



Speaker's Update

April 29, 2022

Dear Delegates,

I am filled with anticipation of the first IN-PERSON House of Delegates since we last “saw” each other over two years ago. It is an exciting time for us to all gather to do the important work for our profession and our Academy. I hope that you are all actively reviewing the resolutions in preparation for debate and our thoughtful decisions as an HOD.

I want to call your attention to the method of voting. It is critical that you identify your voting delegates by May 6th so that we can ensure that the Poll Everywhere system is ready for active use. This system has been used with great success in the past two years. We will have a training and testing session as we have before to ensure all delegates are knowledgeable and confident in the system. Please recall that this system does not allow for us to make “on the fly” changes to the voting delegates.

Please do not forget to register in advance for the conference or HOD. You will be receiving another update around May 11th on what to plan for and expect as you arrive for the HOD and conference. I am looking forward to seeing you soon and doing some great work.

2022 HOD Meeting Materials

The [HOD landing page](#) includes a link to the [webpage which contains all of the meeting materials for the 2022 HOD](#). Resolutions, reports, an updated agenda, and more are now available. You will need your member login information to access the page.

This page will continually be updated prior to and during the HOD, so please be sure to check it frequently for the most current and relevant information. **This is also where the reference committee reports will be posted as they become available during the HOD meeting.** Please remember that we will not be printing paper copies of the reference committee reports, so you should plan to access the reports digitally on your personal device.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendar!

Thursday, May 12, 8:00 p.m. EST Virtual Delegate Orientation
Tuesday, May 17, 9:00 p.m. EST Virtual Poll Everywhere Training & Test Session

These meetings will be conducted over Zoom. Delegates will receive an email for each meeting directly from Zoom on May 9 with login information. Delegates will also receive a reminder the

day before and an hour before each meeting. If you do not receive an invite within 24 hours of a meeting, please reach out to Mairi Gardner (mgardner@aapa.org).

Delegate Submissions/Changes & Voting

MAY 6 IS THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT DELEGATES, MAKE CHANGES TO YOUR DELEGATION, AND COMPLETE YOUR COI.

As we did at last year's HOD, we will be engaging Poll Everywhere for voting purposes during the House proceedings and YesElections to conduct the HOD Election. Only the identified, voting delegates who are properly credentialed by the deadline of May 6th will have access to Poll Everywhere and receive a ballot for the election during the HOD. Delegates holding an apportioned/voting position as of May 6 will be locked in as eligible voters for the duration of the HOD meeting.

Accompanying the special edition of Speaker's Update around May 11, you will receive instructions on how to access the Poll Everywhere platform for this year. Please plan to log in to the platform prior to the training session on May 17. During the training, several test votes will be conducted and our vendor will troubleshoot any issues. This training session will be recorded and made available on the HOD meeting materials webpage.

Disclosure & Conflict of Interest (COI)

Each new leadership year (July 1 – June 30), 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. A completed disclosure form is a component of delegations being in compliance and eligible for credentialing to the HOD. To meet the May 6th deadline for final voting delegation lists, please ensure that every member of your delegation has submitted a disclosure form. Failure to do so may negatively affect delegates credentialing.

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

CO Compliance for HOD

To further assist COs in determining their delegation's compliance status, attached you will find a document with the most current information AAPA has. The status of your delegation is indicated by color coding as follows:

1. **FULLY IN COMPLIANCE:** COs that have submitted their officers & delegates. All Officer memberships are current. If a delegate's membership has lapsed, this impacts the individual not the delegation.
2. **NOT IN COMPLIANCE:** COs that have submitted their officers and delegates but are not in compliance due to an officer (or officers) with lapsed AAPA Fellow membership.

3. **NOT IN COMPLIANCE: COs that have not submitted their officers and/or delegates and are not eligible to participate in any HOD business at this time**

Note: Current AAPA membership is an essential component of HOD compliance. Given that memberships come up for renewal between now and the May HOD meeting, we will share an updated document each month leading up to the HOD, reflecting the above status data.

To check your CO's officer and delegate membership expiration dates, visit the compliance webpage (login required) which can be accessed on the [HOD landing page](#). Per AAPA policy, for compliance purposes, core officers are president, president-elect, vice president, secretary, treasurer, or secretary/treasurer. An individual serving in any of these positions is expected to remain an AAPA Fellow throughout their term in office. The same membership requirement exists for CO delegates.

COVID-19 Safety Measures at AAPA 2022 & the HOD – Next Steps

We are committed to making this year's in-person conference and HOD Meeting as safe as possible for all attendees, exhibitors, sponsors, vendors, staff, and speakers. Please review AAPA's [conference policies](#) and [safety measures](#) and be sure to check the webpage frequently for updates aligning to the CDC's guidelines. [View a document containing next steps regarding uploading your vaccination card or negative test to ensure your check-in and credentialing go smoothly.](#) Please contact meetings@aapa.org if you have any questions or issues.

New HOD Volunteer Appointments

The House Officers have finalized the following appointments for this year's House of Delegates Meeting:

Reference Committee A

- Chair, Rebecca Loveless, PA-C (Missouri)
- Jeremy Nelson, PA-C (Iowa)
- Justin Thibeault, PA-C (Washington)
- Corey Seyler, PA-C (Pennsylvania)
- Amanda Ariola, Student Member (Pace University - Lenox Hill Hospital)

Reference Committee B

- Chair Rachel Weinzimmer, PA-C (Colorado)
- Sara (Saje) David-Risen, PA-C (Oregon)
- Greg Selasky, PA-C (West Virginia)
- Jared Wiebel, PA-C (Iowa)
- Charles Sun, Student Member (Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science)

Reference Committee C

- Jason Prevelige, PA-C (Connecticut)
- Hillary Bennett, PA-C (Kansas)
- Isuri (Sonali) Weerasinghe, PA-C (Texas)

- Vicki Berger, PA-C (Utah)
- Katie Snyder Foley, Student Member (Augusta University)

Note: Reference Committee Secretaries are still being confirmed.

Credentialing Committee

- Lane Bower, PA (Pennsylvania)
- Michael Dombrowski, PA-C (Ohio)
- Brendan Lucas, PA-C (Tennessee)

HOD & AAPA 2022 Registration and Housing

All HOD Delegates should have received an email from Tom Shoemaker (tshoemaker@aapa.org) about registration and housing for AAPA 2022. Contact Tom right away if you did not receive this information and promo code(s) to register.

The HOD meeting and AAPA 2022 will be in-person events with no virtual or hybrid options.

If you have not yet registered, you will first need to select full conference registration to begin the registration process even if you will only attend the HOD meeting. Once you enter the applicable promo code and get to the payment screen at the end, you will see the price change to the correct amount. If you have any issues with registering, please reach out to [Mairi Gardner](#) in AAPA's Meetings Department.

Even if you are only able to attend the HOD meeting, all delegates are invited to attend the conference General Session on Saturday, May 21 at 4:00 p.m. at the Indiana Convention Center, and the Welcome Reception in the Exhibit Hall directly following the General Session. The HOD will conclude its business early on Saturday to support attendance at these events.

Political Action Committee

As leaders of our profession, delegates have long been a key part of the PA PAC's successful fundraising efforts. The strong participation by the HOD each year demonstrates to PAs across the country the critical importance of a robust PAC. I challenge you to make 2022 the biggest year ever for the PA PAC. [Please consider a gift to the PA PAC today.](#)

Quick Links

- [Previous Speaker's Updates](#)
- [Elected Delegate List](#)
- [Delegate Notification Form](#) (if only submitting Delegates)
- [Delegate Change Form](#)
- [CO Annual Update Form](#) (if submitting Officers & Delegates)
- [2021-22 AAPA Policy Manual](#)
- [2021-22 HOD Apportionment](#) (Indianapolis HOD 2022)
- [2022-23 HOD Apportionment](#) (Nashville HOD 2023)
- [2021 Summary of Actions](#)

- [2021 HOD Category II CME Certificate](#)
- [HOD Home Page](#) or www.aapa.org/hod

Thank you for all you do for the profession and for the Academy. I look forward to seeing each of you in Indianapolis in just a few weeks!

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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