



Speakers' Letter

2025 Annual Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates

June 6–11, 2025

Hyatt Regency Chicago

HOD Attendees:

We look forward to seeing all of you and are providing the following information to aid in your planning for the upcoming Annual Meeting in Chicago. We particularly want to highlight a few important items for this meeting:

- **Online Reference Committees (ORCs)** – The ORCs will remain open until Thursday, May 22, 2025. AMA members are urged to provide comments. Preliminary Reference Committee Reports will be developed based on ORC testimony; therefore, robust discussion is needed to develop recommendations for every item of business.
- **Preliminary Reference Committee Reports** – Preliminary reports will be posted on Friday, May 30, 2025.

Previous communications from your Speakers are on the AMA website at [2025 Annual Meeting of the HOD: Speakers' updates overview](#). 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](#), send an email to hod@ama-assn.org or call 312.464.4463.

Lisa Bohman Egbert, MD, Speaker
John H. Armstrong, MD, Vice Speaker

Watch for updates to this *Speakers Letter* on the meeting [website](#)!

House of Delegates schedule

The 2025 Annual Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates (HOD) will be held June 6–11 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. The AMA-HOD will convene at 6:00 pm Friday, June 6 in the Grand Ballroom, and your Speakers ask delegates to be seated by 5:50 pm. A debate between the two president-elect candidates will immediately follow the Opening Session. We anticipate that the Opening Session and debate will run just over two hours.

On Saturday, June 7, the “Second Opening” of the AMA-HOD will be in session beginning at 12:30 pm CT to receive items of business for this Annual Meeting. The agenda will include consideration of late resolutions and extraction of informational reports.

In-person reference committee hearings will begin at 1:00 pm CT, or 15 minutes after the conclusion of the Second Opening and are scheduled to conclude by 5:00 pm CT. The schedule and locations for Reference Committee Hearings at A-25 are as follows:

<u>Saturday, June 7</u>	<u>Location</u>
Reference Committee on Ethics and Bylaws	Regency AB
Reference Committee B (Legislation)	Crystal Ballroom AB
Reference Committee C (Medical Education)	Regency CD
Reference Committee D (Public Health)	Grand Hall GJ
Reference Committee F (Finance)	Grand Ballroom
Reference Committee G (Medical Practice)	Grand Hall MN,L,K
<u>Sunday, June 8, 8:00 am</u>	<u>Location</u>
Reference Committee A (Medical Service)	Regency AB
Reference Committee E (Science & Technology)	Regency CD

Consideration of reference committee reports will begin at 10:00 am on Monday, June 9. The Election Session will be held Tuesday, June 10 at 8 am. **All voting delegates must be credentialed by 6 pm Monday evening; no 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 11 at 8:00 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.

Business of the House

HOD DELEGATE HANDBOOK

The handbook is posted on the [Annual Meeting website](#) as a single large document as well as in a set of smaller documents collated by reference committee. An abridged handbook containing only the recommendations from reports and the resolve clauses from resolutions is also available as an Open Document Spreadsheet. There will NOT be an addendum, and no additional draft resolutions will be posted. All late resolutions (those received after the April 22 on-time deadline) and AMA Section excepted resolutions, will be distributed in the Meeting Tote at the Annual Meeting on **Saturday, June 7, 2025.**

Late resolutions will be reviewed by the Committee on Rules and Credentials and will be recommended for consideration based on the reason for submission beyond the deadline and the urgency of the issue (i.e., cannot wait until the next meeting). Acceptance for consideration requires a two third majority vote by the House. Resolutions that are urgent in nature adopted by your group after the on-time deadline should be submitted to the HOD Affairs Office **as soon as possible.**

ONLINE REFERENCE COMMITTEES

The A-25 Online Reference Committees (ORCs) opened Thursday, May 1, 2024, and **will remain open until noon CT on Thursday, May 22, 2025, for general comments.** Authors only may comment between noon and 5 pm CT on that day. The ORCs may be accessed directly at the [ORC Homepage](#) or via the [Annual Meeting website](#). Your Speakers encourage the use of the ORCs to provide testimony, suggest amendments or offer other background information for each item of business. Note that current policies that could be reaffirmed in lieu of submitted resolutions have been posted on the ORCs. Discussion regarding the merits of reaffirmation will take place on the ORCs and a reaffirmation calendar will not be developed. **Authors of resolutions and reports who have not yet commented are urged to do so as soon as possible.**

PRELIMINARY REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Comments submitted to the ORCs will inform the reference committees in generating a Preliminary Reference Committee Report which will contain **recommendations on all items on the ORCs.** The preliminary report will be the agenda and the starting point for the in-person Reference Committee Hearings at A-25. **It is imperative that there be vigorous discussion on the ORCs to guide the reference committees in making their preliminary recommendations.** Reference committees' preliminary reports will be posted by **Friday, May 30 at 5 pm CT.**

IN-PERSON REFERENCE COMMITTEE HEARINGS

The in-person reference committee hearings will begin at 1:00 pm CT, or 15 minutes after the conclusion of the Second Opening. The order of the agenda for the in-person hearings will follow the recommendation categories listed below. As is customary, authors will be given the opportunity to speak first and will be asked to comment briefly on the item of business and whether they concur with the reference committee's recommendations. It is not necessary to repeat testimony during the in-person hearing that was provided in the ORCs as comments provided in either forum will receive equal consideration.

- Recommended for adoption
- Recommended for adoption as amended
- Recommended for adoption in lieu of
- Recommended for referral
- Recommended for referral for decision
- Recommended for not adoption
- Recommended for reaffirmation in lieu of
- Recommendation not yet determined
 - AMA Section excepted resolutions
 - *Late resolutions**

** These items will be listed in italics on the in-person hearing agenda in the Meeting Tote. Any changes to their status during the Second Opening on Saturday will be announced at the in-person hearing.*

Meeting Registration

Registration

All attendees of the House and Section meetings must [register online](#). Registration for the House 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.

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 schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, June 4 – 4pm – 7pm
- Thursday, June 5 – 6:00am – 8pm
- Friday, June 6 – 6:00am – 7pm
- Saturday, June 7 – 7am – 6pm
- Sunday, June 8 – 7am – 4pm
- Monday, June 9 – 7am – 6pm
- Tuesday, June 10 – 9am – 6pm
- Wednesday, June 11 – 7am – HOD Close

Credentialing and Meeting Badges

AMA bylaws require that all delegates and alternate delegates must be credentialed by the society that they will represent before each meeting. The deadline to submit HOD credentialing information has passed and A-25 HOD meeting credentials (badges) are being prepared for delegates and alternate delegates based on the information provided by their credentialing organization.

Attendees will receive one badge that will be used for all Section and HOD meetings. Only approved ribbons may be attached to the badge and no other ribbons, pins, or any other paraphernalia may be placed on your badge. The badge will include security features that must be visible for you to enter all meeting areas.

***NEW FOR THIS MEETING* –**

Badge identifiers for substitute and temporary substitute delegates and alternates

In accordance with AMA Bylaw 2.10, meeting badges for any substitution or temporary substitution for a credentialed delegate or alternate delegate will be clearly identified as “substitute” or “temporary” with a yellow background. Please review the following definitions for further clarification of this bylaw. Note that all alternate delegates, substitute alternate delegates, and temporary substitute alternate delegates will continue to be able to be intermittently seated in the House with their corresponding delegate’s temporary credential, their “salmon card,” for any HOD session, excluding the Election Session.

- Substitute Delegate or Alternate Delegate – A substitution made after the credentialing deadline and prior to the beginning of the meeting for delegates or alternates who will not be in attendance for the entire meeting.
- Temporary Substitute Delegate or Alternate Delegate – A substitution made at the meeting for a credentialed delegate or alternate delegate who will be absent for more than a half day of the meeting and typically for one who is leaving for the rest of the meeting prior to its adjournment.

Please remember that all temporary substitutions must be certified by the organization’s president or the president’s designee, typically the staff member in charge of the delegation. This person **must be present at the registration desk** for a substitution to be done onsite at the meeting. Additionally, **the original badges** for both the departing and the substituting individual, including the salmon card if applicable, **must be presented** at the registration desk at the time of substitution.

****Meeting Badges are your “ID” for the Sections and HOD meetings – to ensure meeting security, NO DUPLICATE BADGES will be produced onsite.****

If you have questions about the process, please email hod@ama-assn.org or alexandria.carey-sanders@ama-assn.org.

Accommodations for the meeting

Delegates and alternate delegates may request special accommodations during registration or by contacting the Office of House of Delegate Affairs by email at hod@ama-assn.org or phone 312.464.4344. This includes accommodations for religious observance such as for Sabbath.

Assistance during HOD Meeting

Should you need any assistance during the HOD meeting, the AMA Unified Service Center will be available. You may call 800-337-1599 or email at HODMeetingSupport@ama-assn.org. They will be available via both phone and email during business hours on weekdays and by email only on Saturday and Sunday. You may also stop by the registration desk or the HOD staff office.

CampAMA

Our AMA will provide childcare service, but to ensure sufficient, qualified help, parents must make a reservation by May 29. Drop-ins will not be accepted. Children who are at least 6 months old are eligible for this service. The vendor is fully licensed, and caregivers have considerable experience in working with children. Meals are not included in the program. Parents can purchase lunch and bring to the center.

Meeting Details and Reminders**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 or harassment. Attendees should conduct themselves in a manner that comports with the highest ideals of the profession. As a condition of attending 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.

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. Our AMA has zero tolerance for any type of harassment of any attendee of an AMA hosted meeting, event or other activity. This includes interactions between members and AMA staff.

The Office of General Counsel appointed Lauren Robinson (Senior Assistant General Counsel, lauren.robinson@ama-assn.org) as the Conduct Liaison for this meeting. 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](#).

The following links to AMA Edhub training courses may be accessed at your convenience:

- [Harassment in Professional Settings](#)
- [Addressing Harassment at Meetings and Events](#)

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.

Seating at the 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 tables in the House as usual, with limited additional theater style seating on the sides and in the back. Auxiliary seating will be in Grand Hall L/MN (Friday, Saturday and Monday) and Grand Hall I/J (Tuesday) immediately across the hallway from the Grand Ballroom. Screens will be set up to view the proceedings in these rooms.

HOD Reference Manual

The [*House of Delegates Reference Manual: Procedures, Policies and Practices*](#) provides comprehensive information about the AMA's policy development process. It describes AMA-HOD procedures and may be especially helpful to new delegates, but it is a good reference for all meeting participants. The manual acts as our Standing Rules for House of Delegates meetings.

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-25

All business sessions and reference committee hearings at the 2025 Annual Meeting will be streamed live. Registration via Zoom is required and the link can be found on the [meeting agenda site](#).

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 and Protocols

Delegates must be aware that members of the media attend AMA meetings and that discussions in Reference Committee and on the HOD floor are considered on the record and may be reported by the media. Additionally, attendees are advised that there are established media and spokesperson criteria for our AMA, and, as such, **delegates, alternate delegates, AMA Section members, elected and appointed leaders may speak in their individual capacity and affiliations only; they do not speak on behalf of the AMA and should never represent themselves as speaking on behalf of the AMA.**

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 with whom you're speaking, what you're saying, and your surroundings as smart phones give virtually everyone the ability to record conversations. Any questions or concerns should be directed to Justin DeJong in AMA Enterprise Communications at justin.dejong@ama-assn.org. Media inquiries should be directed to media@ama-assn.org.

Proceedings of the November 2024 Interim Meeting

The draft of the *Proceedings of the House of Delegates* for this past November's Interim Meeting will be posted on the [AMA website](#). Approval of the minutes from I-24 is an action item at A-25. [PolicyFinder](#) has been updated to reflect actions from the meeting as captured in the *Proceedings*.

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. Traditional and Formal Indian Wear is welcome.

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 prior to Monday, June 3. Otherwise, please provide names to the Headquarters Office in the Hyatt Regency by noon on Sunday, June 9.

Religious Services

For those interested in attending religious services, please check with the hotel concierge for a list of nearby locations.

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 due to construction on the Kennedy Freeway.

Candidates and Elections

2025 candidates, nominations, and elections

The [2025 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 [AMA 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 available at this link on the [HOD election rules page](#). All candidates have agreed to abide by these rules.

Campaign violations: Official election complaints can be submitted via [this form](#) and contents will be shared with the Speaker, Vice Speaker and the Office of General Counsel. If you wish to submit to only one of these individuals, you may email them directly with the information requested in the form 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 the deadlines to indicate your groups' intention to conduct virtual and in-person interviews have passed and the virtual interview window is closed. Only groups that are included on the official in-person group interview list may interview candidates during the in-person interview window June 6-9. It is the responsibility of the candidates to contact the groups' designated person to arrange an interview.

Nominations: Nominations for all positions will be accepted during the Opening Session on Friday evening, June 6. 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, 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 8**. 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. Everyone is invited to attend.

Elections at A-25: Elections will take place on Tuesday, June 10 during the Election Session in the Grand Ballroom. Election session check-in will begin at 7:00 am CT and all delegates should be seated by 7:45 am CT. **Delegate check-in for the election session will end at 7:45 am CT.** For this session, extra security will be employed, and only credentialed delegates will be allowed in the delegate seating area. A limited number of individuals will be admitted for seating 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 temporary substitute delegate at the AMA Registration Desk by **6 pm Monday, June 9**. 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 positions will be elected, unless previously elected by acclamation:

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

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

Inauguration of Bobby Mukkamala, MD

The inaugural ceremony to install Bobby Mukkamala, MD, as the 180th AMA president will take place at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, June 10 in the Crystal Ballroom, followed by a reception and dinner/dance in the Grand Hall and Grand Ballroom at 6:15 pm. Black tie optional. Traditional and Formal Indian Wear is welcome. AMA meeting badges will be required for entry to the ceremony and seating will be on a first come, first served basis. An overflow room with additional seating and a live-stream of the ceremony will be in Regency C.

The open-bar cocktail hour will include a mango lassi featured drink and henna tattoo station. The format for this year's event will be a family-style dinner with reserved seating, followed by dancing from 8:00 pm-10:00 pm, featuring music provided by DJ. Individual tickets can be purchased for \$135.00 per adult and \$60.00 per child (12 and under) and will be required for entry to this event. 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 of May 23. No reservations/payments will be accepted after that date, and no onsite purchases will be available.

Announcements of candidacy for 2026 elections

Individuals who intend to seek election at the 2026 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) 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 CT, Sunday, June 8, 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.

A-26 Group Endorsements

The A-26 election cycle endorsement window will close at **5:00 pm CT on Friday, June 6, 2025**. Note that A-26 candidates must be informed of receipt of an endorsement by this deadline. The official A-26 group endorsement list is posted on the [AMA HOD candidate endorsement information page](#). Candidates may not be endorsed by a group that is not on this posted list, with the exception of groups eligible to "sponsor" a specific candidate.

A-27 Group Endorsements

The HOD Office is now accepting [A-27 Group Endorsement Forms](#) for the A-27 election cycle (elections taking place at the June 2027 Annual Meeting). The deadline for submitting this form is **5 pm CT on October 6, 2025**. Groups who are not eligible to sponsor a candidate must submit this form to be included on the official A-27 group endorsement list to offer an endorsement to candidates intending to seek election at A-27 with the exception of endorsements offered by the AMA-RFS to resident/fellow candidates. All groups wishing to offer endorsements must complete this form for EACH election cycle as information is not retained from year to year.

A-27 Endorsement Window:

- *Friday, November 14, 2025, at 6 am Eastern - Endorsement Window opens*
- *Friday, June 5, 2026, at 5 pm Central (just prior to the opening of A-26) - Endorsement Window closes*

Section Meetings

Section meetings

The [AMA section meetings](#) will be held June 5-6 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Visit each Section's meeting page for agendas and other meeting documents.

- [Academic Physicians Section](#) (APS)
- [Integrated Physician Practice Section](#) (IPPS)
- [International Medical Graduates Section](#) (IMGS)
- [LGBTQ+ Section](#) (LGBTQ+)
- [Medical Student Section](#) (MSS)
- [Minority Affairs Section](#) (MAS)
- [Organized Medical Staff Section](#) (OMSS)
- [Private Practice Physicians Section](#) (PPPS)
- [Resident and Fellow Section](#) (RFS)
- [Senior Physicians Section](#) (SPS)
- [Women Physicians Section](#) (WPS)
- [Young Physicians Section](#) (YPS)

Caucuses

A listing of all caucus meetings can be found on the AMA meeting app when it becomes available.

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 about our **simplified CME credit/certificate of participation claiming process** at the AMA Ed Hub™ booth, located in the Acapulco room in the West Tower, Ballroom Level of the Hyatt Regency Chicago, where AMA staff will be available to answer any questions.

As a reminder, you no longer need a session code to claim credit for the AMA educational sessions offered during the annual meeting. Just visit amaedhub.org/A25 when it becomes available and 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, 2025, at 11:59 pm.

Explore more ways to earn CME on the [AMA Ed Hub](#).

[AMA CME Accreditation Information](#)

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

Speakers' Open Forum

Sunday, June 8, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, Grand Ballroom

Your Speakers will once again hold a forum open to all members to discuss topics of your choosing regarding our HOD processes. Topic suggestions may be sent ahead of time to hod@ama-assn.org or you may submit them through the [online Speakers' Open Forum](#) available to all AMA members; all ideas are welcome.

***Altitude Medicine: Mastering In-Flight Emergency Response**

Sunday, June 8, 1:15 – 2:15 PM, Regency C

Program hosted by Surgical Caucus

CME credit is offered through American College of Surgeons

Medical emergencies can occur on both domestic and international flights. In these situations, flight crews typically call on physicians to assist with the emergency. While most physicians are eager to help, they may not be familiar with the common medical emergencies that arise or the medical equipment available onboard.

***Health Equity Open Forum: Leveraging the National Release the Pressure Campaign to Address Heart Disease**

Sunday, June 8, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Regency D

Program hosted by Center for Health Equity

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for people living in the U.S., contributing to maternal mortality. Join us for a two-part discussion highlighting promising clinical practices and coalition driven community engagement to advance heart health.

Panel 1 will identify tools and strategies for physician-led care teams to improve hypertension control, emphasizing the impact of heart disease on maternal mortality.

Panel 2 will elevate how initiatives like *Release the Pressure* and *West Side United Anchor Mission Partnership* engage messengers to build trust, empower patients, and increase access to heart health education.

After participating in this session, attendees will be able to:

- Describe the differences in hypertension rates across the U.S. and name clinical drivers of disparities, including maternal hypertension
- Identify effective solutions and resources for physicians and patients to improve hypertension control, including patient panel stratification and evidence-based treatment protocols
- Explain the benefits of coalition-driven work to address social determinants of health and improve heart health education, access, and outcomes

For more information, contact Takeesha White at Takeesha.White@ama-assn.org.

Litigation Center Open Meeting

Sunday, June 8, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, Regency B

Program hosted by the AMA Litigation Center

Meeting highlights will include discussions of and updates on the MultiPlan Antitrust MDL and Phillips v. Tennessee. In the MultiPlan case, the AMA is suing a managed care company to enjoin an illegal conspiracy to underpay out-of-network health care claims. In Phillips, the AMA is suing the State of Tennessee to obtain guidance for physicians and patients regarding their right to an abortion for life-saving care.

Informational Session hosted by AMA Task Force to Preserve the Patient-Physician Relationship

Sunday, June 8, 2:15 – 3:15 PM, Grand Ballroom

Program hosted by AMA Task Force to Preserve the Patient-Physician Relationship

In the aftermath of the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* and the subsequent state legislation banning or restricting abortion and at the direction of the House of Delegates, the AMA Board of Trustees formed the Task Force to Preserve the Patient-Physician Relationship When Evidence-Based, Appropriate Care Is Banned or Restricted (Task Force) to help guide organized medicine's response to bans and restrictions on abortion and criminalization of other evidence-based care. In the year since the Task Force's first meeting, the Task Force has initiated a series of projects to support physicians navigating the current landscape. Please join the Task Force at this informational session for a briefing on the Task Force's activities to date and a showcase of key resources for physicians. In the first of two presentations, Forbes Tate Partners will present their research on messaging strategy, which provides insight on how different messages, language, and tone resonate across key constituent audiences to build a compelling and strategic narrative for reproductive health advocacy. The second presentation on legal assistance will highlight the resources available from the Abortion Defense Network and their network of attorneys and law firms that provide legal advice and representation to physicians navigating the post-Roe legal landscape. The Task Force invites AMA Delegates, Alternate Delegates, representatives from AMA Sections, and other interested individuals to attend and welcomes their perspectives on the deliverables being developed by the Task Force.

***Applying Educational Strategies to Address Rural Workforce Needs and Challenges**

Sunday, June 8, 2:30 – 3:30 PM, Regency C

Program hosted by AMA Council on Medical Education

The AMA is committed to improving health in rural areas. In medical education, one major strategy toward this goal is training physicians to serve rural communities, as reflected in AMA policy H-465.988, Educational Strategies for Meeting Rural Health Physician Shortage. This AMA Council on Medical Education session will highlight current rural workforce needs and challenges and will offer insights about the unique role regional medical campuses and community-based, rural graduate medical education training can play to meet these needs.

***A Nation Fueled by Ultra-Processed Foods: Tools to Support Physicians and Patients When Navigating the Lure of Madison Avenue's Modern Food Ecosystem**

Sunday, June 8, 3:00 – 4:30 PM, Regency D

Program hosted American College of Lifestyle Medicine

CME credit is offered through Rush University

Want to have a better understanding of ultra-processed foods, their impact on health and chronic disease, and the resources available to support you and your patients' in making dietary choices that optimize and restore health? This session will cover it all, from food processing classification to health outcomes research. Most importantly, you will walk away with the resources and confidence to help navigate the food ecosystem to achieve better health outcomes for yourself, your family and the patients you serve. Minimally-processed, high-fiber refreshments will be provided.

***Removal for Just Cause: Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures for Removing Individuals from the AMA Board or Councils**

Sunday, June 8, 3:30 – 4:30 PM, Grand Ballroom

Program hosted by CCB/CLRPD/CEJA

The Councils on Constitution and Bylaws (CCB), Long Range Planning and Development (CLRPD), and Ethical and Judicial Affairs (CEJA) are hosting a listening session to gather input on proposed procedures for removing individuals from American Medical Association leadership positions including the Board of Trustees and elected and appointed Councils. The discussion stems from a recommendation from the Election Task Force at I-23 that asked CCB to consider developing appropriate bylaw language on removal for cause. CCB's A-24 Report presented draft bylaw language and while the House of Delegates (HOD) was supportive of the need to develop bylaw language consistent with procedures adopted by the HOD, it had concerns that the procedures for removal were not yet fully developed. Policy D-605.984 further directed CCB, CLRPD, CEJA, and the HOD to develop the procedures to remove a trustee or council member for cause. Removal of any individual from office requires careful consideration and adherence to legal and organizational procedures, including establishing just cause. This session aims to collect feedback for shaping a fair, transparent process for leadership removal to put forward a report at I-25 and a comprehensive policy for HOD action. CME will be offered for this session.

***Reimagining Residency: Collaborative Innovation in Graduate Medical Education**

Sunday, June 8, 3:30 – 4:30 PM, Regency C

Program hosted by AMA Medical Education

The AMA invested \$20 million in the Reimagining Residency initiative over the past six years to transform residency training to best address the workplace needs of our current and future health care system. This grant program funded bold and innovative projects that provided a meaningful and safe transition from undergraduate to graduate medical education, established new curricular content and experiences to enhance readiness for practice, and promoted well-being in training. As this initiative approaches its conclusion, this session will explore the magnitude and benefits of the AMA's investment to medical students, residents, fellows, practicing physicians, and patients and detail how it connects to the AMA's next medical education initiative, Transforming Lifelong Learning Through Precision Education.

Special Events and Exhibits

OSMAP Membership Meeting and General Session

Friday, June 6, 2:00 - 4:30 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 6, 2025, from 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, in Crystal B (west tower, lobby level).

The featured program will be led by AMA Leadership: Bruce Scott, MD, President; Michael Suk, MD, Board Chair; and Senior VP for Advocacy, Todd Askew. A briefing on key issues impacting organized medicine and physicians followed by a panel discussion and audience Q&A is anticipated. More details forthcoming.

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) prior to the meeting.

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

In-person AMA Career Resources for Medical Students and Residents

Friday, June 6, 3:00 – 5:30 pm

Hyatt Regency Chicago, Riverside East Exhibit Hall

For medical students and residents—Join us on Friday, June 6 from 3 pm to 5:30 pm in Riverside Exhibit Hall East for access to:

- **Free professional headshots** and networking reception
 - **AMA Poster Showcase** (3 pm–5 pm): View research from over 200 medical students and residents
 - **AMA Career Fair:** Network and discover career paths with AMA health system partners, private practice, U.S. Public Health Services, residency program directors and more
 - **AMA Member Benefits Connect:** Explore member-exclusive programs and special offers for every stage of your career

AMA Foundation Donor Reception

Saturday, June 7, 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 'A25' to 41444. For additional information about the event and to RSVP, please email kamel.freeman@ama-assn.org.

AMPAC's Capitol Club Lunch**Monday, June 9, 12:30 pm**

AMPAC, the American Medical Association's Political Action Committee, supports organized medicine and advocates for physicians' interests in federal elections. AMPAC engages in activities to shape healthcare policy for physicians, ensuring that their voices are heard and their professional needs are addressed.

AMPAC is hosting its annual Capitol Club luncheon for all 2025 Capitol Club members during the AMA's Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois. Due to changes in the meeting schedule, AMPAC's luncheon will now take place on Monday, June 9, from 12:30 to 1:45 pm. Our special guest speaker will be announced in the coming weeks, and all current Capitol Club members will soon receive an invitation to the luncheon.

To participate in this exclusive Capitol Club event, please ensure your AMPAC membership is current for 2025. You can verify your membership status by emailing Katie Crowley at katie.crowley@ama-assn.org or by visiting AMPAC's booth during the AMA's Annual Meeting. Additionally, you can contribute at [AMPAC Online](#).

Thank you once again for your generous support and we look forward to seeing you at the luncheon.

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 'A25' 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 michael.wren@ama-assn.org.

AMA Member Center

Visit the Member Center Booth and pick up your gift! Located in the Grand Hall starting Friday, June 6, through Tuesday, June 10, join us to:

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

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 13-14 in Chicago.

Reference Committee Volunteers for Interim Meeting

The 2025 Interim Meeting, with its focus on advocacy and legislation, will be held at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, National Harbor, MD, November 14-18, 2025. The following reference committees will convene at the Interim Meeting:

- Reference Committee on Ethics and 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

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-25. If you have any questions about volunteering, please contact the HOD Office (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, residents, and IMGs, 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.**

Physicians 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

New Distinguish Yourself IMG Summit

Registration now open—Join us on Saturday, August 7, at AMA Plaza in Chicago for our inaugural IMG summit. Designed for ECFMG certified IMGs: Learn what it takes to stand out, be successful in your career—and beyond!

- Networking reception
- Free professional headshots
- IMG-specific education sessions on leadership, research, advocacy and preparing for Match

Learn more at www.ama-assn.org/distinguish-yourself-img.



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
Thursday, June 5		
6 am-8 pm	Registration	Grand Foyer
Friday, June 6		
6 am-7 pm	Registration	Grand Foyer
2-4:30 pm	OSMAP membership meeting and general session	TBA
3-5:30 pm	In-person AMA Career Resources for Medical Students and Residents	Riverside East Exhibit Hall
4:30-5:30 pm	OSMAP reception	Crystal Ballroom Foyer
6 pm	HOD Opening Session; nominations	Grand Ballroom
	President-Elect Debate	Grand Ballroom
Saturday, June 7		
7 am-6 pm	Registration	Grand Foyer
12:30 pm	HOD second session	Grand Ballroom
1:00 pm	Reference Committee on Ethics and Bylaws	Regency AB
1:00 pm	Reference Committee B	Crystal Ballroom AB
1:00 pm	Reference Committee C	Regency CD
1:00 pm	Reference Committee D	Grand Hall GJ
1:00 pm	Reference Committee F	Grand Ballroom
1:00 pm	Reference Committee G	Gran Hall MN,L,K
7-8 pm	AMA Foundation Donor Reception	Crystal Ballroom B
Sunday, June 8		
7 am-4 pm	Registration	Grand Foyer
8 am	Reference Committee A	Regency AB
8 am	Reference Committee E	Regency CD
1 pm	Speakers' Open Forum	Grand Ballroom
1:15 pm	Altitude Medicine: Mastering in-Flight Emergency Response	Regency C
1:30 pm	Health Equity Open Forum: Leveraging the National Release the Pressure Campaign to Address Heart Disease	Regency D
1:30 pm	Litigation Center Opening Meeting	Regency B
2:15 pm	Informational Session hosted by the AMA Task Force to Preserve the Patient-Physician Relationship	Grand Ballroom
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3:30 pm	Reimagining Residency: Collaborative Innovation in Graduate Medical Education	Regency C
5-7 pm	AMA Candidates Reception	Crystal Ballroom

Monday, June 9		
7 am-6 pm	Registration	Grand Foyer
10 am – 6 pm	HOD business session (with break for lunch)	Grand Ballroom
12:30 pm	AMPAC Capital Club Lunch	Location in invitation
Tuesday, June 10		
7-7:45 am	Election Session Delegate Check-in	Grand Foyer
8 am	Election session	Grand Ballroom
8:30 am-3 pm	HOD business session (with a break for lunch)	Grand Ballroom
9 am-6 pm	Registration	Grand Foyer
5:00 pm	Inaugural, Bobby Mukkamala, MD	Crystal Ballroom
Wednesday, June 11		
7 am-adjournment	Registration	Grand Foyer
8:30 am-12 pm	HOD business session	Grand Ballroom