MOTIONS AT-A-GLANCE – HOD SECOND SESSION HOW TO PRESENT IN ZOOM COMMONLY USED MOTIONS AT THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Based on selected motions from the American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure and the MMS Procedures of the HOD. (MMS-Specific Motions*)

	Specific Motions*)
Motions	To Make Any of the Motions Below, Use the Raise Hand Icon:
	Raise Hand Record Contractions
	When the HOD Speaker Acknowledges You:
	1. Unmute;
	 State your first and last name, your district, who you are speaking on behalf of {myself, district, caucus, committee,
	etc.}; and
	3. State the applicable motion below.
If you wish to:	State:
•	"I move that this item be referred to the BOT for Decision."
*Refer item to the Board of Trustees (BOT) for decision.	
*Refer item to the BOT for a report	"I move that this item be referred to the BOT for report back at:
back/recommendation to the HOD.	[specify which HOD meeting within the next year]."
*Refer item to MMS Committee on Ethics, Grievances, and Professional Standards.	"I move that this item be referred to the Committee on Ethics, Grievances, and Professional Standards."
Close debate and vote immediately. (Also known as	"I move to close debate and vote immediately on"
"Call the question")	[Qualify whether it is on all pending motions or just the current
	motion.]
Propose an amendment to the main motion.	Amendments over three words: Delegates MUST complete an
	amendment form:
	http://www.massmed.org/interim2023/amend.
	Please email amendment form in advance by Thursday 12/7,
	7:00pm to: houseofdelegates@mms.org. Although amendments
	may be submitted during the HOD second session using the same
	form, out of respect for your colleagues and MMS staff, it will take
	extra time to type amendments live, therefore, your Speakers very
	much appreciate you submitting your amendments in advance.
	State:
	"I would like to propose an amendment: [over three words, allow
	staff to project your form] I move to amend the main motion by [for
	example] addition/deletion/substitution"
Propose an amendment to the amendment.	During the meeting, secondary amendments over three words:
(le., a delegate has proposed an amendment, and you	Delegates MUST complete amendment form:
want to propose an amendment to that. Also known as	http://www.massmed.org/interim2023/amend and email it to:
"secondary amendment.")	<u>houseofdelegates@mms.org</u> . State:
	"I move a secondary amendment by addition/deletion/substitution"
Restore the original (amend the reference committee	State:
version by restoring the original).	"I would like to propose an amendment: I move to amend the
	reference committee version by restoring the original language."
To separate a multi-part item.	"I request to divide the question."
Dispose of a main motion without any (or further)	"I move that this motion be tabled."
debate and without a direct vote.	
Put off consideration/further consideration of a pending	"I move to postpone discussion of this item until [after lunch, the
main motion until a specific time (within same meeting).	last item for this reference committee, etc.]."
Limit/extend debate.	"I move to limit/extend debate to"
Suspend the rules.	"I move to suspend the rules and"

For complete list of motions and additional information, please see *The American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code* of Parliamentary Procedure (2012). McGraw Hill.

Below is a diagrammatic representation of the *precedence* of motions. This is the *hierarchy* of the various motions that delegates can make during the meeting. The authority of each motion increases at each step up on the pyramid. For example, if a delegate makes a motion to table an item (highest order), it would not be in order for another delegate to make a motion to amend the item.

THE PRECEDENCE OF MOTIONS

