



2026 House of Delegates Annual Meeting
Sunday, August 16, 2026 | 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Proposed Rules

1. The Speaker of the House shall have final decision-making authority in all matters pertaining to the House of Delegates, subject to the Bylaws which provide that “Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised,” shall govern all deliberations and procedures of this Association and the various parts and divisions thereof, when not inconsistent with these Bylaws. When procedural or parliamentary questions and/or problems arise during sessions of the Board of Directors and/or House of Delegates, they shall be referred to the Parliamentarian for study and opinion in consultation with the Association’s corporate counsel. Questions involving the interpretation of the Association’s Bylaws shall be referred to the Association’s corporate counsel.

Business Issues

2. Quorum shall be established electronically by one-third of eligible and credentialed voters indicating their attendance (in-person or virtually) and availability to participate, consistent with the Bylaws. This determines the delegates who are “present and voting.”
3. Only credentialed organizational member representatives and primary care associations carrying proxies are eligible to participate in the House of Delegates meeting and cast votes.
4. At the discretion of the Speaker, individuals who are not credentialed to participate in the House of Delegates meeting may be permitted to attend the House of Delegates meeting as observers.
5. The Proposed Agenda of the House of Delegates must be approved by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting, as determined by the quorum vote.
6. The Rules of the House of Delegates must be approved by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting, as determined by the quorum vote.
7. Debate on any agenda item, pro and con, shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes unless the House, by a **two-thirds vote** of the delegates present and voting (as determined by the quorum vote), agrees to extend such a debate.
8. Delegates will be recognized at the discretion of the Speaker of the House, pro and con, in that order. A maximum time limit of three minutes will be allotted to each delegate recognized to speak. The Speaker of the House may close the debate if they feel the issue has been adequately addressed. The Speaker may close debate on any issue that arises on the House floor that cannot be settled within a reasonable time frame, as determined by the Speaker.

9. Proposed Bylaws amendments must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the organizational members present, as established by the quorum vote. Bylaws amendments will be brought to a vote at the House of Delegates pursuant to the process in the Bylaws. Bylaws amendments cannot be proposed from the floor at the House of Delegates meeting.

Election Issues

10. Nominations from the floor can only be made by delegates attending the in-person convening and will only be received during the period outlined in the Agenda, after which time nominations will be closed.
11. When only one qualified candidate is nominated for office, the Speaker of the House can declare that the nominee is elected by unanimous consent or “acclamation,” without delegates needing to vote.
12. If individuals are nominated from the floor, the Nominating Committee will make its second report after reviewing the eligibility of candidates nominated from the floor.
13. If the Nominating Committee’s second report includes eligible candidates nominated from the floor:
 - a. One nominating speech, not to exceed two (2) minutes, may be made on behalf of each eligible candidate nominated from the floor; and
 - b. For positions with eligible candidates nominated from the floor, each candidate for that position may make a speech, not to exceed three (3) minutes.

Nominators and candidates may choose to waive this opportunity.

14. Delegates will vote electronically. The Speaker of the House will announce when ballots are open and determine when to close ballots. Votes do not need to be received from every delegate present and voting for the ballot to be closed.
15. Ballots shall be tallied electronically by the **Election Buddy** platform and reported to the House by the Speaker.
16. All elections and all matters brought before the House of Delegates, except Bylaws and amendments thereof and dissolution, shall be decided by a majority vote of the organizational members present and voting at the House of Delegates.
17. If the Speaker deems necessary, they may call for revotes and take other such actions to ensure the validity of the vote.