

The Speaker's Letter

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TO: Presidents of Local, State and Regional Allergy Societies

FROM: Kevin P. McGrath., M.D., Speaker, House of Delegates
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I. HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2009

Now that summer is winding down, it is time to remind you that the next meeting of the ACAAI House of Delegates will be held in conjunction with the ACAAI Annual Meeting from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Friday, November 6, 2009, in Rooms B118-122 of the Miami Beach Convention Center, Miami Beach, FL.

II. CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

One of the major purposes of the House of Delegates is the dissemination of information. This can be accomplished through resolutions and agenda items for discussion. We are interested in information regarding health care reform and managed care.

Local, state and regional allergy societies are encouraged to submit resolutions for consideration of the House at its November 6th meeting. To be eligible for consideration, **resolutions must be received in the ACAAI office no later than Friday, October 2, 2009**, so they can be distributed to all Delegates and Alternate Delegates for review prior to the House of Delegates meeting. (See Enclosure #1 for sample resolution format.) **NOTE:** Only ACAAI Fellows can submit and present resolutions to the House of Delegates.

III. APPOINT YOUR DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Please be reminded that Delegates and Alternate Delegates must be ACAAI Fellows, and may be either elected or selected by your society. Each local, state and regional allergy society, plus the Philippine, Canadian and Hispanic Allergy Societies, shall be entitled to at least one Delegate and Alternate Delegate. Societies with more than one hundred (100) physician members shall be entitled to one additional Delegate and Alternate Delegate per one hundred physician members (i.e., fewer than 101 physician members, one Delegate and Alternate Delegate; 101-200 physicians, two Delegates and Alternate Delegates, etc.). See Enclosure #2 – if not previously submitted. Unfortunately, no funding is available to reimburse travel expenses. However, we do encourage participation from all allergy societies.

IV. REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS

The ACAAI House of Delegates invites you to submit nominations for the Speaker of the House of Delegates, Vice Speaker and Recording Secretary. Deadline for receipt of nominations is **Friday, October 2nd**.

The Nominating Committee (which does not include the current officers) will consider all nominees from various local, state and regional allergy societies and decide on two candidates for each of the three positions.

The nominees will be distributed to the delegates with the formal agenda of the House of Delegates meeting. On Friday, November 6, in Miami Beach, the election of officers will take place.

Please send your nominations to Dianne K. Kubis, Associate Executive Director, ACAAI. Any potential nominee who wants a copy of the House of Delegates "Rules of Order" may obtain it from the ACAAI Executive Office.

V. ACTIVITIES OF THE COLLEGE

The Annual Meeting in Miami Beach Nov. 5-10, 2009, features:

- 33 workshops and 20 "Meet the Professor" Breakfasts,
- Most recent knowledge and issues of importance to you in your daily practice,
- Fundraiser featuring *Marvin Hamlich* on Sunday.

VI. HOD ACTIVITIES

As you know, ACAAI has vigorously pursued issues of importance to the practicing allergist/immunologist. Nineteen years ago, it established the House of Delegates as the official communication link between local societies and the Board of Regents. There is more of a need than ever for sharing information and experiences, especially regarding health care reform and managed care. The following may help:

- I wanted to remind you to **send me a copy of the minutes** of your local/state/regional meetings. In this way, local issues can be identified for possible action at the national HOD meeting, or referral to the Board of Regents or an appropriate committee for help.
- The Program Committee and the CME/CPD Committee are interested in your ideas for improvement of the annual meeting. Please consider adding this item to the agenda of your next LSR meeting and pass on your suggestions to Dana Wallace, MD, 2010 Program Chair.
- Please complete the attached form requesting the names and addresses of your current officers (Enclosure #4 – if not previously submitted).

REMINDERS

Please join us at the next ACAAI House of Delegates meeting. This is designed to increase your input on the national level.

1. Deadline for receipt of resolutions is **October 2**.
2. All Delegates and Alternates must be Fellows of the College.
3. Before appointing your Delegates and Alternates, please make sure they plan to attend the meeting, Friday, November 6.
4. Complete and return the enclosed Delegate form no later than **October 9**.
5. Please send me (c/o ACAAI Office) a list of your Society members.
6. An Agenda for the House of Delegates meeting will be sent to you in mid October.