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## Representation Overview

The House of Delegates is the highest authority and policy-making body of the Utah Medical Association. Any UMA member in good standing is eligible to be a Delegate and may attend the meetings even if not a Delegate but may only vote if a Delegate. The House of Delegates directs by resolution and setting of policy the issues that UMA will address annually. This is why it is so important for Physicians to represent their group as a delegate and vote. The House of Delegates conducts its business at the annual meeting, generally held on a Friday and Saturday in September. Delegates typically serve two-year terms.

Under the UMA Bylaws, the House of Delegates debates and adopts the policies of the organization, receives reports from UMA officers and component societies, considers Bylaws amendments, approves the annual budget and membership dues, and elects UMA officers.

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## Resolutions Due 30 Days Prior

Resolutions must be submitted to the UMA office 30 days prior to the convening of the House by 9 am to be considered on time. Resolutions submitted after that time but within two weeks of the House will be regarded as late resolutions and only considered by the House if agreed to by a majority of the Delegates.

## Officers

UMA officers are elected at the annual House of Delegates meeting. They include the President, President-elect, immediate Past President, Honorary President, Secretary, Treasurer, Delegates and alternate Delegates to the AMA, Speaker and Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates.

**If you are a UMA Member, we can find a Delegate spot for you!**

**Apply to be a Delegate - Contact Paige DeMille at [paige@UtahMed.org](mailto:paige@UtahMed.org) or (801) 747-3500**