

Memo to: Executive Directors
Constituent Medical Associations

From: James L. Madara, MD

Date: February 3, 2021

Subject: 2021 Constituent Society Delegate Apportionment

I am pleased to provide delegate apportionment figures for 2021. Last year our American Medical Association (AMA) again experienced membership growth, but the House of Delegates will be approximately the same size as it was in 2020. The 54 states and territories in the House of Delegates will be apportioned 306 delegates.

I should note at the outset that the data used to apportion delegates are not comparable to our AMA's official membership figures. You will recall that delegate apportionment from 2020 through 2022 includes pending members, and while the number of such members at the end of 2019 grew the House considerably, the numbers at the end of 2020 did not, thus leaving the House of Delegates at more or less the same size it was last year.

Delegate apportionment for 2021 is based on official AMA membership records as of December 31, 2020. Those records include both members and pending members, individuals who are not members at the time they pay their dues to become members in the following year. Apportionment includes members who joined during calendar year 2020 (this would include renewing members), pending members for 2021, and those pending members from late-2019 who had renewed their memberships in the Association for 2021. This comports with Bylaw 2.1.1.1, which states, "The December 31 count will include pending members for purposes of apportionment; however, pending members shall not be recounted the following year absent membership renewal." Stated differently, one must be a pending member in consecutive years to be counted for apportionment purposes.

Bylaws 2.1.1.2.1 and 2.1.1.2.1.1 also affected this year's apportionment. The former determines Pennsylvania's apportionment given its membership losses from 2019, and the latter—the "freeze" adopted at November's meeting—proved to benefit Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Virginia, and Washington. The counting of pending members affected most of these states.

One delegate is apportioned for every 1,000, or fraction thereof, AMA members and eligible pending members. The attached table provides a state-by-state breakdown. Pending members who do not renew their memberships in 2021 (for 2022) will not be counted for apportionment purposes next year.

Those states that have endorsed regional medical student delegates or resident sectional delegates should be aware that these delegates are not reflected in the figures that appear in the constituent society apportionment table, but rather appear in separate tables. Regional medical student delegates and resident sectional delegates will be seated with their endorsing societies when meetings take place in person. You should note, however, that student and resident alternate delegates serving temporarily will be seated in the

space designated for the student or resident endorsed by your society even though they are likely to have been endorsed by another society; please be sure your delegation is aware of this situation. States are encouraged to include the students and residents they have endorsed in delegation activities and communications.

At this time, the format of June's House of Delegates meeting has not been determined, as the pandemic is ongoing. Nevertheless, the credentialing process for that meeting will begin next month. Under AMA bylaws, delegates and alternate delegates must be certified before *each* meeting.

Please ensure that your delegates and alternate delegates have renewed their AMA memberships for 2021. AMA bylaws specify that all delegates (§2.0.1.1) and alternate delegates (§2.8.1) must be AMA members, and individuals who are not members will not be included on a delegation roster. You will be notified of any discrepancies. Delegation rosters can be found at <https://www.ama-assn.org/house-delegates/hod-organization/delegation-certification-rosters>.

Questions about the delegate apportionment process or the credentialing process should be directed to Roger Brown, Director, Office of House of Delegates Affairs, at 312-464-4344 or by email to roger.brown@ama-assn.org.

Attachments

Constituent Society Delegate Apportionment - 2021

	AMA Members as of 31 Dec 2019*	Number of Delegates 2020 ¹	AMA Members as of 31 Dec 2020*	Regular Delegate Apportionment 2021 ²	Delegates Under Bylaw 2.1.1.2.1	Delegates Under Bylaw 2.1.1.2.1.1 ³	Additional 2020 Delegate Allocation ⁴	2021 Delegate Allocation
Total	275,956	304	253,389	278	304	304	2	306
Alabama	3,214	4	2,698	3	4	4	0	4
Alaska	369	1	336	1	1	1	0	1
Arizona	4,746	5	4,208	5	5	5	0	5
Arkansas	2,139	3	1,873	2	3	3	0	3
California	32,179	33	29,279	30	33	33	0	33
Colorado	4,377	5	3,877	4	5	5	0	5
Connecticut	3,503	4	3,070	4	4	4	0	4
Delaware	675	1	540	1	1	1	0	1
District of Columbia	2,026	3	1,804	2	3	3	0	3
Florida	15,297	16	14,357	15	16	16	0	16
Georgia	5,351	6	5,525	6	6	6	0	6
Guam	27	1	24	1	1	1	0	1
Hawaii	1,107	2	977	1	2	2	0	2
Idaho	582	1	545	1	1	1	0	1
Illinois	11,756	12	10,795	11	12	12	0	12
Indiana	4,910	5	4,596	5	5	5	0	5
Iowa	3,287	4	3,140	4	4	4	0	4
Kansas	2,009	3	1,667	2	3	3	0	3
Kentucky	3,878	4	3,735	4	4	4	1 †	5
Louisiana	5,811	6	5,749	6	6	6	0	6
Maine	1,375	2	1,171	2	2	2	0	2
Maryland	4,722	5	4,966	5	5	5	0	5
Massachusetts	12,619	13	11,366	12	13	13	0	13
Michigan	12,629	13	11,824	12	13	13	0	13
Minnesota	4,949	5	3,761	4	5	5	0	5
Mississippi	2,465	3	2,142	3	3	3	0	3
Missouri	5,360	6	4,859	5	6	6	0	6
Montana	689	1	658	1	1	1	0	1
Nebraska	1,768	2	1,626	2	2	2	0	2
Nevada	1,611	2	1,420	2	2	2	0	2
New Hampshire	923	1	789	1	1	1	0	1
New Jersey	7,661	8	7,433	8	8	8	0	8
New Mexico	1,120	2	1,046	2	2	2	0	2
New York	21,128	22	18,221	19	22	22	0	22
North Carolina	5,503	6	4,595	5	6	6	0	6
North Dakota	793	1	628	1	1	1	0	1
Ohio	11,264	12	10,077	11	12	12	1 †	13
Oklahoma	3,664	4	3,185	4	4	4	0	4
Oregon	2,139	3	2,273	3	3	3	0	3
Pennsylvania	12,723	13	11,240	12	13	13	0	13
Puerto Rico	1,570	2	1,453	2	2	2	0	2
Rhode Island	1,023	2	892	1	2	2	0	2

South Carolina	4,464	5	3,814	4	5	5	0	5
South Dakota	1,007	2	910	1	2	2	0	2
Tennessee	4,959	5	4,380	5	5	5	0	5
Texas	19,081	20	19,900	20	20	20	0	20
Utah	1,768	2	1,533	2	2	2	0	2
Vermont	435	1	394	1	1	1	0	1
Virgin Islands	38	1	31	1	1	1	0	1
Virginia	7,309	8	6,953	7	8	8	0	8
Washington	4,276	5	3,977	4	5	5	0	5
West Virginia	1,903	2	1,765	2	2	2	0	2
Wisconsin	4,736	5	4,186	5	5	5	0	5
Wyoming	205	1	176	1	1	1	0	1
APO/FPO/Foreign	834		950					

Notes:

- * Includes "pending members" per §2.1.1.1 of the bylaws. The apparent overall drop in 2020 is entirely due to the way pending members are counted.
- 1 These figures do not include delegates allocated under §2.1.1.2.1, §2.1.2.1, §2.1.2.2 or §2.5 of the bylaws.
- 2 The regular apportionment of delegates is one delegate for each 1000, or fraction thereof, AMA members in the state (§2.1.1 of the bylaws). This includes pending members through 2022.
- 3 §2.1.1.2.1.1 is commonly referred to as a freeze and will expire at the end of 2021.
- 4 §2.5 of the bylaws provides an additional delegate for those societies represented by the individuals elected to be speaker and vice speaker.

CONSTITUENT SOCIETIES ENDORSING MEDICAL
STUDENT SECTION REGIONAL DELEGATES AND
ALTERNATE DELEGATES

		Delegates	Alternate Delegates
Region 1	Arizona	1	1
	California	1	1
	Colorado	1	
	Nevada		1
	New Mexico	1	1
Region 2	Illinois	1	
	Minnesota	1	
	Missouri		2
	Nebraska		1
	Wisconsin	1	
Region 3	Louisiana		2
	Texas	4	2
Region 4	Alabama		1
	Florida	2	2
	South Carolina	2	1
Region 5	Indiana		1
	Michigan	1	1
	Ohio	2	
	West Virginia		1
Region 6	Maryland	1	1
	New Jersey	1	1
	Pennsylvania	1	1
	Virginia	1	1
Region 7	Connecticut	1	2
	Maine	1	
	Massachusetts	1	2
	New Hampshire	1	
	New York	1	1
TOTAL		27	27

This table reflects information available as of January 29, 2021 and is subject to change.

Pursuant to American Medical Association Bylaws (§2.3 and subsections), medical student regional delegates and alternate delegates were elected utilizing a regional structure. The seven medical student regions are:

- Region 1: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.
- Region 2: Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Wisconsin
- Region 3: Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Texas.
- Region 4: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee.
- Region 5: Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia.
- Region 6: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia.
- Region 7: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont.

For 2021, regional student delegates were apportioned according to year-end 2019 AMA medical student membership figures within a region, with a delegate being apportioned for every 2,000 student members in the region and additional delegates apportioned per Bylaw 2.3.2.

Medical Student Section regional delegates are "seated with the constituent association representing the jurisdiction within which such delegate's educational program is located" (Bylaw 2.10.8). Alternate delegates substituting for a delegate shall be seated in the place of the delegate being temporarily replaced.

Societies Endorsing Resident and Fellow Sectional Delegates and Alternate Delegates		
	Delegates	Alternate Delegates
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry		1
American Academy of Family Physicians	1	
American Academy of Neurology		1
American Academy of Ophthalmology	1	
American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery	1	
American Association of Public Health Physicians	1	1
American College of Emergency Physicians	1	1
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists	1	1
American College of Radiology	3	1
American College of Surgeons	1	
American Geriatrics Society	1	
American Psychiatric Association	1	1
American Society for Radiation Oncology/ARRO	1	
American Society of Plastic Surgeons		1
California Medical Association	2	
Connecticut State Medical Society	1	
Florida Medical Association	1	
Illinois State Medical Society		1
Indiana State Medical Association	1	1
Infectious Diseases Society of America	1	
Kentucky Medical Association	2	
Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi)		1
Massachusetts Medical Society	1	1
Medical Association of Georgia	1	
Medical Society of the State of New York	1	
Medical Society of Virginia	1	
Minnesota Medical Association	1	
Mississippi State Medical Association	1	
Nebraska Medical Association		1
Nevada Medical Association	1	
North Carolina Medical Society		1
Ohio State Medical Association	1	
Pennsylvania Medical Society	1	1
Texas Medical Association	1	1
Wisconsin Medical Society		1
Total	31	17

This table reflects information available as of January 29, 2021 and is subject to change.

For 2021, Resident and Fellow Section sectional delegates were apportioned according to year-end 2019 AMA resident and fellow membership figures, with a delegate being apportioned for every 2,000 members (AMA Bylaws, §2.4 and subsections).

Resident and fellow sectional delegates are to be seated with their endorsing society (Bylaw 2.10.9). Alternate delegates who are substituting for a delegate will sit with the society that endorsed the delegate for whom the alternate is substituting.