

## **Report of the Speaker William R. Latreille, MD**

I am very pleased to report that Mary Bassett, MD, the New York State Commissioner of Health has accepted our invitation to address the House of Delegates. We have invited Governor Hochul as well and are waiting for a response to that invitation. The AMA President, Gerald Harmon, MD will also be joining us on Saturday.

There were 73 resolutions submitted by the deadline for the 2022 House of Delegates. They are being reviewed and researched and will ultimately be assigned to reference committees. Once that process has been completed, the resolutions will be posted to the MSSNY website. We will notify all members of the House when that occurs, but we estimate it will be no later than March 18. Items received after the February 25 deadline will be forwarded to the Rules and Credentials Committee for consideration. The **ONLY** exception to this deadline is for Memorial Resolutions which are accepted at any time prior to the House of Delegates meeting.

Reference committee appointment letters have gone out to members of the House, and while that process is in forward momentum, we continue to wait for responses from some invitees and therefore, not all seats have been filled at this time. Once the committees are formed and complete, the list of members will be posted to the MSSNY website.

Virtual reference committee hearings will take place in April and the date and time for each will be determined by mutual consent of the ref com members and their staff. While we hope to hold most hearings during the first two weeks of April, consideration of the numerous religious holidays during that time may push some hearings to late March or later in April. Members of the House will be notified well in advance of the schedule for hearings.

We anticipate reference committee reports will be completed and posted by Friday, May 6 at the latest. Each report must be reviewed and approved by the Speakers after completion. Some small edits may be required to conform to procedure and style. Each will be posted once that review process is completed for a particular report.

CME events are almost ready for publication and registration. MSSNY CME programs will run from 7:30 AM on Friday to noon and then MLMIC will host their CME programs until about 5 that afternoon. We will ensure that members of the House have the registration links as soon as available. We will be providing a section of the Ballroom for CME participants to view the programs and obtain their credits.

We remain enthusiastic about this House of Delegates meeting and a return to a more “normal” event. Planning for the Ceremony of Presidents and the Dinner Dance on Saturday is coming along. We continue to work diligently to make this meeting productive and a template for shorter meetings as mandated by the HOD.

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