



Speaker's Update

August 27, 2021

Dear Delegates,

I hope that this update finds you and your family safe and well. It is back to school time, and I know many of you find yourself filled with mixed emotions as we face uncertainty. As PAs we have an opportunity to lead by example and show our commitment to the health of our communities. Please share your wealth of knowledge to help guide and support your patients, your community, and your loved ones.

We continue to ramp up our activity in this leadership year. Please consider volunteering for the HOD roles that ensure we are positioned to complete our important work on behalf of the PA profession. Take a moment to complete the COI process and complete your Annual CO Update Form.

Please know that all the House Officers and Governance Staff are here to support you. Let us know anytime if you have questions. Be well!

Disclosure & Conflict of Interest (COI) Form Needed

Each leadership year, all Delegates are required to complete a disclosure/COI form as a part of the credentialing process. The form has been updated to allow submission of a single form for those of you who hold more than one leadership position with AAPA. You are encouraged to create a login to this form so that you can simply log back in to make any necessary updates throughout this leadership year. You never know when business may come before the HOD and your delegation needs to be ready. Submit your form TODAY!

- [Introductory Video about Disclosures and COIs](#) (1 minute)
- [Disclosure & COI Policies and Procedures](#)
- [Disclosure & COI FAQs](#)
- [Disclosure and COI Form](#)

New HOD Task Force

The House Officers have appointed a task force to critically and thoughtfully review AAPA's Policy Manual and harmonize similar or associated policies, and to organize policy topically. As you know, the policy manual is currently segmented by House Profession (HP) and House External (HX) policy. This is all AAPA Policy. The task force will identify redundant policy and consolidate these redundancies for clarity and impact; identify gaps in critical policy areas and create an actionable plan to fill these gaps; and reorganize the policy manual grouping like-topics

of policy. This is an important and necessary undertaking and requires an extensive investment of both time and talent. Some of this work will be presented to the House as resolutions for the 2022 and/or 2023 HOD. On behalf of the House Officers, I would like to express my appreciation to the following volunteers who have agreed to serve on the task force.

- Chair: William Reynolds, MPAS, PA-C, DFAAPA, Pennsylvania
- L. Gail Curtis, MPAS, PA-C, DFAAPA, North Carolina
- Rob Emery, PA-C, DFAAPA, Pennsylvania
- David Jackson, DHSc, PA-C, PRP, DFAAPA, New York
- Rebecca Loveless, PA-C, DFAAPA, Missouri
- Jason Prevelige, MBA, PA-C, Connecticut
- Jennifer Snyder, PhD, PA-C, DFAAPA, Indiana

Constituent Organization Officers & Delegates: HOD Compliance

Please remember to submit your updated Officer and Delegate list if you have not already done so. Per AAPA policy, for compliance purposes, core officers are president, president-elect, vice president, secretary, treasurer, or secretary/treasurer. To check your organization's compliance status, visit the compliance webpage which can be accessed on the [HOD landing page](#). This page allows you to confirm that your core officers and delegates are current AAPA fellow members. If no officers or delegates are listed, a [CO Annual Update Form](#) has not been received for this leadership year and, therefore, your organization is not in compliance and would be ineligible to participate in any business brought before the HOD. Please forward the form link to the appropriate contact in your CO for immediate action. You will need your AAPA member login information to view the compliance webpage.

Ensuring your organization is in compliance now is critical to ensuring delegates are able to participate in any HOD business that may arise between now and the May 2022 HOD.

HOD Meeting Dates

The HOD will begin the day before the 2022 AAPA Annual Conference. HOD 2022 will be held in Indianapolis, IN Friday, May 20 – Sunday, May 22. Registration information for HOD and conference will be available this Fall.

Call for HOD Volunteers

Are you interested in becoming more involved in the HOD? If so, please visit the [HOD Volunteer page](#) to learn about volunteer needs in the HOD. In particular, the House Officers are looking for volunteers to serve on the Standing Rules Committee, but you can also submit your interest for any of the positions below:

- Standing Rules Committee – Chair or Member
- Reference Committees – Chair, Member, or Secretary
- Credentialing Committee – Member

- Elections Committee – Member
- Tellers
- New Delegate Mentors

HOD Resolutions

The earlier you submit resolutions for the 2022 HOD, the more time the House Officers have to ensure the resolution is in order and is placed on the HOD meeting agenda. As a reminder, resolutions can: (a) amend current AAPA policy; (b) fill a policy gap on a particular topic; or, (c) introduce a new policy on an issue which is relevant and important to the profession. Please refer to the updated guidelines for submitting [resolutions](#) and/or [policy papers](#). HOD 2022 Resolution submission deadlines are:

- **Bylaws Resolutions – February 19, 2022**
- **Non-Bylaws Resolutions – March 21, 2022**

Five-Year Policy Review

The House Officers have identified the policies last acted on in 2017 and made assignments for the five-year policy review. You can view the policies and assignments [here](#). These policies will be on the 2022 HOD agenda for delegate consideration and action.

Note – some specialty organizations and caucuses were identified as groups to collaborate with once the main group assigned to review a particular policy begins their work. If your CO is listed, there is no action to take at this time. Stay tuned for communication from the main group receiving the assignment once they are ready to seek your feedback.

Adult Hospital Medicine Boot Camp

The [Adult Hospital Medicine Boot Camp](#), sponsored by AAPA and the Society of Hospital Medicine, 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, being held from September 29-October 3, you will dive into the most current, evidence-based topics in hospital medicine while earning up to 33.25 AAPA Category 1 CME credits and networking with other similar practitioners. Register to participate in-person or virtually.

Quick Links

- [Previous Speaker's Updates](#)
- [2020 Summary of Actions](#)
- [2020 HOD Category II CME Certificate](#)
- [Delegate List](#)
- [Delegate Notification Form](#) (If only submitting Delegates)
- [Delegate Change Form](#)
- [CO Annual Update Form](#) (If submitting Officers & Delegates)
- [2021-22 \(Indianapolis\) Apportionment](#)

- [HOD Home Page](#) or www.aapa.org/hod

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

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T. Pickard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "T".

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