



NEW DELEGATE ORIENTATION LUNCHEON

MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL SOCIETY
INTERIM MEETING



DID YOU KNOW?

Following are just a few examples of issues that were first presented as resolutions/reports to the HOD and ultimately resulted in adoption of legislation:

- **UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACCESS**
Support for the achievement of universal insurance coverage, resulting in the enactment of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 2006, "An Act Providing Access to Affordable, Quality, Accountable Health Care"
- **PUBLIC HEALTH**
Reduction of mercury levels in the environment and greater availability of hypodermic needles/syringes to reduce incidence of AIDS and hepatitis
- **PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY**
Reduction of the pre-judgment interest rate



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Every physician matters, each patient counts.

WELCOME, NEW DELEGATES!

Congratulations on your election as a district delegate to the MMS. As a delegate, you play a key role in the policymaking decisions for the MMS and are a key source of information on activities and programs for the members of your district.

To help you understand your new role, we are pleased to invite you to attend a New Delegate Orientation Luncheon during day one of the Interim Meeting of the House of Delegates (HOD). This orientation will explain roles and responsibilities and how the HOD, Reference Committees, and other aspects of our governance process work.

We want all delegates to have the tools to actively participate as a delegate; all new and existing delegates are invited to attend this informative orientation. We look forward to seeing you at the Interim Meeting!



AGENDA

- WELCOME
- THE MMS GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE
- UNDERSTANDING YOUR ROLE AS A DELEGATE
 - District Level
 - MMS Level
- THE HOD
 - What to Expect
- REFERENCE COMMITTEES
 - Who They Are and What They Do
- GUIDELINES FOR OUR MEETINGS
 - The Basics of Parliamentary Procedure
- QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

OBJECTIVES

- Understand your role as a delegate
- Learn how the policymaking process works — from resolutions and reports to Reference Committee Hearings and HOD meetings
- Learn the basics of parliamentary procedure

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