

## COMMITTEE ON LONG RANGE PLANNING

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### ACTION ITEM

#### **Resolution 2017-211 Relocation of the Annual MSSNY HOD meeting to Albany**

This resolution was referred by the 2017 House of Delegates to the MSSNY Council and assigned to the Long Range Planning Committee for a recommendation. The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLVED, that the annual House of Delegates be held in Albany; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the MSSNY arrange for panel discussions, and presentations by elected officials and others to be part of the annual HOD meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED, that dates and timing of the meeting be coordinated with the legislative schedule in Albany; and be it further

RESOLVED, that time be created during the HOD meeting to visit with legislative representatives.

The Long Range Planning Committee considered Resolution 2017-211 in conjunction with other suggestions for changes to the annual meeting. These have included changing the method of allocating delegates, shortening the business meeting to two days, and building on the CME offerings to attract more physicians and enhance revenues.

Subcommittees have been formed to examine each of the concepts in depth, and the Committee will need to consider how changes in one aspect of the meeting would affect other elements.

A key consideration is the ability of hotels to accommodate the House of Delegates and ancillary meetings. Hotel contracts for the House of Delegates need to be signed at least two years in advance of the meeting dates, and are negotiated for more than a single year, when possible, to secure better rates.

The Committee will keep all possible suggestions for change in mind as it continues its examination of future directions, but there are currently no hotels in Albany that can accommodate our House of Delegates as it is presently structured. Therefore the Long Range Planning Committee recommends that Resolution 2017-211 be not adopted.

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**The Long Range Planning Committee recommends that Resolution 2017-211 be not adopted.**

**(FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL)**