



# Speakers' Letter

**2024 Annual Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates**  
**June 7–12, 2024 Hyatt Regency Chicago**

HOD Attendees:

The following information is provided to aid your planning for the upcoming Annual Meeting in Chicago. As a reminder the Opening Session will be held on Friday evening and all sessions of the House will be livestreamed. Nominations will occur on Friday evening and the Election Session will be held on Tuesday, June 11. Your speakers encourage you to review Speakers' Report 3 under the informational reports tab in the [HOD Handbook](#) for minor changes to our HOD actions under our updated parliamentary authority.

Watch the Annual Meeting website for updates to this *Speakers' Letter*. Previous communications from your Speakers are on the AMA website at [2024 Annual Meeting of the HOD: Speakers' updates overview | American Medical Association](#). If you have questions regarding any of the following items or questions on American Medical Association (AMA) policy, please visit [Annual Meeting of the AMA House Delegates Info | American Medical Association](#), send an email to [hod@ama-assn.org](mailto:hod@ama-assn.org) or call 312.464.4463.

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## House of Delegates schedule

The 2024 Annual Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates (HOD) will be held June 7–12 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. The AMA-HOD will convene at 6:00 pm Friday, June 7 in the Grand Ballroom, and your Speakers ask that delegates be seated by 5:50 pm. We anticipate that the Opening Session will run for about two hours.

On Saturday, June 8, the “Second Opening” of the AMA-HOD will be in session beginning at 12:30 pm to receive items of business, consider acceptance of late resolutions, and extract informational reports and items from the reaffirmation consent calendar.

Reference committee hearings that meet on Saturday, June 8 will begin at 1:30 pm, or 15 minutes after the conclusion of the Second Opening and continue until completed. The schedule and locations for Reference Committee Hearings at A-24 are as follows:

	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>Saturday, June 8, 1:30 pm</b>		
Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws		Grand Hall I/J
Reference committee B	Legislation	Regency A/B
Reference committee E	Science & Technology	Regency C
Reference committee F	Finance	Grand Ballroom
Reference committee G	Medical Practice	Regency D

### Sunday, June 9, 8:00 am

Reference Committee A	Medical Service	Regency A/B
Reference Committee C	Medical Education	Regency C
Reference Committee D	Public Health	Regency D

Consideration of reference committee reports will begin at 1:00 pm on Monday, June 10. The Election Session will be held Tuesday, June 11 at 8 am. All voting delegates must be credentialed by 6 pm Monday evening; no substitute or temporary delegates will be credentialed after this time. Voting card distribution will begin at 7 am, and all delegates should be seated by 7:45 am. The Business Sessions will resume following the Election Session on Tuesday and on Wednesday, June 12 at 8:30 am and conclude at 12 pm. Please schedule departures for late afternoon on Wednesday so that the business debated that day can receive full consideration.

### Handbook distribution

The HOD Handbook has been posted as both the traditional single large document and also by reference committee. There will NOT be an addendum. An abridged handbook containing only the recommendations from reports and the resolve clauses from resolutions is also available as a Word document and as a Google sheet. Primary distribution of the handbook is by download from the Annual Meeting [website](#). Hardcopy handbooks have been mailed only to those who have so indicated.

### Online member forums

All on-time resolutions have been included in the Online Forum. Your Speakers encourage members to fully utilize the Forum for posting comments and engaging in robust discussion. Pursuant to Policy D-600.956, all commentary submitted to the online member forums will be used to generate a preliminary document. Reference committee **Preliminary Documents** will again include **anticipated actions** based on Online Forum testimony in order to better “inform the discussion at the in-person hearings,” but the original report or

resolution will remain the topic for discussion. For example, it would be in order for the author of the resolution to present the resolution and then agree or disagree with the reference committee's suggested action in their Preliminary Document.

Policy D-600.956 further specifies that the forums should be open no longer than 14 days. The forums opened **May 13 and will close May 26 at 10:00 pm CT**, which will allow the reference committees to develop and post their preliminary documents on **June 3**. The forums can be accessed directly at [ama-assn.org/forums/house-delegates](http://ama-assn.org/forums/house-delegates) or via the meeting [website](#).

In order to more easily identify your post, please restate your name and add all of your applicable roles (e.g. Author, HOD Delegate or Alternate from X Delegation, Section Member, Council Member, etc.) and for whom you are speaking (on behalf of yourself or your group) IN ALL CAPS AT THE START OF YOUR POST within the comment box. Any posts that are not appropriately identified will be removed. Authors are encouraged to post first and all members are encouraged to post early so that others may react to your comments in a robust discussion.

The sort features within the Forum have been enhanced for A-24 with the ability to sort by topic, by number of comments, and by most recent comments. We hope this will better enable the discussion on the Forum.

## Meeting Registration

### Registration

All attendees of the House and Section meetings must [register online](#). Registration for the House, Specialty and Services Society and all Sections meetings can be completed on this same site. You must personally register to attest for yourself and your guests to the Code of Conduct for the meeting as well as the Health and Safety Protocol.

The House of Delegates Registration Desk will be on the lower level in the Grand Foyer as usual. For security purposes, all attendees will be required to provide photo identification at the AMA Registration Desk to receive their credentials and other materials. Registration will open Thursday, June 6 (7 am) and daily (starting at 7 am) through Wednesday, June 12.

Please note that nothing may be placed on or attached to your badge except approved ribbons, as the badge will include security features that must be visible for you to enter all meeting areas.

Delegates and alternate delegates should check with their sponsoring society well ahead of their arrival in Chicago to ensure that their names have been submitted to the Office of House of Delegates Affairs. Under AMA bylaws all delegates and alternate delegates must be credentialed by the society that they will represent before each meeting. **Individuals whose credentials have not been confirmed prior to the Annual Meeting will have to be accompanied to the AMA Registration Desk by an officer of their society in order to register.**

HOD delegates and alternate delegates must be **credentialed by their sponsoring society**. Each delegate and alternate delegate must **personally register** through CVENT for this meeting. Please note that these are unique processes and that sponsoring societies should not attempt to register delegates and alternates via CVENT.

## Meeting Details and Reminders

### **Election Task Force 2 Open Forum**

**Sunday, June 9, 3:00 pm**

**Chicago Hyatt, Grand Ballroom**

The Election Task Force 2 will hold an open forum on Sunday, June 9, 2024, at 3:00 pm CT to gather additional feedback on items that were referred back at I-23. This feedback will serve to inform final recommendations to be presented at I-24.

### **Seating at this House of Delegates meeting**

Seating for over 700 delegates is needed for our HOD meeting. Therefore, additional seating within the Grand Ballroom will be limited. Delegates will have assigned seats at draped tables in the House as usual, with limited additional theater style seating on the sides and in the back. Auxiliary seating will be in Riverside East just down the escalators from the ballroom. Screens will be set up to view the proceedings in this room.

Delegates and alternate delegates may request special accommodations by contacting the Office of House of Delegate Affairs by email at [hod@ama-assn.org](mailto:hod@ama-assn.org) or phone 312.464.4344

### **Meeting attire**

Your Speakers have determined that business casual dress is appropriate for the Annual Meeting, although business attire is requested for those seated on the dais during HOD business sessions. The inaugural and president's dinner reception and dance is black tie optional, business/cocktail attire is acceptable.

### **Code of conduct**

Our AMA has a robust code of conduct for AMA-sponsored meetings to ensure a professional and ethical environment for all attendees. Everyone should feel safe and able to participate without fear of unwelcome conduct. Attendees should conduct themselves in a manner that comports with the highest ideals of the profession. As a condition of attending and participating in any meeting all attendees must agree to adhere to this Code of Conduct as part of the registration process. The Code of Conduct extends beyond formal sessions to include all dinners, receptions, and social gatherings held in conjunction with AMA-hosted meetings. AMA policy and further details regarding the Code of Conduct can be found at [ama-assn.org/codeofconduct](http://ama-assn.org/codeofconduct).

Our standing rules, which are ratified in the Opening Session, commit each of us to be courteous, respectful, and collegial in the conduct of HOD business. Everyone has the personal responsibility, while engaging with others, to consider how others will interpret their actions and words.

The Office of General Counsel will appoint a “Conduct Liaison” for all AMA House of Delegates meetings and all other AMA-hosted events. The Conduct Liaison receives reports of alleged policy violations, conducts investigations, and initiates both immediate and longer-term consequences for such violations. Alternatively, violations may be brought to the attention of the presiding officer or reported using a third party reporting hotline (800-398-1496 and [online](#)). Anonymous reports may be made via the website.

### **Conflict-of-interest policy**

Immediately prior to testifying before the House or a reference committee, every individual must publicly disclose their actual or potential conflicts of interest, if any. A disclosable “conflict of interest” is an interest that is or may be material to the matter being considered and that would reasonably be expected to impair the objectivity of the individual who is testifying. Conflicts of interest, however, do not include an interest that results solely from the fact the testifying individual is a physician or medical student, in recognition that most testifying individuals have the same interest. When in doubt as to whether a conflict of interest exists or is disclosable, your Speakers recommend that individuals err on the side of caution and disclose any actual or potential conflicts to preserve the integrity of our process.

Upon disclosure of any conflicts of interest, an individual may testify without encumbrance. A delegate who thinks or knows that a testifying individual has an undisclosed actual or potential conflict of interest may ask the Speakers or the reference committee chair, as applicable, to have the testifying individual disclose their conflict. The Speakers or the chair, as applicable, have sole discretion to decide all matters related to the appropriate disclosure and management of conflicts of interests before the House or reference committee, respectively. The Speakers and reference committee chairs may consult the Office of General Counsel and appropriate others as needed to decide the matter.

This guidance also applies to resolutions introduced by delegations. The sponsoring delegation must disclose the identity of any delegate or alternate delegate who has a conflict of interest with respect to matters addressed in the resolution. If a conflict is disclosed, the notation on the resolution will not contain an individual delegate's name, but will state in substance that, "In accordance with House policy regarding disclosure of conflicts of interest, the delegation has notified the Speaker that one or more delegates has a conflict of interest with respect to the matters addressed in this resolution." For resolutions already submitted, please notify the AMA Office of House of Delegates Affairs.

### **HOD Reference Manual**

The [\*House of Delegates Reference Manual: Procedures, Policies and Practices\*](#) provides comprehensive information about the AMA's policy development process. It serves as the AMA-HOD Standing Rules and delineates the procedures used at our meetings. It may be especially helpful to new delegates, but it is a good reference for all meeting participants. The manual is referenced as our Standing Rules at each meeting in the report of the Rules and Credentials Committee along with any temporary rules listed on the report. Follow the link above or visit the meeting webpages to access the manual.

### **Mentorship and financial support**

Medical students and residents/fellows are an integral part of our AMA and their voices are critical to our deliberative process. The integration of students and residents into the formalized state and specialty delegations provides valuable mentorship to and continued participation from these important members of our House. Our HOD has a historical commitment to supporting our student and resident/fellow delegates and alternate delegates. Delegations are encouraged to continue the financial support and active involvement of these members in their caucuses.

### **Live streaming for A-24**

All business sessions and reference committee hearings at the 2024 Annual Meeting will be streamed live. Links will be posted on the meeting website and appear on the Speaker's Page closer to the meeting date.

### **Recording of AMA-HOD meetings**

Proceedings of AMA meetings may be recorded by audiotape, videotape or otherwise, for use by the AMA. Participation in/attendance at a meeting shall be deemed to confirm the participant's consent to recording and to the AMA's use of such recording.

### **Media Presence**

It is important that all Delegates be aware that members of the media attend AMA meetings and that discussions in Reference Committee and on the HOD floor would be considered on the record. While AMA Enterprise Communications works to ensure only credentialed members of the media attend AMA meetings, Delegates should be aware that uncredentialed persons associated with non-traditional media, unscientific, or political entities may attempt to attend events during and adjacent to AMA meetings. When discussing issues/policy, the AMA, or the meeting, we encourage you to be cognizant of whom you're speaking to, what you're saying, and your surroundings as smart phones give virtually everyone the ability to record conversations. Reputational concerns should be reported to Justin DeJong in AMA Enterprise Communications at [justin.dejong@ama-assn.org](mailto:justin.dejong@ama-assn.org). Media inquiries should be directed to [media@ama-assn.org](mailto:media@ama-assn.org).

## Proceedings of the November 2023 Interim Meeting

The [draft](#) of the *Proceedings of the House of Delegates* for this past November's Interim Meeting has been posted on the AMA website. Approval of the minutes from I-23 is an action item at A-24. [PolicyFinder](#) has been updated to reflect actions from the meeting as captured in the *Proceedings*.

## Registry of retiring delegates and retiring medical executives

A registry of delegates and alternate delegates who are retiring from the House and medical society executives who are retiring will be recognized during the meeting. Names may be emailed to [hod@ama-assn.org](mailto:hod@ama-assn.org) prior to Monday, June 3. Otherwise, please provide names to the Headquarters Office in the Hyatt Regency by noon on Sunday, June 9.

Information regarding section meetings, educational programming and various special events associated with A-24 are listed beginning on page 9.

## Candidates and Elections

### 2024 candidates, nominations, and elections

The [2024 HOD Annual Meeting Election Manual | AMA](#) is currently available online. It includes statements from announced candidates for June's elections as well as a link to the conflict-of-interest disclosures that are required by House policy. The election manual is freely accessible, but conflict-of-interest disclosures are available only to members, who must login to view them.

Candidate Web Pages, for those candidates who chose to produce one, and the Speaker Interviews of candidates in currently contested races are available on the [Elections Page](#). All delegates are encouraged to avail themselves of these and other opportunities to familiarize themselves with the candidates.

*Rules for AMA Elections:* The rules for AMA elections are published in the Election Manual and can be found at this link: [HOD election rules | American Medical Association](#). All candidates have agreed to abide by these rules.

*Campaign violations:* Complaints should be directed to the [Speaker](#), the [Vice Speaker](#), or the [AMA General Counsel](#) and should include the following details:

- The name of the person(s) thought to have violated the rules
- The date of the alleged violation and the location if relevant
- The specific violation being alleged (i.e., the way the rules were violated)
- The materials, if any, that violate the rules; original materials are preferred over copies. Where necessary, arrangements for collection of these materials will be made.

*Candidate Interviews:* The HOD Office has developed the official list of contact information for groups that wish to interview candidates and candidates' contact information. Note that only groups that have submitted information to the HOD Office may interview candidates. The deadline to schedule **virtual** interviews has passed, but groups wishing to conduct **in-person** interviews June 7-10 are reminded of the **May 22 deadline** to submit the [interviewing group form](#) and identify which contests for which they wish to interview. It is the responsibility of the candidates to contact the groups' designated person to arrange an interview.

**Candidates may not schedule interviews with groups that are not on the official list, and groups may not ask candidates to interview if the group did not submit its information to be included on the official list by the May 22 deadline.**

**Nominations:** Nominations for all offices will be accepted during the Opening Session on Friday evening, June 7. Anyone seeking election during the Annual Meeting must be nominated on Friday evening. Once nominations are closed there will be no further opportunity for nominations even if an election results in a newly opened seat. Any delegate—not an alternate delegate unless temporarily credentialed as a delegate—may make a nomination. Only the name of the nominee and the office to be sought should be stated. With the exception of nominations for president-elect, nominating speeches or a listing of the nominee's qualifications will be ruled out of order. Officer candidates in contested elections will be allowed to address the House during the Opening Session.

House policy requires that all candidates complete a conflict-of-interest form prior to election. Individuals who anticipate the possibility of being nominated during the Opening Session should contact Jeanne Uehling in the Speakers' Office ([jeanne.uehling@ama-assn.org](mailto:jeanne.uehling@ama-assn.org), or phone 312.464.4344) to complete this form for posting prior to the election. Forms will be maintained in confidence until the announcement of candidacy.

**AMA Candidates Reception:** Our AMA will sponsor a reception for candidates from **5:00 to 7:00 pm Sunday evening, June 9**. The reception is open to all candidates, although not all have chosen to participate. Some candidates will be featured at other receptions. Candidates may be featured at only one reception. The AMA-sponsored reception is subject to the same rules as any other campaign reception. Instructions have been sent to all candidates. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Elections at A-24:** Elections will take place on Tuesday, June 11 during the Election Session in the Grand Ballroom. Election session check-in will begin at 7:00 am and all delegates should be seated by 7:45 am. For this session, extra security will be employed, and only credentialed delegates will be allowed in the delegate seating area. A limited number of guests with an Election Session pass will be admitted to be seated outside of the delegate seating area. The elections will be conducted using the handheld voting devices along with a special voting card that must be inserted to cast a valid vote. Voting will proceed sequentially starting with election of officers followed by the council races in alphabetical order. Once voting for an office, including any run-offs, has concluded, balloting for the next office will proceed until all contests have been decided.

Only duly credentialed delegates are permitted to cast a ballot. If a delegate will be unable to participate in the Election Session, an alternate delegate must be properly re-credentialed as a delegate at the AMA Registration Desk by **6 pm Monday, June 10**. The change from alternate delegate to delegate must be approved by a duly authorized officer of the society in question; see [bylaws 2.10.4 and 2.10.4.1](#).

The following races will be determined, unless previously elected by acclamation:

- President-elect – vote for one, currently one candidate
- Speaker – vote for one, currently one candidate
- Vice Speaker – vote for one, currently one candidate
- Board of Trustees – vote for four, currently seven candidates; potential for one additional opening
- Council on Constitution & Bylaws – vote for one; currently two candidates
- Council on Medical Education – vote for one, currently one candidate
- Council on Medical Service – vote for three, currently four candidates
- Council on Science & Public Health – vote for one, currently two candidates
- Council on Science & Public Health, Resident Physician - vote for one, currently one candidate

**CEJA nomination and election:** President-elect Bruce A. Scott, MD will nominate a member for a full term on the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs as well as a resident member during the Opening Session. The nominees' conflict-of-interest disclosure will be posted on the website in the member-only area.

**Inauguration of Bruce A. Scott, MD**

The inaugural ceremony to install Bruce A. Scott, MD, as the 179th AMA president will take place at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, June 11 in the Crystal Ballroom, followed by a reception and dinner/dance in the Grand Hall and Grand Ballroom at 6:15 pm

The open-bar cocktail hour will include a bourbon tasting with bourbons personally selected by Dr. Scott. The format for this year's dinner event will be a plated dinner with reserved seating, followed by dancing from 8:00 pm-10:00 pm, featuring live music provided by the Bluewater Kings. Individual tickets can be purchased for \$130.00 per adult and \$60.00 per child (12 and under). A children's corner will be available to children accompanied by a parent or designated adult and will feature age-appropriate activities and snacks.

Individuals who wish to participate in the reception and dinner/dance should coordinate reservations and payment with their sponsoring organization prior to the deadline which has been extended to May 24. No reservations/payments will be accepted after that date, and no onsite purchases will be available.

**Announcements of candidacy for 2025 elections**

Individuals who intend to seek election at the 2025 Annual Meeting are reminded that printed announcements may not be distributed in the meeting venue. Announcements should be submitted to Jeanne Uehling ([jeanne.uehling@ama-assn.org](mailto:jeanne.uehling@ama-assn.org)) in the Speakers' Office. The preferred format is JPG, but a PDF or PowerPoint slide is also acceptable. Announcements should be formatted for 16:9 projection in the House. Announcements received before noon, Monday, June 10 will be projected on the last day of the meeting. Submissions will be maintained in confidence until projected. Announcements will be posted online on the candidate page after the meeting.

**Additional Details and Planning****Childcare services**

Childcare services begin Friday, June 7 through noon Wednesday, June 12. Camp AMA welcomes children ages 6 months–17 years old. Children participate in age-appropriate activities including arts and crafts projects, active games and much more in a safe, nurturing environment. This service is being offered complimentary by the AMA. Parents must make a reservation in advance and drop-ins will not be accepted. The deadline to register is **Wednesday, May 29**. Please visit the AMA Annual Meeting website for more information and to [register](#).

**Annual Meeting App**

The AMA meeting app provides comprehensive information about meeting activities and events. With the app attendees will be able to:

- Access the event schedule and customize their agenda
- Check the list of exhibitors and use an interactive map to locate their booths
- Get important updates through push notifications
- Network with other attendees and share contact information

For instructions on how to download and use other app features, please visit the [AMA meeting app website](#).

**Assistance during HOD Meeting**

Should you need any assistance during the HOD Meeting, the AMA Unified Service Center will be available with extended hours. You may call 800-337-1599 or email [HODMeetingSupport@ama-assn.org](mailto:HODMeetingSupport@ama-assn.org).

**Potential Traffic Challenges**

Commuting in Chicago, like any large city, can be challenging. We wanted to make attendees aware of potential traffic delays that may impact your stay during the Annual Meeting. Due to construction projects throughout the city and other planned activities with road closures in the area of the Hyatt, you may want to plan for additional

time when commuting from the airports and to other events you may have planned. The commute to/from O'Hare could be particularly challenging with construction on the Kennedy Freeway currently in full swing.

### Airline discounts

United Airlines and Southwest Airlines are both offering a discount for members traveling to the meeting.

#### United discount

United Airlines is offering a discount at [united.com/meetingtravel](http://united.com/meetingtravel). To book flight reservations and receive a discount, visit the website and enter the offer code ZNU2206051 in the Offer Code box along with your origin, destination, and travel dates. Available flights will be displayed. When an available flight is selected the discounted fare will automatically be calculated and applied at time of ticketing. The discount is valid for travel three days prior to and three days after the official meeting dates.

You may also call United Meeting Reservation Desk at (800) 426-1122 and provide the agent with offer code ZNU2206051. Booking fees are waived for meeting reservations.

#### Southwest discount

To book flights with Southwest, go to [SWABIZ.com](http://SWABIZ.com), enter company ID 99519044 and enter the origin, destination and travel dates. Discount is eligible for reservations to Chicago airports for travel June 2-15, 2024 when booked exclusively through [www.swabiz.com](http://www.swabiz.com).

### Car rental discounts

Hertz, an AMA preferred provider, is offering a special discount for meeting attendees. Save up to 25% off Hertz base rates, plus enjoy one free rental day when you rent for five or more days\*. Must book before 5/31/2024 for vehicle pick up through 6/15/24. [Book now](#) using CDP #11635 and promotion code #211393.

\* Rent for five days, pay for one less. Discount applies to pay later base rate only. Taxes, fees, & options excluded. Additional terms & exclusions apply.

## Section Meetings

### Section meetings

The [AMA section meetings](#) will be held June 6-7 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Visit each Section's meeting page for agendas and other meeting documents.

- [Academic Physicians Section](#) (APS) June 7, 10 am-3 pm
- [LGBTQ and Allies Caucus](#) June 7, 3:30-5 pm
- [Integrated Physician Practice Section](#) (IPPS) June 7, 8 am-1:30 pm
- [International Medical Graduates Section](#) (IMGS) June 7, 3-5 pm
- [Medical Student Section](#) (MSS) June 6, 8 am-5 pm | June 7, 9 am-5 pm
- [Minority Affairs Section](#) (MAS) June 7, 1:30-5 pm
- [Organized Medical Staff Section](#) (OMSS) June 6, 3-5:30 pm | June 7, 8:30 am-3:30 pm
- [Private Practice Physicians Section](#) (PPPS) June 7, 9:30 am-3:30 pm
- [Resident and Fellow Section](#) (RFS) June 7, 8 am-5 pm
- [Senior Physicians Section](#) (SPS) June 7, 2:30-5:30 pm
- [Women Physicians Section](#) (WPS) June 7, 3:30-5:30 pm
- [Young Physicians Section](#) (YPS) June 7, 7 am-4:30 pm

### Caucuses

A listing of all caucus meetings can be found on the AMA meeting app.

## Educational programming

We have arranged for a number of education sessions to be offered at this year's Annual Meeting. In addition, the AMA sections and special groups invite all meeting participants to attend any education sessions they are offering.

Learn more about our **simplified CME credit claiming process** at the AMA Ed Hub™ booth near the Grand Ballroom in the Hyatt Regency Chicago, where staff can assist you in navigating the site and help answer questions.

You now no longer need a session code to claim credit for the AMA educational sessions offered during the annual meeting. Just visit [amaedhub.org/a24](https://amaedhub.org/a24) log in with your AMA account (or create one for free), select the appropriate session and take the CME quiz.

**The deadline to claim credit for sessions certified by the AMA is July 31, 2024, at 11:59 pm**

Explore more ways to earn CME on the [AMA Ed Hub](#), providing online learning from the AMA and many trusted sources – all in one place.

### [AMA CME Accreditation Information](#)

Sessions designated for CME credits are indicated by an asterisk (\*).

#### **\*Health Equity Open Forum**

**Part 1: Being Strategic in Advancing Health Equity**

**Part 2: Contribution of International Medical Graduates**

**Sunday, June 9, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, Grand Ballroom**

**Program hosted by the AMA Center for Health Equity**

Part 1 of the three-part Health Equity Open Forum will feature presentations on and discussion of the AMA's health equity accomplishments between 2021 and 2023, and planned actions between 2024 and 2025, amid the current landscape. Part 2 will feature special considerations related to international medical graduates (IMGs) in advancing health equity. Presenters will include leaders from the management team and among physician and medical student AMA members.

#### **\*Envisioning Medical Education's Equitable Future**

**Monday, June 10, 8:00 - 9:00 AM, Grand Hall G/H**

**Program hosted by AMA Medical Education**

What does an equitable medical education system look like? In 2021, the HOD called for the AMA to commission a forward-looking, cross-continuum, external study of 21st century medical education focused on reimagining health equity and racial justice in medical education, improving the diversity of the health workforce and ameliorating inequitable outcomes among minoritized and marginalized patient populations. Elsevier is publishing this study in October 2024, and this education session will explore how the AMA gathered a nine-member external independent editorial panel to select the more than 70 authors who comprise the teams that wrote this study's 17 chapters. These authors were selected from the hundreds of physicians, medical students, other health professionals, and community members who submitted abstracts. This session will include how authors were selected and then empowered to communicate their ideas as they saw fit and how the AMA will fund and enact some of this study's recommendations.

**\*Equity in Healthcare: Breaking Barriers for Patients with Disabilities through Physician Advocacy****Monday, June 10, 8:00 - 9:00 AM, Grand Hall I****Program hosted by the Mobility Caucus***CME credit is offered through the University of Kansas*

This educational session aims to empower physicians from all specialties to help bridge the gaps in healthcare for patients with disabilities and to provide information that participants can bring back to their practices.

Recognizing the unique challenges facing patients with disabilities, the session will not only highlight personal patient narratives and the barriers they have faced but also provide participants with the information needed for physicians to advocate for the highest quality of care.

The session will discuss insurance barriers, such as rehabilitative therapy caps and the progress made in reducing such caps to improve patient care, as well as review the services and equipment that are now covered by insurance, and the current advancements in federal legislation to expand access to medical rehabilitation services and coverage of orthotics, prosthetics, and assistive devices. The session will emphasize the need for ongoing, transparent disability-related dialogues across specialties and with policymakers and how to best engage in these conversations. Physicians will leave the session with a better understanding of the importance of rehabilitation and how to best advocate for their patients with disabilities on a national, local, and organizational level.

**\*Training Physicians in the Art of the Public Forum****Monday, June 10, 8:15-9:45 AM, Grand Hall J****Program hosted by AMA Enterprise Communications**

Training Physicians in the Art of the Public Forum, hosted by AMA Enterprise Communications at Annual 2024, will provide physicians with tools and techniques to effectively dispel medical misinformation and engage the public on important issues. This session will help physicians from all backgrounds and specialties become better advocates—for themselves and their patients, push back on the rampant spread of medical misinformation; and prepare for public speaking opportunities and interviews with local media.

**Reducing Maternal Morbidity and Mortality - Working Together as a House of Medicine****Monday, June 10, 8:30 - 10:00 AM, Grand Hall K****Program hosted by American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists**

Maternal morbidity and mortality rates remain high in the United States. More than 80 percent of maternal deaths are preventable, and the top three causes are mental health, anemia, and cardiac disease/hypertension. Reducing maternal morbidity and mortality will require expertise and collaboration across specialties. Attendees will learn about evidence-based recommendations to improve maternal health, the latest policy conversations, and opportunities to reduce disparities in maternal morbidity and mortality.

**\*Exploring the Impacts of Current Political Debates on Medical Education****Monday, June 10, 9:15 - 10:15 AM, Grand Hall G/H****Program hosted by the AMA Council on Medical Education**

AMA policies such as AMA Stance on the Interference of the Government in the Practice of Medicine H-270.959, Government Interference in Patient Counseling H-373.995, and Freedom of Communication Between Physicians and Patients H-5.989 emphasize the AMA's position on protecting the physician-patient relationship from political interference. However, the domain of medical education nonetheless experiences downstream effects from a variety of political debates within the United States, even in the absence of specific federal or state policies. Medical educators must navigate complex and sensitive issues, such as gun safety, reproductive health care, and gender-affirming care, in the effort to provide adequate training to medical education learners across the continuum.

This AMA Council on Medical Education A-24 educational session, presented by expert speakers in the medical education domain, will highlight concerns regarding how wider political debates can create complications in the training of future and current physicians, and will offer strategies and insights to promote effective medical education in the face of these challenges.

**Health Equity Open Forum****Part 3: \*Moving from Ableism to Full Inclusion****Monday, June 10, 9:15 – 10:15 AM, Grand Hall I****Program hosted by the AMA Center for Health Equity***(Note: Parts 1 & 2 held Sunday, June 9)*

Part 3 of the three-part Health Equity Forum will feature special considerations to physicians and medical students with disabilities in advancing health equity. Presenters will include leaders among physician and medical student AMA members.

**Litigation Center Open Meeting****Monday, June 10, 9:30 – 11:30 AM, Regency A****Program hosted by the AMA Litigation Center**

The presentations will concern litigation efforts (a) to compel the Food and Drug Administration to ban the manufacture of menthol-flavored cigarettes, (b) to challenge a West Virginia regulation that would permit optometrists to perform surgery on eyelids, and (c) to support state laws that protect physicians from malpractice liability on account of their care for patients during the COVID-19 crisis.

**\*Health Care Strategies for Firearm Injury Prevention****Monday, June 10, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, Grand Hall J****Program hosted by AMA's Firearm Injury Prevention Task Force**

Injuries and deaths from firearms are a public health crisis. In 2020, firearm injuries became the leading cause of death in children and adolescents in the United States. While this is a topic that physicians should openly discuss with patients, physicians may find counseling patients about firearm injury prevention difficult. Furthermore, options for intervening when patients are found to be at risk of self-harm or harm to others may vary by state. In this session, we will explore the epidemiology of firearm morbidity and mortality, discuss factors that increase the potential for firearm injury and death, and learn about evidence-based interventions. Attendees will hear directly from physicians and health systems that are a part of the AMA's Firearm Injury Prevention Task Force that are working to normalize conversations about firearm safety and build comprehensive models of care that address the intersectional nature of trauma, social determinants of health and violence.

**Physicians' Role in Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prevention****Monday, June 10, 10:15 – 11:45 AM, Grand Hall K****Program hosted by FASD**

This session will focus on how addiction can impact a woman's health, family, children, and their unborn babies. Research on lifelong cognitive, neurological, and behavioral disorders related to prenatal alcohol exposure will be reviewed. Additionally, research on stigma towards mothers of children that used during their pregnancy will be summarized. Women with this lived experience face on-going stigma and bias, loss of their children, and debilitating shame that can place them at high risk for relapse. The focus of the session will be on how education on both addiction and recovery transforms systems of care to reframe both expectations and interventions to improve outcomes for women and their families. Participants will learn about resources for women and their families.

**\*Marginalized Perspectives on Restorative Justice in Medicine****Monday, June 10, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM, Grand Hall I****Program hosted by AMA Center for Health Equity**

The session will begin with an overview of the Canadian Medical Association's (CMA) truth and reconciliation initiative followed by perspectives from minoritized physician group leaders on how lessons learned from the experiences of Canadian physicians might be applied in the US.

**\*CEJA Open Forum: Palliative Care Futurist—Transforming the Care of Serious Illness****Monday, June 10, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Grand Hall G/H****Program hosted by the AMA Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs**

Palliative medicine is a recently established subspecialty and has spread rapidly to hospitals and health systems across the United States in the last 20 years. Focused on addressing the pain, symptoms and practical and existential stresses of serious and complex illness, it is delivered at the same time as all other appropriate curative and life prolonging treatments. Multiple studies demonstrate its beneficial impact on symptom distress, quality of life, family caregiver burden and spiritual well-being across age groups and disease types. Because of these outcomes, it reduces reliance on emergency departments and hospitals for management of symptoms and other complications of chronic complex illness.

**Special events****AMA Member Video Interviews (must be individually scheduled)****Thursday, June 6 and Friday, June 7****Hyatt Regency Chicago, Randolph A-B**

Are you a current AMA member and passionate about fixing prior auth, reforming Medicare payment, reducing physician burnout, stopping scope creep or making technology work for physicians? Then sign up to talk with our video team during Annual! Recording sessions are self-booked on a first come, first served basis—and you can reserve yours here [via Calendly](#). Please use the link to check which days/times are available. Once booked, we'll follow up with additional information. Don't miss this chance to talk about issues important to you and possibly appear in future AMA campaigns! Questions? Please email: [AMApProductions@ama-assn.org](mailto:AMApProductions@ama-assn.org)

**AMA Journal of Ethics Art Exhibition****Friday, June 7, 1:00 to 4:00 pm****School of the Art Institute of Chicago, 116 S. Michigan Avenue**

AMA Journal of Ethics and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) are hosting an exhibition of the journal's artwork created by SAIC students. Take a nice stroll from the Hyatt to view the works of these talented artists as they help the journal fulfill its mission to "illuminate the art of medicine."

**OSMAP****Friday, June 7, 2:00 - 5:30 pm****Hyatt Regency Chicago, Crystal Ballroom B**

The Organization of State Medical Association Presidents (OSMAP) will hold its semi-annual Membership Meeting and General Session on Friday, June 7, 2024, from 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, in Crystal B (west tower, lobby level). All state medical association presidents, presidents-elect, past presidents and executive directors are welcome and encouraged to attend. An agenda and related meeting materials will be emailed to all state medical societies and posted on the OSMAP website ([www.osmapandtheforum.org](http://www.osmapandtheforum.org)) prior to the meeting.

A reception will immediately follow the program from 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm in the Crystal Ballroom Foyer. All OSMAP Members and their invited guests are welcome to attend. The reception is sponsored by The Physicians Foundation.

**Distinguish Yourself Student Summit****Saturday morning, June 8**

**Attention medical students**—Join us on Saturday, June 8 at the Swissotel (across from Hyatt Regency) for our inaugural student summit. Learn what it takes to stand out and land your dream residency. Plus, an opportunity to present research at the Poster Showcase. Space is limited.

Learn more at [www.ama-assn.org/distinguish-yourself-summit](http://www.ama-assn.org/distinguish-yourself-summit).

**Catholic Mass****Saturday, June 10, 6:30 pm**

Please join us to celebrate Catholic Mass in Grand Hall G/H.

**AMA Foundation Donor Reception****Saturday, June 8, 7:00-8:00 pm****Hyatt Regency Chicago, Crystal Ballroom B**

The AMA Foundation's Annual Donor Reception is an opportunity to recognize and thank those who have generously supported the mission of the Foundation. In addition to an ongoing commitment to leadership and excellence in medical education, the Foundation executed several new equity-based initiatives, provided grants for disaster relief, and celebrated extraordinary individuals.

If you would like to support the AMA Foundation and join your fellow delegates at this special reception, you can make a [gift online](#), stop by the booth or text 'A24' to 41444. For additional information about the event and to RSVP, please email [kamel.freeman@ama-assn.org](mailto:kamel.freeman@ama-assn.org).

**Election Task Force 2 Open Forum****Sunday, June 9, 3:00 pm****Chicago Hyatt, Grand Ballroom**

The Election Task Force 2 will hold an open forum on Sunday, June 9, 2024, at 3:00 pm CT to gather additional feedback on items that were referred back at I-23. This feedback will serve to inform final recommendations to be presented at I-24.

**AMPAC's Capitol Club Lunch****Tuesday, June 11, 12:00 pm**

The American Medical Association Political Action Committee (AMPAC) is the bipartisan political action committee of the AMA and plays a crucial role in supporting candidates who advocate for medicine and are running for federal office. During the Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates in June, AMPAC will host a Capitol Club lunch exclusively for 2024 Capitol Club members. We are thrilled to announce that our special guest for this event will be Presidential Historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning Author, Jon Meacham. Mr. Meacham will join us at noon on Tuesday, June 11.

All current 2024 Capitol Club members will receive an invitation to attend this member-only event in early May. Additionally, Capitol Club Platinum members will have the unique opportunity to participate in a private meet and greet with Mr. Meacham before the lunch begins.

*No RSVP is required to attend the Capitol Club luncheon event, but please note that this is a ticketed event, and you will need to pick up your ticket at AMPAC's booth.* If you are unsure whether you have renewed your Capitol Club membership for 2024, you can verify your membership status by emailing by [anne-wesley.teague@ama-assn.org](mailto:anne-wesley.teague@ama-assn.org) or by visiting AMPAC's booth during the Annual Meeting. You can also contribute by visiting [www.ampaconline.org](http://www.ampaconline.org).

## Exhibits

### AMA Foundation Booth

Visit the AMA Foundation booth to learn more about the philanthropic impact of your donations and current priorities. As the charitable arm, your Foundation strategically aligns with the pillars of the AMA to execute meaningful programs designed to ensure excellence in medical education and leadership, empower partnerships, and underwrite grants in health equity. The AMA Foundation is focused on evidence-based, collaborative initiatives that have systemic, replicable impact.

If you would like to support your Foundation, you can make a [gift online](#), stop by the booth or text 'A24' to 41444. Every donor will receive a badge ribbon, and those who qualify as a VIP donor will receive a custom designed pin and access to our VIP Donor Lounge. For additional information, please email [sandi.smith@ama-assn.org](mailto:sandi.smith@ama-assn.org).

### AMA Member Center booth

Visit the Member Center Booth and pick up your gift! Located in the Grand Hall starting Thursday, June 6, through Tuesday, June 11, join us to:

- Snap a video in our 360 photo booth
- Check out new member benefits and offerings
- Pick up a gift

### AMA Center for Health Equity booth

As part of the work of the AMA Truth, Reconciliation, Healing and Transformation (TRHT) Task Force, we will begin a process of collecting narratives at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates. Please visit the Center for Health Equity booth to be directed to the narrative collection suite for more information or to participate in a brief anonymous survey. The survey will also be available in the meeting app.

## Future Meetings and Events

### Volunteers sought for Reference Committee F

Just after the Annual Meeting concludes, three new members will be appointed to Reference Committee F. The committee deals with AMA's governance and financial matters, including such things as the annual plan, budget, and business products, and is responsible for ensuring that the HOD has adequate information regarding the fiscal circumstances of the Association. While the typical reference committee exists only for a single meeting, members of Reference Committee F serve two-year terms and meet with the Board of Trustees between HOD meetings, meaning their commitment is more substantial; in fact, the chair serves a third year in that capacity. Given the special role of the committee, along with the matters that come before it and the longer term of service, a separate application is required and can be found at [Reference Committee F volunteer form](#). We need to know of your willingness to serve on the committee by June 30, and appointments will be made in the first half of July. The full committee will meet with the Board of Trustees September 14-15 in Chicago.

### 2024 Interim Meeting

The 2024 Interim Meeting, with its focus on advocacy and legislation, will be held at the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort, Orlando, Florida, November 8-12, 2024. The following reference committees will convene at the Interim Meeting:

- Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws: Ethics, bylaws
- Reference Committee B: Legislative advocacy
- Reference Committee C: Advocacy related to medical education
- Reference Committee F: AMA governance and finance
- Reference Committee J: Advocacy related to medical service, medical practice, insurance and related topics
- Reference Committee K: Advocacy related to science and public health

**Committee Volunteers for I-24**

We rely on volunteers to serve on reference committees, rules & credentials committee, resolution committee and as tellers. The HOD Office will begin accepting volunteer application forms shortly after the Annual Meeting. Be on the lookout for an announcement concerning volunteer applications for I-24. If you have any questions about volunteering, please contact the HOD Office ([hod@ama-assn.org](mailto:hod@ama-assn.org)) for more information.

**AMA Research Challenge Call for Abstracts and Judges**

AMA Research Challenge, the largest national, multi-specialty medical research conference for medical students and residents is now accepting abstracts. Enter for the chance to showcase your research, include on your CV and win a \$10,000 grand prize presented by Laurel Road. Deadline is July 16.

Physician members are invited to review and score abstracts. Participation is virtual and a two-hour time commitment starting late July through mid-August. CME available.

Learn more at [www.ama-assn.org/research-challenge](http://www.ama-assn.org/research-challenge).



**The following list is provided for your convenience.**  
**All items mentioned in the *Speakers' Letter* are included.**  
**(Items listed in bold are official AMA-HOD sessions, reference committees or programs.)**

Time	Event	Location
<b>Thursday, June 6</b>		
7 am-6 pm	Registration	Grand Foyer
Reserve time	AMA member video interviews	Randolph A-B
<b>Friday, June 7</b>		
7 am-6 pm	Registration	Grand Foyer
Reserve time	AMA member video interviews	Randolph A-B
1-4 pm	AMA Journal of Ethics Art Exhibition	School of the Art Institute of Chicago, 116 S. Michigan Avenue
2-4:30 pm	OSMAP membership meeting and general session	Crystal Ballroom B
4:30-5:30 pm	OSMAP reception	Crystal Ballroom Foyer
<b>6 pm</b>	<b>HOD Opening Session; nominations</b>	<b>Grand Ballroom</b>
<b>Saturday, June 8</b>		
7 am-6 pm	Registration	Grand Foyer
<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>HOD second session</b>	<b>Grand Ballroom</b>
<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution &amp; Bylaws</b>	<b>Grand Hall I/J</b>
<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Reference Committee B</b>	<b>Regency A/B</b>
<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Reference Committee E</b>	<b>Regency C</b>
<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Reference Committee F</b>	<b>Grand Ballroom</b>
<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Reference Committee G</b>	<b>Regency D</b>
6:30 pm	Catholic Mass	Grand Hall G/H
7-8 pm	AMA Foundation Donor Reception	Crystal Ballroom B
<b>Sunday, June 9</b>		
7 am-6 pm	Registration	Grand Foyer
<b>8 am</b>	<b>Reference Committee A</b>	<b>Regency A/B</b>
<b>8 am</b>	<b>Reference Committee C</b>	<b>Regency C</b>
<b>8 am</b>	<b>Reference Committee D</b>	<b>Regency D</b>
1-3 pm	Health Equity Open Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Being Strategic in Advancing Health Equity</li><li>• Contribution of International Medical Graduates</li></ul>	Grand Ballroom
3 pm	Election Task Force 2 Open Forum	Grand Ballroom
<b>5-7 pm</b>	<b>AMA Candidates Reception</b>	<b>Crystal Ballroom</b>
<b>Monday, June 10</b>		
7 am-6 pm	Registration	Grand Foyer
8-9 am	Envisioning Medical Education's Equitable Future	Grand Hall G/H
8-9 am	Equity in Healthcare: Breaking Barriers for Patients with Disabilities through Physician Advocacy	Grand Hall I
8:15-9:45 am	Training Physicians in the Art of the Public Forum	Grand Hall J
8:30-10 am	Reducing Maternal Morbidity and Mortality - Working Together as a House of Medicine	Grand Hall K
9:15-10:15 am	Exploring the Impacts of Current Political Debates on Medical Education	Grand Hall G/H
9:15-10:15 am	Moving from Ableism to Full Inclusion	Grand Hall I
9:30-11:30 am	Litigation Center Open Meeting	Regency A

10-11:30 am	Health Care Strategies for Firearm Injury Prevention	Grand Hall J
10:15-11:45 am	Physicians' Role in Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prevention	Grand Hall K
10:30 am-12 pm	Marginalized Perspectives on Restorative Justice in Medicine	Grand Hall I
10:30 am-12 pm	CEJA Open Forum: Palliative Care Futurist--Transforming the Care of Serious Illness	Grand Hall G/H
<b>1 pm</b>	<b>HOD business session</b>	<b>Grand Ballroom</b>

**Tuesday, June 11**

9 am-6 pm	Registration	Grand Foyer
<b>8 am</b>	<b>Election session</b>	<b>Grand Ballroom</b>
<b>8:30 am-3 pm</b>	<b>HOD business session</b> (with a break for lunch)	<b>Grand Ballroom</b>
Noon	AMPAC Capitol Club Lunch	TBD
5:00 pm	Inaugural, Bruce A. Scott, MD	Crystal Ballroom

**Wednesday, June 12**

7 am-adjournment	Registration	Grand Foyer
<b>8:30 am-12 pm</b>	<b>HOD business session</b>	<b>Grand Ballroom</b>