

House of Delegates (HOD)

How does it work?

1. Held during the State Convention.
2. Voting Participation
 - a. Executive Board
 - b. Delegates from each Affiliate Chapter (Presidents and Presidents-Elect – or their designee)
 - c. Past state presidents
 - d. No person may exercise more than one vote, even though he/she may be a member of the House of Delegates in more than one capacity.
 - e. Any member of the above groups may designate a State Association member as an alternate, except officers of affiliated associations whose alternates must be selected by the respective affiliated members.
 - f. Members qualified to vote and granted privilege of the floor, must be active members of the Association in good standing.
3. Non-Voting Participants

Any and all are welcome and encourage to attend and view the proceedings
4. Resolutions – and/or changes of amendments and by-laws
 - a. All resolutions shall be consistent with the principles, policies, and goals of the Association on matters of current importance.
 - b. All resolutions to be considered in the House of Delegates shall be submitted to the members thirty (30) days before the meeting.
5. Delegates will have a card (or similar) that will be used to cast votes.
6. President asks that each delegate study carefully the resolutions and amendments to be considered by the House of Delegates and discuss them with members in their local association, so the Delegate's vote would be of the Association choice and not of the individual.
7. Each delegate should be familiar with basic rules of Parliamentary Procedure (Robert's Rules of Order)
8. Amendments to Bylaws shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote at the annual meeting of the House or by a two-thirds mail vote returned, amendments to standing rules shall be adopted by a majority vote at the annual meeting of the House of Delegates or a majority mail vote returned
9. HOD most frequently includes other business including mega topics for discussion.

Hope you join us for this important meeting!