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**Speaker's Letter
Medical Association of Georgia
House of Delegates
October 15-16, 2016
Hyatt Regency Savannah**

MAG Delegates and Alternate Delegates:

Please review the following information to prepare for the Medical Association of Georgia's (MAG) House of Delegates (HOD) meeting that will take place at the Hyatt Regency Savannah on October 15-16.

You should contact your county medical society to see if it has already reserved a room for you at the Hyatt Regency Savannah since MAG's block of rooms at the Hyatt is sold out. MAG meeting attendees who would like to be placed on a waiting list for a room at the Hyatt or need any other assistance with HOD lodging should contact Anita Amin at aamin@mag.org.

We encourage you to visit www.mag.org/HOD for the latest information on this year's HOD meeting. This web page includes the meeting schedule, staff contacts, deadlines, and reports and resolutions. You can also get this information by downloading MAG's new HOD meeting app by searching for 'MAG HOD 2016' in Apple iTunes or Google Play. Please contact Dayna Jackson at 678.303.9262 or djackson@mag.org with any questions related to the HOD meeting.

Sincerely,

Frank McDonald Jr., M.D.
Speaker of the House

Edmund R. Donoghue Jr., M.D.
Vice Speaker of the House

Handbook

The HOD handbook will be emailed to delegates and alternate delegates as a PDF. The handbook also will be posted at www.mag.org/HOD. Amendments to the handbook will be posted on this web page and emailed to delegates and alternate delegates on a regular basis.

Registration Desk

The HOD meeting registration desk will be located just outside of the Hyatt's Regency Ballroom at the top of the lobby escalator. A temporary registration desk will also be set up in the Hyatt Regency lobby from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, October 14. The permanent registration desk will open at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 15 and at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 16. Please note that any delegate substitutions can only be made by the applicable society president or executive director at the registration desk.

Wireless Internet

Delegates can obtain free internet access by selecting the "Hyatt Meeting" network and using the password "HOD2016."

Meeting Schedule

The HOD will convene in the Regency Ballroom at 8:30 a.m. sharp on Saturday, October 15. The opening session is scheduled to conclude by 10 a.m. The second session of the HOD will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 16.

Although subject to change, the reference committees are scheduled to convene at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 15 as follows...

Reference Committee A – Health Care Policy
Reference Committee C – Legislation
Reference Committee F – Finance and Administration
Reference Committee S – Prescription Drug Abuse

The HOD will adjourn once its business is complete on Sunday, October 16.

Elections

Delegates who wish to nominate a MAG member for an elected office will have one minute to make a nominating speech during Saturday's opening session. In the event that there is just one candidate nominated for an office, the election for that office will be uncontested and no second will be necessary. The nomination process will take place on Saturday, October 15. The election of officers for any contested races would then take place on Sunday, October 16.

The elections will be conducted under the supervision of the chief teller, the assistant election tellers, and the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. For contested elections, voting will take place using an electronic audience response system. For any runoff elections, electronic handheld devices or paper ballots will only be distributed to the delegates who are seated in the House. Only duly credentialed delegates are permitted to cast a ballot. Alternate delegates who are seated for delegates must report to the registration desk to be properly credentialed and to receive a delegate's ribbon. Alternate delegates may not vote on any matter unless they are properly credentialed as a delegate. Delegate substitutions can only be made by the applicable society president or executive director at the registration desk.

President's Installation and Awards Reception & Dinner

The ceremony to install Steve M. Walsh, M.D., as MAG's president for 2016-2017 will take place in the Scarborough Ballroom at 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 15. A reception will take place in the Harborside Ballroom Pre-Function area at 7 p.m., while the awards dinner will take place in the Harborside Ballroom beginning at 7:30 p.m. The cost to purchase tickets for the reception and dinner in advance is \$75, which includes two drink coupons. Additional drinks may be purchased on a cash basis. Dinner tickets can be obtained by completing the [online registration form](#), which should be done by Thursday, October 1. A limited number of dinner tickets will be available at the HOD registration desk for \$125 per person.

Policy Compendium

The latest draft of the policy compendium is available on the new MAG HOD app and at www.mag.org/HOD. The final version of the policy compendium will be included with the handbook that will be emailed to delegates and posted on www.mag.org/HOD. The policy compendium will be updated after the meeting to account for any actions that are taken by the HOD.

Dress Code

The dress code for the meeting is business casual. The individuals who are seated on a reference committee or on the dais are asked to wear business professional attire (e.g., coat and tie for men). The dress code for the president's installation ceremony and the awards dinner is black tie or business professional.

GAMPAC

GAMPAC will kick off its 2017 membership drive during the HOD meeting. GAMPAC is MAG's non-partisan political action committee that elects pro-medicine candidates at the state level. GAMPAC membership levels include the Chairman's Circle at \$2,500, the Capitol Club at \$1,000, GAMPAC membership at \$250, and GAMPAC contributor at \$95. GAMPAC members who are at the \$250 level or higher are invited to attend an exclusive lunch that will take place in the Harborside Ballroom at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 16. The lunch

is free for GAMPAC members. You must be a GAMPAC member at the \$250 level or higher to attend this lunch. The GAMPAC lunch will feature a unique health care panel discussion that will feature four congressional leaders, including Reps. Tom Price, M.D., and Buddy Carter from Georgia and Michael Burgess, M.D., and Phil Roe, M.D., from Texas and Tennessee. Contact Bethany Sherrer at 678.303.9273 or bsherrer@mag.org for additional information.

MAG Mutual Insurance Company Lunch

MAG Mutual Insurance Company is encouraging all delegates and alternate delegates to attend a complimentary lunch that it will host in the Harborside Ballroom at 12 p.m. on Saturday, October 15. The keynote speaker will be Alan Lembitz, M.D., who is COPIC's chief medical officer. He will give a talk on "The Journey from Risk Management to Patient Safety." Our sincere thanks to MagMutual for its ongoing support.

MAG Foundation

MAG HOD delegates and alternate delegates are encouraged to support the MAG Foundation's 'Think About It' campaign to reduce prescription drug abuse in the state and/or the Georgia Physicians Leadership Academy. The MAG Foundation's donor levels include the "1849 Club" (\$100-\$1,000), the "Leadership Society" (\$2,500-\$10,000), and the "Vanguard Society" (\$25,000-\$100,000). Contact Lori Cassity Murphy at 678.303.9282 or lmurphy@mag.org for additional information. Also go to <http://www.themagfoundation.org/donate/> to make a donation.

Please note that the MAG Foundation will be conducting a special fundraising contest at this year's HOD meeting. Delegates are encouraged to visit the MAG Foundation exhibit on the mezzanine-level of the Hyatt to make a donation to the GPLA to honor outgoing, long-time GPLA Steering Committee Chair William Clark, M.D., for his dedication and service. Donors will automatically qualify for a raffle contest for a chance to win a weekend at The King & Prince Resort on St. Simons Island. There will also be a friendly, Olympics-themed contest to see which GPLA class can raise the most money for the GPLA during this year's HOD meeting.

International Medical Graduate Section

MAG's International Medical Graduates (IMG) section will meet in the Vernon Room from 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 15. Contact Dayna Jackson at djackson@mag.org for more information.

Medical Student Section

MAG's Medical Student Section (MSS) will meet in the Percival Room from 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 15. Contact Dayna Jackson at djackson@mag.org for more information.

This year's HOD meeting will feature a MAG member medical student abstract competition. We encourage you to visit this exhibit, which will be set up in the hotel lobby. [Click here for more details.](#)

County Medical Society Caucuses

The county medical society caucuses will begin at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 16. Download MAG's new app or go to www.mag.org/HOD for additional information on the society caucus breakfast meetings.

Special Events

Golf

There will not be a formal golf tournament in 2016 because MAG's Board of Directors meeting has been moved to the afternoon of Friday, October 14. HOD attendees who have an interest in playing golf on the morning of Friday, October 14 can contact William Silver, M.D., at wesilver@aol.com.

MAG Past Presidents' Dinner

The MAG Past Presidents' Reception and Dinner will be held on Friday, October 14. It will take place from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 45 Bistro, which is located at 123 East Broughton Street in Savannah. This is an invitation-only, black tie affair.

Friday Night Welcome Cocktail Reception

There will be a cocktail reception for all HOD attendees and their families and guests on the Garden Terrace on the fourth floor of the Hyatt Regency from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 14. Please be sure to get your registration packet at the registration desk prior to this reception as your drink tickets will be included in the packet.

Georgia Physicians Leadership Academy Dinner

The Georgia Physicians Leadership Academy (GPLA) Steering Committee is inviting GPLA scholars, alumni and spouses to attend a reception and dinner at the Windows restaurant at the Hyatt Regency from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, October 14.

Exhibitors and Grand Prize Drawing

Exhibitions will be set up on the North Mezzanine, which is adjacent to the HOD meeting room. MAG and MAG Mutual Insurance Company will conduct a special contest for delegates. Each delegate's registration packet will contain a gold-colored ticket, and delegates who have every exhibitor punch that ticket will qualify for a chance to win the grand prize – which is a \$500 American Express gift card. Delegates must be present for the drawing at the end of the meeting on Sunday to qualify.

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Parking

The Hyatt Regency Savannah offers valet parking for \$19 per day for standard cars and oversize vehicles/vans that are less than 7.5 feet tall. This includes unlimited in/out privileges. Self-parking is available in the Whitaker Street Garage – which is across the street and less than a block away – for \$16 per night. In/out privileges do not apply.