The Southeastern Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) is a self-directed coalition of states within the American Medical Association for communication and action on relevant issues and projects. The delegation is currently made up of sixteen states. Each state has one representative and an alternate to the Executive Committee and share information within their respective states. The current states include:

Alabama
Delaware
District of Columbia
Florida
Georgia
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maryland
Mississippi
New Jersey
North Carolina
Puerto Rico
South Carolina
Tennessee
Virginia
West Virginia

**Mission**

The Southeastern Delegation works within the AMA to promote Southeast Delegation interests, projects, and points of view.
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee is comprised of one member and the member’s alternate from each of the sixteen states. Each state chooses their Member and Alternate, although commonly the Member is the Chair of the State AMA Delegation, but not always. The Southeast Newsletter Editor and the Chair of the Political/Campaign Committee are non-voting members of the committee. The committee meets as needed at the Annual and Interim meetings of the AMA. Phone conference calls can be arranged and are typically held before each of the two AMA meetings.

**OFFICERS**

The Officers include the Chair, Vice-chair, and the Immediate Past Chair. Each officer serves a two year term. The Chair is the presiding officer of the Executive Committee.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee is charged with developing a slate of nominees for Chair and Vice-chair to be presented to the Executive Committee at the Interim meeting in the year previous to the end of the current officers’ terms. The three member committee shall consist of the Executive Committee members of those states which have most recently had a member serve as Southeastern Delegation Chair. The Chair of the committee shall be the committee member from the state with the “least recent” Chair of the Southeastern Delegation. The current Southeastern Chair and Vice-chair shall also serve on the committee in an advisory capacity.

**AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION INTERVIEWS**

At each Annual Meeting of the American Medical Association, one delegate from each of the sixteen states is chosen to serve on a separate panel to interview all candidates running for each AMA Council (see list below). These interview committees will then rank all candidates and make a suggestion for support. Each committee will have a Chair who will deliver the results to the Southeastern Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee will interview the candidates running for the Board of Trustees, Vice Speaker, Speaker, and President-elect.

The results from each interview session will be discussed in the Saturday afternoon Executive Committee meeting and decisions made regarding the recommendation of support of candidates for each elected position. The Chair of the Southeastern Delegation may write endorsements for appointed candidates.
AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION COUNCILS

- COUNCIL ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
  The AMA Council on Constitution and Bylaws serves as a fact-finding and advisory committee on matters pertaining to the AMA Constitution and Bylaws.

- COUNCIL ON ETHICAL AND JUDICIAL AFFAIRS
  The Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs (CEJA) maintains and updates the AMA Code of Medical Ethics. Through its reports, CEJA analyzes timely issues confronting physicians and the medical profession.

- COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION
  The Council on Legislation (COL) makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees regarding proposed federal legislation and regulations, model federal and state legislation and principles, and changes in existing AMA policy when necessary to accomplish effective legislative goals.

- COUNCIL ON LONG RANGE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
  The Council on Long Range Planning and Development has a key role in identifying and making recommendations to the AMA Board of Trustees regarding important strategic issues and directions related to the AMA's vision, goals, and priorities.

- COUNCIL ON MEDICAL EDUCATION
  The Council on Medical Education (CME) formulates policy on medical education by recommending educational policies to the AMA House of Delegates, through the AMA Board of Trustees.

- COUNCIL ON MEDICAL SERVICE
  The Council on Medical Service (CMS) recommends AMA policies and actions for consideration by the AMA House of Delegates on the socioeconomic factors that influence the practice of medicine.

- COUNCIL ON SCIENCE AND PUBLIC HEALTH
  The Council on Science and Public Health (CSAPH) reports on medical, public health, and scientific issues that affect the practice of medicine, the public health system, the quality of patient care, and the translation of scientific research into patient treatment.
**Candidate Interview and Endorsement Policy**

The Southeastern Delegation is committed to offer endorsements for election to AMA office, including Councils, to the best and most qualified candidates from our region. We will interview candidates for endorsement who reside in our member states and are members of that state’s general medical society equally, whether their primary sponsor is their state or national medical specialty society. Candidates from specialty societies must be endorsed by their state medical society first. The state medical society’s members on the Executive Committee (all states are represented) then request the candidate be considered for endorsement by the Southeastern Delegation.

These endorsement interviews will be conducted by the Candidate Evaluation Committee. The results are then taken to the Southeastern Executive Committee and they determine whom the Southeast will endorse. Southeast candidate endorsement interviews are conducted approximately eighteen months before the appropriate election when practical, usually at an Interim meeting, but the committee may interview candidates later in the cycle when appropriate and/or necessitated by unexpected vacancies. The Southeast will support at most one candidate, unless an incumbent, for one or no natural open slots; otherwise, the Southeast may or may not support as many candidates as there are open slots. It is expected that the Southeast will usually support its own incumbents for re-election.

**Candidate Evaluation Committee**

The Candidate Evaluation Committee is charged with considering each candidate from the Southeast and recommending to the Executive Committee which candidates the Southeastern Delegation should support. The Executive Committee shall then consider the recommendations from the Evaluation Committee and make a final determination of those candidates which the Southeastern Delegation will recommend its constituent states support.

The Candidate Evaluation Committee will consist of five members, two of whom shall be the Chair and Vice-chair, serving two year terms; the Chair of the Political/Campaign Committee shall serve as a non-voting member. Participation shall be determined based on the following rotation:

1. Louisiana  
2. Maryland  
3. Mississippi  
4. Kentucky  
5. North Carolina  
6. Tennessee  
7. South Carolina  
8. Virginia  
9. West Virginia  
10. Alabama  
11. Delaware  
12. District of Columbia  
13. Florida  
14. Georgia  
15. Puerto Rico  
16. New Jersey
In instances where a committee member participating on the Candidate Evaluation Committee has a candidate from his or her state being interviewed for endorsement, the committee member shall recuse himself/herself from participating in the interview and discussion.

**Southeastern Floor Debate Committee**

The Floor Debate Committee is charged with determining the best way to communicate proposed resolutions for review, debate, and vote. The committee is appointed by the Chair. An Executive Committee member from each state submitting a resolution should be present during the committee tele-conferences. Current members of the committee are:

Corey L. Howard, MD (FL) – Chair  
S. William Clark, MD (GA)  
J. Gregory Cooper, MD (KY)  
Sharon Douglas, MD (MS)  
Kelly Eschbach, MD (DE)  
Randolph Gould, MD (VA)  
John Poole, MD (NJ)

**Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee will keep abreast of all Southeastern Delegation financial matters including accounts, allocation of funds, event costs, sharing of all Southeast expenses and charges, including audits as deemed necessary. The committee shall meet during each AMA meeting and at least once via teleconference between meetings. The committee will serve as advisor to the Southeastern Delegation Chair, and any policy recommendation(s) will be approved by the Southeastern Executive Committee. Current members of the committee are:

John Mangum, MD (NC) – Chair  
S. William Clark, MD (GA)  
J. Gregory Cooper, MD (KY)  
Janice Tildon-Burton, MD (DE)  
Brian O. Foy (Staff-WV)

**Political/Campaign Committee**

The Political/Campaign Committee will develop and implement strategies for members of the Southeastern Delegation for effective election to AMA offices. The committee will serve as Advisor to the Chair and for election or support decisions there must be a concurrency of a majority of the Southeast Executive Committee. The committee will work with the officers of the Southeastern Delegation in political arenas, including promotion and discovery of future candidates, cooperation with the Service Project, meetings with other groups within the AMA family, interviews, and election strategies, including runoff elections. The committee may work with individual Southeastern candidates if asked on specific campaigns. The committee Chair
will meet without vote (unless in a dual role) with the Southeastern Candidate Evaluation Committee and the Executive Committee. The current Chair of the committee is Stephen Imbeau, MD (SC).

**SOUTHEASTERN DELEGATION BREAKFAST CAUCUS**

The Southeastern Delegation Breakfast Caucus will be held at the Annual and Interim meetings of the AMA. The preferred day is Monday. Breakfast will be served at 6:45 a.m. with the meeting beginning promptly at 7:00 a.m. and concluding between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m.

**SOUTHEASTERN DELEGATION RECEPTIONS**

The Southeastern Delegation holds a reception at the AMA Annual and Interim meetings.

The Ice Cream Social is held at each annual meeting. The preferred night of the event is Monday from 8:30 to 9:30 or 10:00 p.m. Each reception will be hosted by four constituent states. The host states will be determined on a rotating basis. The host states are responsible for providing one gift from their state for a raffle winner. It is the responsibility of the host state to mail the gift to the winner after returning from the AMA meeting. Raffle cards will be passed out at the reception and will request basic demographic information.

Order of the host states will be as follows:

2017 – Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico

2018 – New Jersey, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia

2019 – District of Columbia, Delaware, Florida, South Carolina

2020 – Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland

Using a dessert theme, the preferred menu for the reception is ice cream and accompanying toppings offered at four self-serve stations. Each of the host states shall assist with serving at each station.

States shall be responsible for advising the Executive Committee if they plan to use the reception as a campaign function. Each state shall be responsible for compliance with ALL American Medical Association campaign policies.

The “Getting to Know You” reception will be held annually at the AMA Interim meeting. The preferred night of the event is Sunday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The reception is open to Southeast members only, including southeast regional medical students, southeast residents, and southeast specialty society delegates and alternates. The purpose of the reception is to converse with others from southeast states. Light hors’ d’oeuvres and cocktails will be served.
NEWSLETTERS

Five newsletters per year are emailed to members and friends of the Southeastern Delegation. The current Chair and Vice-chair decide which topics will be a part of the newsletter. Newsletters will be published in February, April, May, September, and October. The May and October issues will focus on the upcoming American Medical Association meeting.

SOUTHEASTERN DELEGATION WEBSITE

The Southeastern Delegation website address is www.ama-sedelegation.org.