



Utah Medical Association ANNUAL HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Roles and Responsibilities of Delegates to the House of Delegates (HOD)

UMA House of Delegates members serve as an important communications, policy, and membership link between UMA and grassroots physicians. The delegate is a key source of information on the activities, programs, and policies of UMA. The delegate is also a direct contact for the individual member to communicate with and contribute to formulating UMA policy positions, identifying situations that might be addressed through policy implementation efforts, and implementing UMA policies.

Delegates to UMA are expected to foster a positive and valuable two-way relationship between grassroots physicians and UMA leadership. To fulfill these roles, UMA delegates are expected to make themselves readily accessible to individual members by providing their addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses so that the UMA can make the information accessible to individual members through the UMA website and other communication mechanisms. The qualifications and responsibilities of this role are as follows:

Qualifications

- UMA Member in good standing.
- Elected or selected by the principal governing body or the membership of the county society, component society, or sponsoring organization.
- UMA encourages at least one member of each delegation to be involved in the sponsoring organization's governance.

Responsibilities

- Serve as an advocate for patients to improve the health of the public and the health care system.
- Attend House of Delegates meetings and report highlights of the sessions to constituents, for example, at hospital medical staff, county, state, and specialty society meetings.
- Regularly communicate UMA policy, information, activities, and programs to constituents so they will be recognized as the representative of UMA to their sponsoring organization.
- Relate constituent views and suggestions, particularly those related to implementing UMA policy positions, to the appropriate UMA leadership, governing body, or executive staff.
- Advocate constituent views to the House of Delegates or other governance units, including the executive staff.
- Cultivate leaders for all levels of organized medicine, and help them gain leadership positions.
- Actively recruit new UMA members and help retain current members.
- Participate in UMA Membership Outreach Programs.
- Please submit resolutions and proposed Bylaws changes to resolutions@UtahMed.org

YOUR REPRESENTATION

Utah Physicians come together each September from throughout the state as a group to attend the Annual Meeting to determine the direction of UMA for the next year and to establish long and short-term UMA policy. The policies set by physician delegates influence the association's legislative agenda.

Each Utah Physician Member can be Represented by:

- A) Mode of Practice,
- B) Specialty Society, or
- C) Geographically.

County or Regional Medical Societies

Each county or regional medical society in the state can send at least one delegate to the annual meeting; larger societies get delegates at a rate of one delegate per 30 members. All UMA members are automatically members of their respective county or regional medical societies. Those county or regional societies are allocated delegates to represent their members in the House.

Chartered State Specialty Societies & Mode of Practice

State specialty societies and large group practices can send delegates if a majority of their members are members of UMA and they meet chartering requirements of UMA. The societies and groups get one delegate per the 30 UMA members they represent. UMA members may choose which chartered specialty society will represent them in the House, even if they are not members of the specialty society selected.

All UMA members not represented by a large practice group are represented by the solo and small group delegates allocated by the members' county society.

IMPORTANT DATES - 2023

On-time Resolutions - DEADLINE	Wednesday, August 9, 2023 9 am
Late Resolutions - DEADLINE	Friday, August 25, 2023
Electronic Handbook - AVAILABLE (draft)	Tuesday, September 5, 2023
House of Delegates Convenes	Friday, Sept. 8 & Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023

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 or (801) 747-3500



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