

## **OSMA/AMA DELEGATION RESPONSIBILITIES**

Delegation responsibilities include supporting resolutions passed by the OSMA House of Delegates and referred to the AMA HOD, attending all meetings associated with the AMA Annual and Interim or Special meetings, and sharing information from the AMA HOD with your colleagues when you return to Ohio. The Ohio Delegation is also a part of the Great Lakes States Coalition (GLSC) which is made up of five states Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Ohio. The Delegation actively participates in a handbook review process with this group during each AMA meeting and jointly supports GLSC Candidates for AMA office.

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.

### **BEFORE EACH AMA HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING**

Members are required to prepare prior to each AMA HOD meeting by reviewing the materials posted on the AMA website. Ohio Delegation members utilize a 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 the Delegation handbook review meeting. Members must attend this meeting, typically held two weeks prior to each AMA HOD meeting, to review the handbook. Additionally, each delegation member assigned as a reference committee group discussion leader or as an alternate are responsible to prepare for and participate in the GLSC review process as detailed below.

### **DURING EACH AMA HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING**

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 all delegation functions. Schedules for the AMA HOD meetings are published well in advance so that you may avoid any conflicts with your personal or professional schedule. Permission from the Delegation Chair must be obtained **in advance**, if any delegation member is unable to be present for the duration of the AMA meeting. Reimbursement for partial attendance will be at the discretion of the delegation chair in conjunction with the OSMA Audit and Appropriations Committee and the OSMA Council. In addition, failure to fulfill this requirement may result in dismissal from the Delegation at the discretion of the Delegation Chair, Vice Chair and OSMA Council.

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 the 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 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 members after each AMA HOD meeting.

Delegation members may choose to seek leadership or service opportunities within the AMA consistent with their individual skills and expertise. The Delegation leadership will assist and guide them when seeking these opportunities.

### **THE OHIO DELEGATION'S "Extended Family"**

Regional student and resident/fellow AMA Delegates and Alternates are considered Ohio Delegation "extended family" members along with Specialty representatives to the AMA from Ohio, county medical society officers and executives, and Ohio representatives to the AMA Sections. Extended family members will be invited to all open delegation meetings and asked to share perspectives from their delegations to Ohio and also to take back Ohio perspectives to their respective delegations.

#### ***AMA Regional Medical Student Delegate***

Under the AMA bylaws, Regional Delegates to the AMA House of Delegates are selected based on student membership in each of Seven Regions. Ohio is in Region 5 along with Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and West Virginia. Region 5 is allowed 2 Delegates.

- The student delegates are elected by members of the AMA Medical Student Section, according to procedures established by students in each Region. (Copies of these guidelines are available at the OSMA office.) One elected, each student delegate will be seated with his or her respective state delegation. Candidates are required to secure a signature of the delegation chair or the executive director from the state society prior to the elections.
- Ohio is very supportive of fostering leadership among our students, and therefore, has taken a position to provide financial support for one student delegate from Region 5. Support does not exceed the support for individual elected Ohio Delegation members.
- Candidates are required to secure a signature of the delegation chair or the executive director from the state society prior to the elections as a formal request for sponsorship. Approval may be granted after elections at the discretion of the Chair of the Delegation and the President of the OSMA.
- If more than one Ohio medical student seeks sponsorship and is elected as a Regional 5 delegate or alternate delegate, Ohio will divide the financial support, as appropriated by the OSMA Council, equally among those elected.

### ***AMA Resident Fellow Section Delegate***

Under the AMA bylaws, Regional Delegates and Alternates to the AMA House of Delegates are selected by the AMA Residents and Fellows Section at the AMA Interim meeting to serve a one-year term.

- Ohio is very supportive of fostering leadership among our residents and fellows, and therefore, has taken a position to provide financial support for one RFS delegate/alternate elected from our State. Support does not exceed the support for individual elected Ohio Delegation members.
- Candidates are required to secure a signature of the delegation chair or the executive director from the state society prior to the elections as a formal request for sponsorship. Approval may be granted after elections at the discretion of the Chair of the Delegation and the President of the OSMA.
- If more than one Ohio delegate/alternate delegate is elected, Ohio will divide the financial support, as appropriated by the OSMA Council, equally among those elected.