

OHIO DELEGATION TO THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBILITIES

As a member of the Ohio Delegation you are required to attend and actively participate in all sessions of the AMA House of Delegates and, while at such sessions, attend all delegation functions. Schedules for the AMA HOD are published far in advance so that you may avoid any conflicts with your personal or professional schedule. If a Delegation member intends to arrive late or leave early from an AMA meeting, the delegation chair must be informed in advance. There is a significant time commitment required for participation in the Delegation. OSMA members who contemplate running for a position on the Delegation must be prepared to meet the time commitment if elected.

Members are required to prepare two weeks prior to each meeting by reviewing the materials posted on the AMA website. Ohio Delegation members utilize an AMA handbook review system, described later. Each member will be assigned an area of specific responsibility by the Delegation leadership. Members will be expected to have detailed knowledge and understanding of issues, reports and resolutions within their area of assignment and to have thoroughly reviewed the entire meeting handbook prior to arrival at the AMA HOD meeting. Members should be available to meet one week prior to the AMA HOD in Columbus for a one-day review of the Handbook, usually held on Sunday.

It is the member's responsibility to bring their understanding of issues to debates in the Ohio HOD and to assist in the development of pertinent Ohio issues that should be presented to the AMA for debate and action. In general, Delegation members are a two-way conduit for information exchange between the AMA and the OSMA HOD as well as the individual members of the OSMA in Ohio. The Delegation will generate a formal report to the OSMA HOD and the general membership after each AMA HOD meeting.

Delegation members may also find opportunities within the AMA HOD leadership for application of their individual skills and expertise. The Delegation leadership will assist and guide them through the Candidate Review and Selection process.

The number of Delegates from Ohio to the AMA House of Delegates is directly dependent on AMA membership from Ohio.

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

ATTENDANCE AT GREAT LAKES COALITION CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

The Ohio delegation, as a member of the Great Lakes States Coalition, participates fully in the candidate interviews conducted by the coalition. All members of the Ohio delegation are expected to attend the interviews of the candidates for president-elect, speaker, vice speaker, and the board of trustees, which are conducted in an open session by representatives from each of the state delegations comprising the Great Lakes Coalition. Two Ohio Delegation members will be assigned, along with two members of each of the other participating states, to interview candidates for each of the four elective AMA Council positions.

INTERACTION WITH OTHER DELEGATES/DELEGATIONS

An important activity for members of the Ohio Delegation is to develop working relationships with members of other delegations. One way to do so is by attendance at Ohio and other hospitality functions planned by delegations or specialty organizations at each AMA meeting. A listing of times and places of these events is published by the AMA. Additionally, all members of the Delegation will be assigned and expected to perform host duties at Ohio hospitality or join Great Lakes Coalition functions.

In both instances, members of the delegation should make every effort to become acquainted with delegates and alternate delegates from other states or specialties and to discuss candidates and issues that may be of special interest to the Ohio Delegation. The chair of the delegation will make specific assignments. If issues are politically sensitive, all such inquiries should be referred to the Delegation Chair.