



New Delegate Orientation

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Welcome

- This presentation will address MAG HOD...
 - General conduct
 - Procedures
 - Motions
 - Other important issues



Handbook

- Order of business
- Parliamentary procedure
- Items of business
- Reference committee assignments and members
- Delegates list
- Ballot (electronic voting)
- Reports of officers, directors, committees, etc.
- Resolutions



Resolutions

- There are two parts to a resolution...
 1. The “whereas” provides background information
 2. The “resolved” stands alone and will be voted on by the House
 - Discussed in a reference committee on Saturday, October 17
 - Only the items in the “resolved” are the business of the House and will be voted on



Resolutions

- The reference committees will report their recommendations to the House on October 17
- The reference committee can recommend the following actions on a resolution...
 - Approve
 - Reject
 - Amend
 - Refer



Reference Committees

- Are the working committees of the House
- Consist of delegates who review resolutions/reports
- Any member of MAG or invited guest may speak at a reference committee hearing
- Is where most of the discussion related to resolutions should take place



Opening Session (September 29)

- Explain HOD reports and resolutions process and timeline
- Announce the candidates for MAG office for 2020-2021, accept any additional nominations, and conduct the elections (assuming quorum)
- Accept any policy consent calendar extractions and oversee policy consent calendar voting process



Final Session (October 17)

- House to consider reference committee reports
 - Debate
 - Amend (if needed)
 - Vote
- Conduct any contested elections



HOD Actions/Options

- Resolutions may...
 - Be rejected
 - Become MAG policy
 - Be sent to MAG's Board of Directors for decision or referred to a MAG committee for further study and to report its findings
 - Be sent to AMA's House of Delegates



Amendments

- Intended to clarify or improve a resolution
- Delegates can offer amendments in writing to bsherrer@mag.org until the close of business on October 15
- Amendments to offered amendments will be permitted during the October 17 meeting



Amendments

- An amendment offered to a motion is a “first order” amendment
- An amendment to an amendment is a “second order” amendment
- Second order amendments must be disposed of before going back to consider the first rank amendment
- Only one amendment of each rank may be before the assembly, but once disposed of another amendment of the same rank may be presented



Amendments

- Amendments should be presented in writing to MAG staff before the start of the debate on any issue
- The speaker will be responsible for clarifying which amendment and issue are on the table
- Debate begins by consideration of the item of business in the reference committee report



Voting

- The speaker will call for vote once debate is exhausted
- Voting will be conducted using the “Zoom” platform, and delegates must use a computer or tablet to vote
- If both sides have been heard, an immediate vote on any issue that’s being debated may be called by using the “Raise Hand” feature
- A motion must be seconded, and a vote must be immediately taken, to close debate
- A 2/3 majority is required to close debate



Defeating an Issue

- To defeat an issue, a delegate should...
 - Speak against it in the reference committee
 - Vote against the issue and persuade others to vote against the issue



Debate

- A delegate will not be recognized if they...
 - Have not stated whether they are in favor or against the resolution using the “Chat Box” or used the “Raise Hand” feature to make a motion
 - Have already spoken on an issue
- Delegates are encouraged to offer new arguments for or against an item of business
- Delegates should not repeat arguments/points that have already been made



Questions?

- The speaker and vice speaker are here to...
 - Assist you
 - Answer your questions
- If we don't have the answer, we will get one or refer you to the appropriate staff person

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