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Process for Submitting Resolutions to the House of Delegates

Business of the House of Delegates is introduced through the presentation of resolutions by voting Delegates on behalf of their county medical society, their specialty society, Sections or as individual delegates. In order to be considered as regular business, each resolution must be submitted to the Association no later than 30 days prior to commencement of the First House of Delegates.

The Speakers have been empowered to streamline and shorten the FMA Annual Meeting and in so doing the House of Delegates will only meet in two formal sessions. Therefore, in order to facilitate the business of the House of Delegates, Resolutions will be reviewed to determine if the intent of the Resolve can be accomplished through a council, committee or Board of Governors action, if the FMA has identical or similar policy currently in place, if the implementation is beyond the FMA's realm or control, and if the issues reflect the FMA mission statement. Please take these criteria into consideration when submitting your Resolutions. The Speakers will determine if the Resolution should move forward in the process.

Resolutions should be submitted to FMA Headquarters **on or before Monday, June 1**, to be included in the Delegate Handbook, Attention: Helen Bradford (hbradford@medone.org).

RESOLUTION DEADLINES

June 1 Resolutions received by this date will be in the Delegate Handbook. Resolutions received between June 2 and June 25 will be in the Delegate Packets.

June 25 Resolutions received after 5:00 p.m. on this date will be "late" and will be considered by the Credentials and Rules Committee whether to accept or reject the Resolution. If accepted, the Speaker will refer the Resolution to the appropriate Reference Committee at that time.

July 24 Resolutions received after 11:00 a.m. on this date will be Emergency Resolutions and will be accepted by the House for consideration upon receipt of a two-thirds affirmative vote.

Resolutions introduced by Sections that meet during Annual Meeting are not considered "late" and will be referred to a reference committee by the Speakers. These Resolutions should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 24.

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Attached is a sample resolution and fiscal note information to assist you in formulating your resolutions. **Please note that the resolve in each resolution needs to contain sufficient**

information to stand alone in terms of what policy or action it intends for the FMA to implement. See sample form attached.

Thank you for your assistance.