



MEDICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA

Frequently Asked Questions

2011 MSV Annual Meeting

Why does the Medical Society of Virginia (MSV) have an annual meeting?

The primary function of the annual meeting is to convene the MSV House of Delegates (HOD) so that it can conduct the business of the organization as directed by MSV's bylaws.

When and where is the annual meeting this year?

This year, the annual meeting will be held from Oct. 27 - 30, 2011 at the Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Virginia. The deadline for hotel reservations at the MSV group rate is Sept. 26 and a link to confirm your room reservation is provided on the MSV Web site. The group code to access the negotiated rate is MSV.

Is it always held at the same place?

The annual meeting rotates around the geographic regions of the state.

Who can attend the annual meeting?

Anyone can attend, however only delegates are permitted to vote during sessions of the HOD.

What does the House of Delegates do?

The Medical Society of Virginia's HOD is the organization's principal policy-making body. At the annual meeting, the House acts on numerous reports and resolutions, and establishes policy to guide the society and its members. It also approves the budget and elects officers, directors and delegates to the American Medical Association (AMA).

How are delegates chosen?

Each component society, component student society, component resident physician section, recognized specialty society, hospital medical staff section, health system or academic medical school annually elects a specified number of delegates and alternates to the MSV HOD. The following are ex-officio members: the president, president-elect, vice president, speaker of the House of Delegates, vice speaker of the House of Delegates, secretary-treasurer, any member of the Board of Directors who was elected to represent a district, all past presidents of the Society, any general officer of the AMA, and the delegates and alternate delegates of the Society to the AMA.

How do issues come before the House of Delegates for consideration?

Issues to be considered before the HOD must be submitted in the form of a resolution. Resolutions must be received at the MSV headquarters no later than 45 days prior to the first session of the HOD. Proposers of resolutions are encouraged to submit them throughout the year, and in coordination with local and state national meetings of component societies, and general medical and/or specialty societies.

What is the resolution submission process?

Annual meeting resolutions may be submitted online. Visit www.msv.org/AnnualMeeting for the resolution form, resolution submission instructions (web and e-mail), a sample resolution, and other pertinent information. Resolutions must be submitted by Sept. 12 to be considered as regular business. It is extremely important that you follow the guidelines and that you consider current MSV policies to avoid needless repetition.

All of the information included in the Delegate Handbook will be available on our Web site prior to the meeting. A copy of the resolutions will be provided onsite. Requests for a paper version of the Delegate Handbook must be received by Sept. 26.

What else happens at the annual meeting?

In addition to attending the HOD, the annual meeting is an opportunity for attendees to participate in educational sessions, network with colleagues at board, district, specialty, section and committee meetings, and visit with friends at social events.

Is CME available?

Traditionally CME is available, but determined annually.

How much does it cost to attend?

There is no cost to attend the meetings. We strongly encourage everyone to register for the meeting. Registering for the meeting is an essential part of ensuring everyone's meeting experience is successful.

Are there activities for my family?

Family members are welcome at all social events.

Please make note of the following important deadlines:

September 12

- Resolution submission
- Request for function space by districts, specialty societies, sections and allied professional groups

September 26

- Hotel reservation cutoff date for discounted rooms (group discount code: **MSV**)
- Nominations for Reference, Rules, Tellers, Credentials and Nominating committees
- Informational reports submission (consent calendar items on HOD agenda)
- Request for a paper version of the Delegate Handbook

September 27

- Nominating committee report distributed to membership

October 14

- Delegate/Alternate name submission
- Finalize room set-up needs, food and beverage orders for all district caucuses, meetings, receptions, etc.
- Resolutions, informational reports and Delegate Handbook information posted on the Web site

October 15

- Golf: Registration, payment or cancellation is due

October 21

- Meeting and events registration
- Inaugural Ceremony participation and reception attendance
- Delegate/alternate and committee list posting on the Web site

The 2011 MSVF Gala has been postponed until fall 2012 so that the MSV Foundation can focus its resources in the upcoming year on physician-driven initiatives including: Doc Rx Relief prescription assistance, TO GOAL and IMPACT quality improvement, the antibiotic resistance awareness campaign, and physician leadership programming. We believe this will allow MSVF to strengthen health care for the low-income, uninsured, and chronically ill in Virginia. If you have further questions or would like to discuss other opportunities to support the Foundation, please contact Celia Tetlow, Fund Development Associate, at 804.822.3723 or ctetlow@msv.org. Thank you for your support of the MSV Foundation's mission.

For more information about the 2011 MSV Annual Meeting visit:

<http://www.msv.org/AnnualMeeting>