



Speakers' Letter

2026 Annual Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates

June 5–10, 2026

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 some important items for this meeting:

- **Online Reference Committees (ORCs)** – As a reminder, the ORCs will close for general comments at 5 pm Central on Wednesday, May 20 and for author comments at 5 pm Central on Thursday, May 21. All AMA members are encouraged to provide comments.
- **In-person Reference Committee Hearing Consent Agendas** –After a successful pilot at I-25, we will continue to treat the in-person reference committee agenda as a consent agenda.
- **Seating in the House of Delegates (HOD)** – As has previously been communicated, adjustments to seating in the Grand Ballroom have become necessary. The Opening Session on Friday evening will be set in theatre style and all who wish to attend may do so. There will be no reserved seating for delegations. For the HOD business sessions, entry into the Grand Ballroom will be limited.

Prior communications from your Speakers are on the AMA website at [2026 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 2026 Annual Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates (HOD) will be held June 5–10 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. The AMA-HOD will convene at 6:00 pm Friday, June 5 in the Grand Ballroom, and your Speakers ask all attendees to be seated by 5:50 pm. A debate between the 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 6, the “Second Opening” of the AMA-HOD will be in session beginning at 12:00 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 15 minutes after the conclusion of the Second Opening and are scheduled to be concluded by 6:00 pm CT. All eight reference committees will meet concurrently on Saturday afternoon. The locations for Reference Committee Hearings are as follows:

<u>Saturday, June 6</u>	<u>Location</u>
Reference Committee on Ethics and Bylaws	Grand Hall IJ
Reference Committee A (Medical Service)	Regency A
Reference Committee B (Legislation)	Grand Ballroom
Reference Committee C (Medical Education)	Crystal Ballroom
Reference Committee D (Public Health)	Regency D
Reference Committee E (Science & Technology)	Regency C
Reference Committee F (Finance)	Grand Hall KL
Reference Committee G (Medical Practice)	Regency B

Consideration of reference committee reports will begin at 9:00 am on Monday, June 8. The Election Session will be held Tuesday, June 9 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 10 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.

Business of the House

HANDBOOK DISTRIBUTION

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. All late resolutions (those received after the April 21 on-time deadline) and AMA Section excepted resolutions, will be distributed in the Meeting Tote at the Annual Meeting on **Saturday, June 6, 2026**.

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-26 Online Reference Committees (ORCs) opened Thursday, April 30, 2026, and **will remain open until 5:00 pm CT on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, for general comments.** Authors only may comment until 5 pm CT on Thursday, May 21. 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 included on the ORCs and merits regarding reaffirmation can be discussed on the ORCs. **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-26. **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 29 at 5 pm CT.**

IN-PERSON REFERENCE COMMITTEE HEARINGS

After a successful pilot at I-25, the reference committee agenda will once again be treated as a consent agenda. The reference committee chair will call for items that need further debate to be extracted from the agenda at the beginning of the reference committee hearing. Each extracted item will then be taken in order working through the recommendation categories listed below. All items that do not have a preliminary recommendation will be discussed.

- 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.*

****NEW FOR THIS MEETING**** The individual who extracted the item may be given the opportunity to speak first if it was not the author of the resolution or Board/Council member for reports. If the author wishes to speak first, they may, but if they agree with the preliminary recommendation and do not wish to speak first, they should defer.

***** 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. *****

Meeting Registration

Registration

Online registration is open through Friday, May 22, 2026. After this date, attendees will need to register on-site. All attendees of the House and Section meetings must [register online](#). Registration for the House and all Section 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. To avoid delays onsite, please take a moment to register prior to the online registration deadline and have your registration confirmation available during check-in at 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 3	4 pm - 7 pm	Sunday	June 7	7 am - 5 pm
Thursday	June 4	6 am - 8 pm	Monday	June 8	7 am - 6 pm
Friday	June 5	6 am - 7 pm	Tuesday	June 9	9 am - 6 pm
Saturday	June 6	7 am - 6 pm	Wednesday	June 10	7 am - 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-26 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.

Badge identifiers for temporary 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 “temporary” with a yellow background. 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.

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.

Meeting Details and Reminders

****NEW FOR THIS MEETING** - IMPORTANT**

Seating in the House of Delegates meeting

With 793 delegates of the House, the Grand Ballroom at the Hyatt Regency has reached capacity.

For the opening session and president-elect debate on Friday, June 5, 2026, open theatre seating is available for all who wish to attend. There will not be reserved seating for delegates at the opening session.

Subsequent HOD sessions will have gated entry. There will NOT be additional open theatre seating. Additional seating with screens to view the proceedings will be in Grand Hall K-N immediately across from the Grand Ballroom.

Grand Ballroom Entry:

- Delegates displaying their salmon card
- Alternate delegates displaying a salmon card (when delegate not seated)
- Current Board of Trustee members
- Former officers
- Council members and staff
- Reference committee and staff

Delegates or alternate delegates must display the salmon card to enter the ballroom. Exchange of the salmon card must occur in the Grand Hall foyer. Additional time will be given between reference committee reports.

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 the Annual Meeting typically starting 30 minutes before HOD sessions and ending 30 minutes after sessions. You may also stop by the information desk at the meeting or the HOD staff office in Riverside West.

CampAMA

Our AMA will provide childcare service, but to ensure sufficient, qualified help, parents must make a reservation by May 28. 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.

Live streaming for A-26

All business sessions and reference committee hearings at the 2026 Annual Meeting will be streamed live. Links will be posted on the [meeting website](#). To join the session being live streamed, you will be asked to provide your name, email and organization. No recordings (audio or visual) or broadcasting of any portion of the House of Delegates meeting may be made without prior written consent of the AMA.

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, including sexual 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 Kyle Palazzolo (Assistant General Counsel, kyle.palazzolo@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](#)). Some users may see a **"Your connection is not private"** warning when clicking the online link. The site is safe to visit. If you encounter this message, you can click **"Advanced"** and then **"Proceed to <https://report.syntrio.com/ama>"** to continue.

The following links to AMA Ed Hub™ training courses may be accessed at your convenience:

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

Meeting Security

Once again, there will be increased security at A-26 including screening detectors to enter the AMA meeting room areas. Please allow for adequate time prior to AMA sessions to be screened. In addition, badges are a basic security measure at every HOD meeting, and attendees must wear them at all times. Badges will be checked by security personnel for entry into all AMA-convened meetings of the HOD. Attendees are reminded to remove badges when leaving the hotel.

Conflict-of-interest policy

The AMA Conflict of Interest policy applies to all individuals participating in AMA decision-making activities and as such to those providing testimony at HOD and Section meetings, whether that testimony is presented in the ORC or at the in-person reference committees.

Immediately prior to testifying before the HOD or any 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 Chair of the Reference Committee, 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 HOD 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.

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.

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 Joshua Zembik at joshua.zembik@ama-assn.org or Robert Mills at Robert.Mills@ama-assn.org in AMA Enterprise Communications. Media inquiries should be directed to media@ama-assn.org.

Proceedings of the November 2025 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-25 is an action item at A-26. [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 or cocktail.

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 7.

Religious Services

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

Political campaigns and receptions

Your Speakers would like to remind you that the Annual Meeting is not a venue to campaign for public office. Such political campaigning is not permitted at any AMA meetings or affiliated events, including distributing campaign materials, displaying signage, or soliciting votes. Thank you for helping us maintain a respectful, welcoming environment focused on the program and the work of our AMA.

AMA HOD Candidates and Elections

2026 candidates, nominations, and elections

The [2026 HOD Annual Meeting Election Manual](#) 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, 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: Per AMA Policy G-610.090, X(2), "a formal election complaint must be filed in writing by a HOD delegate or alternate delegate via the election website before the commencement of the election session at which the candidate is currently seeking election." A complaint form is available on the [HOD election rules page](#). 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 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 5-8.

Nominations: Nominations for all positions will be accepted during the Opening Session on Friday evening, June 5. 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 7**, in the Crystal Ballroom at the Hyatt Regency. 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-26: Elections will take place on Tuesday, June 9 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.** 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 is 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 8**. 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 four, currently eight candidates; potential for one additional opening
- Board of Trustees, Young Physician – vote for one, currently three candidates
- Council on Constitution & Bylaws – vote for two; currently two candidates
- Council on Medical Education – vote for one, currently two candidates
- Council on Medical Service – vote for three, currently four candidates
- Council on Science & Public Health – vote for four, currently five candidates
- Council on Science & Public Health, Resident/Fellow – vote for one, currently one candidate

CEJA nomination and election: President-elect Willie Underwood III, MD, MSc, MPH 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 Willie Underwood III, MD, MSc, MPH

The inaugural ceremony to install Willie Underwood III, MD, as the 181st AMA president will take place at 5:00 pm CT on Tuesday, June 9 in the Crystal Ballroom. 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.

A reception and dinner/dance in the Grand Hall and Grand Ballroom will follow upon conclusion of the ceremony at 6:15 pm. The open-bar cocktail hour will also feature three specialty cocktails. The format for this year's event will be a family-style dinner with reserved seating, followed by live music and dancing from 8:00 pm-10:00 pm. Appropriate attire is black tie optional or cocktail.

Tickets are required for entry into the inaugural event space. 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 22. Individual tickets can be purchased for \$150.00 per adult and \$60.00 per child (12 and under). No reservations/payments will be accepted after the deadline, and no onsite purchases will be available.

A-27 Group Endorsements

The A-27 election cycle endorsement window will close at **5:00 pm CT on Friday, June 5, 2026**. Note that A-27 candidates must be informed of receipt of an endorsement by this deadline. The official A-27 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.

Announcements of candidacy for 2027 elections

Individuals intending to seek election at the next Annual Meeting should make their intentions known to the Speakers by emailing an announcement card to Jeanne Uehling (jeanne.uehling@ama-assn.org) before **noon CT on Sunday, June 7, 2026**.

The card may include any or all of the following elements and no more: the candidate’s name, a photograph (not multiple), the office sought, the sponsoring group, if any, and a list of endorsing groups, if any. Beginning with the A-27 election cycle, the terms “**sponsored by**” or “**endorsed by**” should be used when describing organizations included on a card. The terms “nominated by” or “supported by” should not be used. Please reach out to the HOD Office should you have additional questions.

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 and approved by the deadline will be projected in the HOD 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 closes.

A-28 Group Endorsements

The HOD Office is now accepting [A-28 Group Endorsement Forms](#) for the A-28 election cycle (elections taking place at the June 2028 Annual Meeting). The deadline for submitting this form is **noon CT on October 7, 2026**. Groups who are not eligible to sponsor a candidate must submit this form to be included on the official A-28 group endorsement list to offer an endorsement to candidates intending to seek election at A-28 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-28 Endorsement Window:

- *Friday, November 14, 2026, at 6 am Eastern - Endorsement Window opens*
- *Friday, June 11, 2027, at 5 pm Central (just prior to the opening of A-27) - Endorsement Window closes*

Section Meetings

Section meetings

The [AMA section meetings](#) will be held June 4-5 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 \(MSS\)](#)
- [Organized Medical Staff Section \(OMSS\)](#)
- [Private Practice Physicians Section \(PPPS\)](#)
- [Resident and Fellow Section \(RFS\)](#)
- [Senior Physicians Section \(SPS\)](#)
- [Underrepresented in Medicine Advocacy Section \(UMAS\)](#)
- [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

The AMA, AMA sections and special groups will offer educational sessions starting Thursday, June 4.

NEW: We are excited to announce a new way to claim CME credits for sessions attended during our Annual Meeting! Instead of claiming credit for each session you attend, you will now be able to claim all CME credits at once on the AMA Ed Hub site. All you'll have to do is select the appropriate credit amount based on the sessions attended and answer the questions to receive your certificate.

Questions? Stop by the AMA Ed Hub booth located next to the HOD registration area outside of the Grand Ballroom, East Tower.

Reminder: The deadline to claim credit(s) for the Annual Meeting certified by the AMA is **July 31, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. CT.**

Explore more education and CME on [AMA Ed Hub™](#).

[AMA CME Accreditation Information.](#)

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

Speakers' Open Forum

Sunday, June 7, 8:30 – 9:30 AM CT, Grand Hall K-N

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.

Litigation Center Open Meeting*Sunday, June 7, 9:45 – 10:45 AM CT, Grand Hall G-I****Program hosted by the AMA Litigation Center**

The increased involvement of private equity investors in medical practice threatens to prioritize profit and cost-cutting measures over patient safety and care quality. Litigation is underway in California to challenge the improper influence of private equity on physician practices. In this session, attendees will hear directly from physicians and attorneys about litigation trends, including challenges to improper influence of private equity on physician practices in California.

Stop the Bleed**Sunday, June 7, 9:45 – 10:45 AM CT, Grand Hall K-N****Program hosted by Surgical Caucus**

This educational session aims to encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped and help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. Massive bleeding from any cause, but particularly from an active shooter, explosive event or an accident can result in death.

Advocacy in Action: Leveraging Transparency Data to Improve Behavioral Health Care*Sunday, June 7, 9:45 – 10:45 AM CT, Grand Hall J****Program hosted by AMA Physician Satisfaction/Practice Sustainability (PS2)**

Building on the AMA's longstanding commitment to improving equitable access to behavioral health care, this educational session will explore how increased transparency, standardized insurer reporting, and cross-sector collaboration can meaningfully strengthen behavioral health access nationwide.

Panelists will discuss real-world examples, explore the policy and regulatory landscape, and examine how greater transparency—from Transparency in Coverage data to parity reporting (including leveraging the new nationally expanded Mental Health Parity Index developed in partnership between the AMA and The Kennedy Forum)—can help reduce administrative burdens, promote competition, strengthen oversight, and ultimately improve timely, equitable behavioral health access nationwide by ensuring state legislators and regulators can take action to support individuals with MH/SUD needs.

The panel will also explore opportunities for how physicians can file internal appeals with a commercial health plan on reimbursement rates or a mental health/SUD coverage determination, along with appeals to their state regulator for the same reasons [with additional support available on-site immediately after the session for attendees who would like assistance in initiating an appeal(s)].

The AMA and the World Medical Association – A Mutually Beneficial Partnership*Sunday, June 7, 11:00 am – noon CT, Grand Hall G-I****Program hosted by AMA Office of General Counsel and AMA delegation to the WMA**

This session will provide AMA members and participants with a comprehensive overview of the World Medical Association (WMA), including its history, organizational structure, leadership, and the strategic role of the AMA delegation to the WMA. Attendees will examine the WMA's global priorities and learn how the AMA, as a WMA founding member, collaborates with the WMA to advance shared health initiatives worldwide. The session will also offer practical guidance for AMA members on how to access information and actively contribute to AMA efforts within the WMA. Participants will strengthen their knowledge of international medical advocacy and enhance their capacity for professional involvement in global health policy.

AMA Center for Optimal Health Outcomes Update: Community Engagement, Policy, and Partnerships*Sunday, June 7, 11:00 am – noon CT, Grand Hall K-N****Program hosted by AMA Center for Optimal Health Outcomes**

This session will present the AMA's new Center for Optimal Health Outcomes (COHO), outlining its strategic direction and providing updates on core initiatives. This session will showcase how COHO is leveraging its partnerships with health systems, national and state medical associations, academic medical centers, and coalitions to advance digital health solutions and develop scalable policies from evidence-based research, with the goal of achieving optimal health for all communities.

***How Precision Education is Transforming Lifelong Learning for Physicians**

Sunday, June 7, 11:00 am – noon CT, Grand Hall J

Program hosted AMA Medical Education/ChangeMedEd Initiative

The AMA launched the Transforming Lifelong Learning Through Precision Education grant program in 2025 and is investing \$12 million over the next four years into 11 grant projects that will develop precision education systems across the continuum of medical education. Precision education leverages data and technology to make medical education more personalized and relevant to one's practice. This session will provide an overview of the 11 funded grant projects and explore the benefits of the AMA's investment to medical students, residents, fellows, practicing physicians, and patients.

Special Events and Exhibits

OSMAP Membership Meeting and General Session

Friday, June 5, 2:00 - 4:30 pm

Hyatt Regency Chicago, Crystal Ballroom B

The featured program will be led by AMA Leadership: Bobby Mukkamala, MD, President; David Aizuss 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.

Another panel will provide an update on states that are exploring collective bargaining for physicians. This panel will be moderated by the AMA. More details forthcoming. The Physicians Foundation will also present an update on priority projects and research important to physicians.

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 Facebook page as soon as it is completed.

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.*

Questions or further information regarding OSMAP should be directed to: Brian O. Foy, Executive Director, OSMAP, 304-871-0888, bfoy11@yahoo.com.

AMA Member Center

Visit the Member Center Booth and experience new activities! Located in the Grand Ballroom foyer starting Friday, June 5, through Tuesday, June 9, join us to:

- Learn about new member benefits and offerings, plus, provide valuable feedback!
- Use your creativity in our keychain-making station
- Pick up a gift – new AMA & Chicago merch this year!

AMA Hat Pop-Up – Create Your Custom Hat

Friday, June 5, 12:00 – 3:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Grand Ballroom Foyer

Stop by the Grand Ballroom Foyer from noon to 3 p.m. to make your very own custom AMA hat—a great keepsake for the meeting!

Simple steps to personalize:

- Select your hat: khaki or black
- Add up to three patches, featuring special Chicago-themed designs
- Complete with your initials or AMA varsity letters

Personalize your look and take home a one-of-a-kind piece of AMA merch.

While supplies last. First-come, first-served.

Annual Meeting Photo Op

Our oversized AMA logo is back! Stop by the Grand Ballroom foyer to snap the perfect pic and share your meeting experience with your network! Be sure to use #amamtg in all of your posts.



In-person AMA Career Resources Event

Friday, June 5, 2:30 – 5:30 pm

Hyatt Regency Chicago, Riverside East Exhibit Hall (lower-level)

All meeting attendees are welcome to attend the AMA Career Resources Event for access to:

- **Free professional headshots** and networking reception
- **AMA Poster Showcase** (3 pm–5 pm): Discover research from hundreds of medical students and residents; plus, cast your vote for the best in show!
- **AMA Specialty Showcase:** Connecting specialty societies with future physicians to explore specialties and foster mentorship and professional engagement.
- **AMA Career Fair:** Bringing organizations and future physicians together to build relationships and explore recruitment programs, career paths, and professional opportunities.
- **AMA Member Benefits Connect:** Explore member-exclusive programs and special partner offers for every stage of your career.

AMA Foundation Booth

Visit the AMA Foundation booth to learn more about current initiatives and the impact of your collective giving. As your charitable arm, the AMA Foundation strategically aligns with AMA priorities by funding programs that support physicians, promote optimal health outcomes, and advance medical education. Our AMA Foundation is focused on evidence-based, collaborative efforts that have systemic, replicable effects.

Make your gift to our AMA Foundation and #MatchTheMoment! [Give online](#), stop by the booth, or text A26 to 41444. Every donor will receive a badge ribbon, and those who qualify as a VIP Donor will receive an assortment of benefits, including this year's commemorative lapel pin and access to the VIP Donor Lounge. For additional information, please email Michael.Wren@ama-assn.org.

AMA Foundation Donor Reception

Saturday, June 6, 7:00-8:30 pm

Hyatt Regency Chicago, Crystal Ballroom C

The AMA Foundation's Annual Donor Reception honors and thanks the generous supporters powering the future of medicine. This past year marked record impact, with \$420,000 awarded in student scholarships and the largest Leadership Development Institute cohort to date. These milestones were made possible through shared dedication to cultivating compassionate, community-focused physician leaders.

If you would like to support our AMA Foundation and join your fellow delegates at this special reception, #MatchTheMoment with a [gift online](#), visiting the booth, or texting A26 to 41444. For additional information about the event and to RSVP, please email Kamel.Freeman@ama-assn.org.

AMPAC's Celebrates 65 Years

AMPAC is celebrating its 65th anniversary this year, a milestone marking over six decades of advocacy for physicians and patients. Founded in 1961, the AMA's Political Action Committee has played a critical role in advancing organized medicine's voice in federal elections, shaping healthcare and ensuring physicians are represented in the decisions that shape patient care and the practice of medicine. In celebration of this anniversary year, AMPAC is hosting our annual Capitol Club luncheon event and a special Rock 'n Roll Reception as a thank you to all of our 2026 AMPAC contributors!

AMPAC Capitol Club Luncheon and Capitol Club Diamond VIP Meet and Greet Sunday, June 7, 12:00 – 2:00 pm

AMPAC's Capitol Club luncheon for 2026 Capitol Club members is on *Sunday, June 7*, from 12:00 to 2:00 pm with special guest Rick Atkinson, a Pulitzer Prize winning author. Atkinson's discussion will revisit the people and pivotal decisions that shaped our nation, drawing a line from America's founding to the lessons that continue to resonate today as we mark its 250th anniversary.

Additionally, Capitol Club Diamond members will have the opportunity to meet Rick Atkinson at a private meet-and-greet 30 minutes prior to lunch. A copy of his newly released book, *The Fate of the Day*, will be provided to Diamond members during this VIP member-only event. ***Please stop by AMPAC's booth to pick up your Capitol Club luncheon event ticket.***

AMPAC Rock 'n Roll Reception Sunday, June 7, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Turn up the volume at AMPAC's Rock 'n Roll Reception and get ready to slip on your dancing shoes. Join colleagues for a night of great music and great company as we celebrate AMPAC in true rock-and-roll style. All 2026 AMPAC members are invited to enjoy a high-energy evening featuring live entertainment, dancing, hors d'oeuvres, and cocktails. Access for a special VIP area will be available for Capitol Club Diamond members during this event. ***In order to attend, please visit AMPAC's booth to pick up your Rock 'n Roll reception ticket.***

To participate in these AMPAC events, please ensure your AMPAC membership is current for 2026. You can verify your AMPAC 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 this special year, and we look forward to seeing you at these exciting AMPAC's events.

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 on September 19-20, 2026, in Chicago.

Reference Committee Volunteers for Interim Meeting

The 2026 Interim Meeting, with its focus on advocacy and legislation, will be held at the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort, Orlando, Florida, November 6-10, 2026. 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: Finance and governance
- 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. Volunteers must be a HOD member to serve on a committee. Be on the lookout for an announcement concerning volunteer applications for I-26. If you have any questions about volunteering, please contact the HOD Office (hod@ama-assn.org) for more information.

American Medical Association Committee on Conduct at AMA Meetings and Events (CCAM)

The AMA is currently soliciting nominations for appointments to CCAM, which is convened pursuant to [AMA Policy H-140.837](#), AMA Policy on Conduct at AMA Meetings and Events. Individuals are encouraged to self-nominate. Endorsements from delegations or others are not required or expected.

The AMA is seeking applicants to fill (1) vacancy on CCAM for the following term:

- One (1) CCAM member for a three-year term beginning at the conclusion of Interim Meeting 2026 and ending at the conclusion of Interim Meeting 2029.

The individual appointed will be eligible for reappointment to serve a subsequent second term of three (3) years, for a total of six (6) years.

All applicants must complete and submit the [Appointed Council/Committee Application Form](#) no later than Tuesday, June 30, 2026. All applicants must also complete a Conflict of Interest (COI) disclosure statement. The COI will be sent to all applicants through Docusign for completion.

The AMA welcomes nominations representing a variety of personal experiences, values, and worldviews that arise from differences in culture and circumstance.

2026 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, enhance your CV, and win a \$10,000 grand prize *presented by* KeyBank.

Abstract Deadline is July 16, 2026.

Physician members are invited to review and score abstracts for this year's Research Challenge. Participation is virtual and a two-hour time commitment starting late July through mid-August. CME is available.

Learn more at www.ama-assn.org/research-challenge

AMA Physician Entrepreneur Forum

Accelerate your path to entrepreneurship at the AMA Physician Entrepreneur Forum, August 7–8, 2026, in Chicago. This exclusive, two-day experience connects you with physician founders and health care leaders who have successfully built and led innovative businesses, practices and ventures. Gain practical insights, expand your network, and explore new business opportunities. [Learn more and register today.](#)

**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 4		
6 am-8 pm	Registration	Grand Foyer
Friday, June 5		
6 am-7 pm	Registration	Grand Foyer
12 – 3 pm	AMA Hat Pop-Up – Create Your Custom Hat	Grand Ballroom Foyer
2-4:30 pm	OSMAP membership meeting and general session	Crystal Ballroom B
3-5:30 pm	In-person AMA Career Resources Event	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 6		
7 am-6 pm	Registration	Grand Foyer
12:00 pm	HOD second session	Grand Ballroom
15 mins following close of HOD second session	Reference Committee on Ethics and Bylaws	Grand Hall IJ
	Reference Committee A	Regency A
	Reference Committee B	Grand Ballroom
	Reference Committee C	Crystal Ballroom
	Reference Committee D	Regency D
	Reference Committee E	Regency C
	Reference Committee F	Grand Hall K-N
	Reference Committee G	Regency B
7-8:30 pm	AMA Foundation Donor Reception	Crystal Ballroom C
Sunday, June 7		
7 am-4 pm	Registration	Grand Foyer
8:30 am	Speakers' Open Forum	Grand Hall K-N
9:45 am	Litigation Center Opening Meeting	Grand Hall G-I
9:45 am	Stop the Bleed	Grand Hall K-N
9:45 am	Advancing Behavioral Health Access Through Transparency: A Practical Discussion on Leveraging Data, Collaboration, and the New National Mental Health Parity Index	Grand Hall J
11 am	The AMA and the World Medical Association – A Mutually Beneficial partnership	Grand Hall G-I
11 am	Community and Rural Health Engagement – Policy, Partnerships, and Digital Health	Grand Hall K-N
11 am	How Precision Education is Transforming Lifelong Learning for Physicians	Grand Hall J
11:30 am	Capitol Club Diamond VIP Meet and Greet	Event ticket pick-up at AMPAC booth
12 – 2 pm	AMPAC Capital Club Luncheon	Event ticket pick-up at AMPAC booth
5-7 pm	AMA Candidates Reception	Crystal Ballroom
7–9 pm	AMPAC Rock 'n Roll Reception	Event ticket pick-up at AMPAC booth
Monday, June 8		
7 am-6 pm	Registration	Grand Foyer
9 am – 6 pm	HOD business session (with break for lunch)	Grand Ballroom
Tuesday, June 9		
7-7:45 am	Election Session Delegate Check-in	Grand Foyer
8 am	Election session	Grand Ballroom
9 am-6 pm	Registration	Grand Foyer
15 mins after election session ends	HOD business session (with a break for lunch)	Grand Ballroom
5:00 pm	Inaugural, Willie Underwood III, MD, MSc, MPH	Crystal Ballroom
Wednesday, June 10		
7 am-adjournment	Registration	Grand Foyer
8:30 am-12 pm	HOD business session	Grand Ballroom