



## **Speaker's Update**

**August 4, 2023**

Dear Colleagues,

I hope that you and your family are enjoying summer – keeping cool, taking time off, and going on family vacations. As we begin our new leadership year, my fellow House Officers and I look forward to continuing to grow engagement and year-round work for the HOD. Please look at the volunteer opportunities and submit your name. The policy manual is updated and looks great thanks to the efforts of the HP/HX Task Force. A big thank you to all of those who volunteered.

### **2023-24 AAPA Policy Manual**

AAPA's policy manual is available [here](#) and has been updated to reflect the following:

- all policies adopted/amended/reaffirmed/expired by the 2023 HOD
- amended Standing Rules
- actions taken on BA policies by AAPA's Board of Directors
  - BA policies that were amended include:
    - BA-2400.4.0 Section on Commissions and Work Groups Charges
  - BA policies that were revised and moved to the Judicial Affairs Manual
    - BA-2800.2.0 section on Challenging a General AAPA Election or a House Election

### **CO Delegate & Officer Submissions**

With ALL HOD delegate terms having ended on June 30, 2023, each CO needs to submit their new delegates (and officers if your CO is on the July 1 leadership cycle). Check the [online delegate list](#) to see if your CO's delegates have been submitted. If your CO has not yet conducted your delegate elections, to ensure important communications continue to reach your organization, please resubmit your chief delegate from the 2023 HOD to [Tom Shoemaker](#).

The links to the appropriate submission forms are below. There is no need to submit both forms if the CO Annual Update Form is completed. Please confirm email addresses are current and correct to ensure we are able to communicate important HOD information with you in a timely manner.

- [CO Annual Update Form](#) (for submitting Officers & Delegates)
- [Delegate Notification Form](#) (for only submitting Delegates)

Reminders:

- AAPA’s Bylaws were amended at the 2023 HOD meeting to cap the number of extra delegates each organization can elect/submit. The number of extra delegates permissible is 50% of the apportioned number of seats/votes your organization has or 5; whichever is greater.
- AAPA policy states all officers of a chapter, specialty organization, or caucus are required to be and remain Fellow members of AAPA for the duration of their term in office. The same Fellow membership requirement exists for CO delegates.

### **HOD Volunteer Opportunities**

The timeline for recruiting HOD volunteers has been modified. Rather than seeking volunteers for all HOD opportunities at the beginning of the leadership year, we will send out calls for specific positions closer to when the position/group would begin their work. For example, the call for reference committee chairs/members/secretaries will occur in the Fall. Those opportunities will be announced in the monthly Speaker’s Update and available on the [HOD Volunteer page](#).

➤ At this time, we are recruiting volunteers for the following groups:

- Standing Rules Committee (SRC) – More information on the charges of the SRC and anticipated time commitment can be found [here](#).
- C-25 Task Force – This task force is being created to address a resolution adopted at the 2023 HOD (see language below).
  - AAPA strongly encourages equal-opportunity support for aspiring PAs and recognizes the potential negative impact of for-profit pre-PA coaching on diversity in the profession.

The House of Delegates recommends the Speaker develop a task force to identify barriers and explore potential opportunities to promote continued inclusion which may include scholarship and/or grant opportunities, pre-PA coaching through AAPA platforms, free AAPA mentorship, and/or additional resources for aspiring PAs. The task force shall report back to the AAPA HOD in 2024.

- House Policy Review Committee (HPRC) – This committee is being formed to assemble PAs interested in policy to address a portion of the policies due for review during the 2023-24 leadership year. This committee will review assigned policies, consult and confirm with AAPA leadership groups and COs as needed, and develop recommendations/resolutions for consideration at the 2024 HOD. A few of the topics for policies assigned to this committee are: PAs as Medical Review Officers, maintenance of board certification, abuse/violence/bullying prevention, and genetic and genomic testing.

If you are interested in serving on any of these groups, please complete the volunteer form at <https://fs1.formsite.com/aapa/ed2oceuia7/index.html> no later than **August 31**.

### **Judicial Affairs Commission Ethics Task Force**

AAPA's Judicial Affairs Commission is [forming a task force](#) of PA leaders, subject matter experts, and researchers charged with analyzing the current ethical landscape surrounding PA/medical practice and applying those findings to a rigorous review and revision of AAPA's *Guidelines for Ethical Conduct for the PA Profession* (pg. 171, [AAPA Policy Manual](#)). Revised *Guidelines* will be submitted to the AAPA House of Delegates for consideration in 2025.

A call for volunteers for the Ethics Task Force is now open until **Sunday, August 27**. [Click here](#) to learn more and apply today.

### **AAPA's Leadership & Advocacy Summit**

[Join your PA and PA student colleagues in the nation's capital for AAPA's premier Leadership and Advocacy Summit \(LAS\)](#), Sept. 28-30, 2023, at the Ritz Carlton in Arlington, VA.

The summit kicks off with a full day dedicated to federal advocacy and afternoon visits with legislators on Capitol Hill. The remainder of LAS focuses on key developments facing the profession, association management, leadership best practices, and advocacy skill-building.

LAS provides a fantastic opportunity for PAs to network, meet old friends and new leaders, exchange ideas, and enjoy the Washington, D.C. area. First-time attendees often say LAS is one of the most important professional conferences; it helps them better understand issues facing PAs and how to make positive change.

### **Adult Hospital Medicine Boot Camp**

[Join your colleagues in Denver, CO, September 20-24 for the Adult Hospital Medicine Boot Camp.](#)

Sponsored by AAPA and the Society of Hospital Medicine, this course is designed to provide PAs and NPs with a broad foundation on commonly encountered diagnoses in hospitalized adult patients. It's an ideal course if you are new to hospital medicine or if you practice in another specialty but are responsible for the medical management of hospitalized adult patients.

At Boot Camp, you will dive into the most current, evidence-based topics in hospital medicine while earning up to 31 AAPA Category 1 CME credits and networking with other practitioners.

There are two options for case-based instruction from Boot Camp 2023 expert faculty:

- Meet with your fellow PAs and NPs in Denver while earning up to 31 credits of AAPA Category 1 CME.
- Experience the conference from the comfort of your home with the virtual experience while earning up to 19 credits of AAPA Category 1 CME.

### **AAPA Conference on Demand**

[AAPA Conference on Demand 2023](#) offers 165+ credits of AAPA Category 1 CME from the world's largest PA conference that you can access online anytime.

This comprehensive digital library of video-based clinical and professional CME includes topics such as behavioral and mental health, diabetes, nutrition, obesity, pediatrics, research in action, and much more.

### **Quick Links**

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- [2023 Summary of Actions](#)
- [2023 HOD Category II CME Certificate](#)
- [2023-24 HOD Apportionment \(Houston HOD\)](#)
- [HOD Home Page](#) or [www.aapa.org/hod](http://www.aapa.org/hod)

Thank you for all you do for the profession and for the Academy.

Best,



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