
Meeting: House of Delegates (HOD)
Date: March 21, 2015
Location: Westin Copley Place, Boston, Massachusetts

1. JOINT SESSION WITH THE CAP RESIDENTS FORUM (RF)

The House of Delegates met jointly with the Residents Forum to hear updates from the Speaker of the House James E. Richard, DO, FCAP; RF Chair Lauren N. Stuart, MD, MBA; CAP President Gene N. Herbek, MD, FCAP, and CAP Chief Executive Officer Charles Roussel.

2. HOUSE OF DELEGATES' MORNING SESSION

Welcome

The Speaker of the House and HOD Massachusetts Delegation Chair Michael Misialek, MD, FCAP, welcomed participants to Boston.

Dr. Richard explained that this meeting's agenda is a result of the HOD Steering Committee listening to delegates' concerns and preferences. It is created from delegates' comments at the Fall '14 HOD meeting and the post-meeting evaluation as well as through Delegate Issues Reports and HOD meeting topic surveys.

The Speaker introduced the House of Delegates Steering Committee and appointed Sergeant-at-Arms Rodolfo Laucirica, MD, FCAP, as the meeting timekeeper. Dr. Richard presented a review of the House of Delegates' mission and vision. The next four years will focus on sustaining the House and the value it provides to the College.

Fall '14 House of Delegates Meeting Minutes

The Fall '14 House of Delegates meeting minutes were approved.

Suspend Parliamentary Procedure

Seeing no other business that required voting by delegates during the meeting, parliamentary procedure was suspended.

Strategic Overview

The Board of Governors and Delegates evaluations of the HOD and the HODSC were reviewed with the Delegates. The scores show room for improvement. It was stated that complacency is the pathway to mediocrity and that none of those present should be complacent with the results of the surveys. The Delegates were charged with keeping the HODSC and the Speaker accountable for meeting their needs.

The five strategic initiatives that have been endorsed by the Board of Governors were reviewed:

- Get a Job – an essential function of value that enmeshes the HOD into the infrastructure of the College
- Market the HOD – a mechanism that weaves the HOD into the fiber of CAP councils and committees
- Strengthen Relationships Between Council Chairs and HOD – a strategy that is advanced by the HOD Liaison to Councils effort and the direct efforts of the Speaker and Vice Speaker.

- Elevate the Stature of House Leadership – a position that places the House in direct contact and working with the Board of Governors via the Council chair and vice chairs
- Create a Communication Network – a critical tool for the HOD to fully deliver on the charge as the voice of the membership

Action Group (AG) Updates

AG on Communication Networks

Charge: to take some of the lessons learned in North Carolina and reproduce the communication network in more states.

Keith Volmar, MD, FCAP, North Carolina delegate and AG on Communication Networks Chair, reported on his firsthand experience in establishing the North Carolina network. A pilot project was initiated in 2013 with the goal of establishing bidirectional email communication between the HOD and Fellow members in the state. The network is established and has accommodated conducting a survey of legislative priorities, sparking renewed interest in legislative issues. Most recently, it has allowed disseminated information on the recent Palmetto Local Coverage Determination (LCD) on immunostains.

States in 2015 Pilot: California, Florida, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Texas

AG on CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program Advisory Group

Charge: to provide member feedback on checklist requirements, improvements to existing programs, products and services, ideas for new products and service, and future program strategies. Members should be conversant in CAP Cancer Protocols in order to give feedback to the LAP Advisory Group.

Martha R. Clarke, MD, FCAP, HOD Steering Committee Sergeant-at-Arms and HOD Liaison to the AG on LAP Accreditation Program Advisory Group, updated the House on recent activity and the value it has provided to this Advisory Group.

AG on Pathology Practice Guidances (PPGs)

Charge: to provide member feedback on the readability and applicability including accuracy, appropriateness and potential impact to patients and pathology practice on the Center Committee's new product: Pathology Practice Guidances

Emily Green, MD, FCAP, HOD Steering Committee Member-at-Large and HOD Liaison to the AG on PPGs, reported that the AG is responsible to review the Center Committee's PPGs as indicated in the Charge. It will also determine if broader feedback is required from the full House of Delegates that may result in a meaningful impact on the final PPG.

Dr. Green explained how PPGs are distinctly different from Evidence Based Guidelines.

AG on Rules III

Charge: To provide member feedback on the HOD Rules to determine what changes are needed to ensure that the Rules are current, accurately describe the functions of the HOD and its members, are fair and appropriate, and structure House activities to best advance the mission of the House.

Sang Wu, MD, FCAP, HOD Steering Committee Member-at-Large and HOD Liaison to the AG on Rules III, reported that the AG is asked to focus its review on HOD Steering Committee nominations and elections, apportionment, and how to bring open discussions to the House.

The Action Group intends to provide its recommendations to the HOD Steering Committee for the Fall '15 HOD Meeting.

Dr. Wu announced that the HOD Steering Committee call for nominations will open at the Fall '15 HOD meeting in Nashville and with elections to be held in 2016.

Board of Governors' Candidate Forums

Dr. Richard introduced the Candidate Forum and explained that it is a highly valued segment, based on the Spring '14 HOD post-meeting survey. This session provides question and answer opportunities for delegates to learn about the candidates for each Board position.

The segments were moderated by HODSC members. The ground rules were set and announced to candidates and delegates.

President-Elect – Emily Green, MD, FCAP – Moderator
R. Bruce Williams, MD, FCAP – Candidate

Secretary-Treasurer – Martha R. Clarke, MD, FCAP – Moderator
Richard R. Gomez, MD, FCAP – Candidate
George F. Kwass, MD, FCAP – Candidate
Gail H. Vance, MD, FCAP – Candidate

Governor – Alfred W. Campbell, MD, FCAP - Moderator
Edward P. Fody, MD, FCAP – Candidate
Gerald R. Hanson, MD, FCAP – Candidate
Richard H. Knierim, MD, FCAP – Candidate
Raouf E. Nakhleh, MD, FCAP – Candidate
Michael B. Prystowsky, MD, PhD – Candidate
Frank R. Rudy, MD, FCAP – Candidate

3. JOINT LUNCH WITH RF

George Kwass, MD, FCAP, Chair, Council on Government and Professional Affairs, provided an update on the College's Advocacy initiatives and fielded questions from the audience. Wayne Garrett, DO, FCAP, Chair, CAP Political Action Committee, provided information on the CAP's grassroots efforts.

4. HOUSE OF DELEGATES' AFTERNOON SESSION

Continuing the Test Utilization Conversation

This segment was introduced by covering delegate concerns about what the profession and CAP are doing, should be doing, or could be doing to address inappropriate ordering of anatomic pathology tests, specifically special stains, during the Fall '14 HOD meeting. Prior to the Spring '15 HOD meeting delegates were asked to rank topics they want addressed at this meeting and AP Test Utilization was ranked number one.

Kathryn T. Knight, MD, FCAP, HOD Vice Speaker, moderated a panel of three pathologists, each representing a different perspective, to speak to the issue. The panel members were:

- Bruce Quinn, MD, PhD, Senior Policy Advisor for Foley Hoag, a national health care policy consulting firm and board-certified pathologist

- Paul Valenstein, MD, FCAP, CAP Secretary-Treasurer and St Joseph Mercy Health Partners ACO President
- W. Stephen Black-Schaffer, MD, FCAP, CAP Council on Government and Professional Affairs Vice Chair, CAP Economic Affairs Committee Vice Chair, New England Regional Medicare Contractor Advisory Committee Co-Chair

Delegate Issues

The Delegate Issues segment of the HOD meeting covered issues that delegates identified as important to them. The HOD Steering Committee gathers these topics through delegate surveys, the Delegate Chair Issues Reports, on the HOD Discussion Board, and delegates' comments and opinions delivered directly to HODSC members.

The session is framed to focus on three themes for this meeting: Maintenance of Certification, Accountable Care Organizations, and State Pathology Societies. The HODSC invited Rebecca Johnson, MD, FCAP, American Board of Pathology CEO, CAP Board of Governors, Council Chairs and professional staff to respond to delegate questions from the floor.

The following topics were discussed and questions were asked by the people listed. The indented and bulleted names indicate the people who responded to questions or comments.

Maintenance of Certification

- Candice Black, DO, FCAP – Delegate Chair (New Hampshire)
Alfred W. Campbell, MD, FCAP – Delegate (South Carolina), HOD Secretary-Treasurer
Thomas J. Cooper, MD, FCAP – Delegate (California)
Mary E. Fowkes, MD, PhD, FCAP – Delegate (New York)
Jerad M. Gardner, MD, FCAP – Delegate (Arkansas)
Megha G. Joshi, MD, FCAP – Alternate Delegate (Massachusetts)
Daniel F.I. Kurtycz, MD, ASC, FCAP – Delegate (Wisconsin)
Vinod Shidham, MD, FCAP – Delegate (Michigan)
- Rebecca L. Johnson, MD, FCAP – Delegate (Florida), ABP CEO

Accountable Care Organizations

- Robert C. Babkowski, MD, FCAP – Delegate Chair (Connecticut)
Michael C. Dugan, MD, FCAP – Delegate (California)
J. Thomas Molina, MD, PhD, FCAP – Delegate (Texas)
- Donald S. Karcher, MD, FCAP – Delegate Chair (District of Columbia)

State Pathology Societies

- Jerad M. Gardner, MD, FCAP – Delegate (Arkansas)
Vinod Shidham, MD, FCAP – Delegate (Michigan)
Keith Volmar, MD, FCAP – Delegate (North Carolina)
- James E. Richard, DO, FCAP – CAP HOD Speaker
 - Paul Valenstein, MD, FCAP – CAP Secretary-Treasurer

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- John Newby, MD – Delegate (Maryland)
- Doug Knapman, Senior Director, CAP Practice Management

Closing Remarks

Dr. Richard expressed that delegates' accomplishments are making a difference in the College and their voices are being heard. By speaking as a collective voice of CAP membership, they are advancing the House mission.

Delegates were strongly encouraged to remain active by completing HOD surveys and signing up for future HOD Action Groups. Delegates must continue communicating with their states' constituents, HOD Delegate Chairs, the HODSC, and their members of Congress to have their voices heard.

Delegates were asked to attend important upcoming CAP meetings: the 2015 CAP Policy Meeting May 4-6 in Washington, DC; Fall '15 House of Delegates Meeting October 3 in Nashville, TN; and to attend courses at CAP '15—THE Pathologists' Meeting™ October 4-7 in Nashville, TN.