting of the House. Delegates have been issued a unique credential for use during the virtual meeting and should guard it carefully. If the credential is compromised, it should be reported immediately to HOD@ama-assn.org.

Recredentialing can be accomplished by notifying the HOD office electronically no less than 2 hours prior to the call to order, in which case a new credential shall be issued and the previous credential made void. Only delegates may vote in elections and must use their unique credential in order to cast a ballot. For other business, either the delegate or alternate delegate may vote using the credential.

4. Business by the House of Delegates

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

5. Privilege of the Floor

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

6. Procedures of the House of Delegates

As per the official "Call for the Special Meeting" and per the Bylaws governing the Special Meeting, discretion shall be given to the Speaker to conduct the business before the AMA House of Delegates.

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.
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6 8. Nominations and Elections

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

19 Members of the House of Delegates who have a substantial financial interest in a
20 commercial enterprise, which interest will be materially affected by a matter before the
21 House of Delegates, must publicly disclose that interest.
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23 10. Respectful Behavior

24 Courteous and respectful dealings in all interactions with others, including delegates, AMA
25 and Federation staff, and other parties, are expected of all attendees at House of
26 Delegates meetings.
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28 Mister Speaker, this concludes the Report of the Committee on Rules and Credentials and we
29 recommend its adoption.

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