

REPORT OF THE SPEAKER
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Due to a previously scheduled commitment, I am unable to be with you in person today. However, I did want to make everyone aware of some critically important information regarding the Annual meeting next year. Because the meeting will be almost a month earlier than usual, many deadlines will need to move up commensurately. Please take note and mark your calendars NOW.

The House of Delegates will begin on Friday, March 23, 2018 and will adjourn on Sunday, March 25, 2018. Speakers meeting with Reference committee members and chairs will be scheduled for **Thursday, March 22, 2018 as will the meeting of the House Committee on Rules, Credentials and Order of Business.** All activities will take place at the **Adam's Mark Hotel in Buffalo.**

The first deadline is Friday OCTOBER 20, 2017. Those who wish to schedule events of any kind during the HOD meeting, including county and district caucuses, will need to get the request for event space into the MSSNY office by **October 20, 2017.**

The second deadline is Friday OCTOBER 27, 2017. Credentialing of delegates will be due OCTOBER 27, 2017. Those who wish to be considered for reference committee service MUST be credentialed by this date. Please be sure you ask your delegates if they wish to serve on reference committees as early as September so all those who wish to serve have the chance to do so. Be reminded anyone who chooses to serve on reference committees must be in Buffalo on Thursday March 22, 2018 and remain until Sunday March 25, 2018. **I will be making appointments to reference committees over the November 2017 Thanksgiving holiday.**

The third deadline is Friday FEBRUARY 9, 2018. The ABSOLUTE deadline to receive resolutions will be **Friday, February 9 at 5 PM.** I have decided to try something new for the 2018 HOD in terms of receipt of resolutions and have created **a three week window during which all resolutions must be submitted. That window will be from Monday, January 22, 2018 through February 9, 2018.** So resolutions can be sent in as early as January 22, 2018 and can be submitted any time through and until February 9, 2018. Please note that the 5:00 PM . close of business . deadline is a **firm** deadline. Anything received after 5:00, regardless of the circumstances, will be considered LATE and will be forwarded to the House Committee on Rules, Credentials and Order of Business.

The fourth deadline is FEBRUARY 18, 2018. Hotel reservations must be made by February 18 and every effort will be made to have that information installed on the website no later than December 1, 2017.

The last deadline is MARCH 9, 2018. RSVPs for the Presidents Dinner Dance will be due Friday, March 9, 2018. We will again be accommodating special meal requests which you can indicate on the electronic RSVP form.

I want to assure everyone that we will be sending out a primer on the new parliamentary authority (American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure) before the end of the year. The primer will allow members of the House of Delegates to

familiarize themselves with the slight differences in procedure between AIP and Sturgis. I am confident that members of the House will adapt easily to the new authority.

I hope that everyone finds this early notification of HOD deadlines helpful and I ask that you **provide this information to your county and district execs**. All of these dates will be posted to the MSSNY website by the end of this month. **Please follow the website for all details and any last minute changes, should they occur.**

Thank you for respecting these early deadlines. Our legislative day unfortunately will also occur in early March (3/7) and this puts an extra burden on staff and physicians alike as we prepare for the HOD.

Be aware that these deadlines are relevant to the 2018 House of Delegates Meeting in Buffalo. These are not deadlines associated with elections and nominations for officers of MSSNY. There are separate and distinct deadlines for submission of names to MSSNY and the nominating committee that can be provided upon request by MSSNY staff as well as information posted on website.