Southeast Delegation to the American Medical Association

The Southeast Delegation to the American Medical Association 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 with 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 Southeast Delegation works within the American Medical Association 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 executive committee meets as needed at the annual and interim meetings of the American Medical Association. Phone conference calls can be arranged and are typically held before each of the two American Medical Association meetings.

Officers

The officers include the Chair, Chair – Elect, and the Past Chair. Each officer has a two year term. The Chair is the presiding officer of the Executive Committee.

Nominating Committee

This 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 officers terms. The three member committee consists of the Executive Committee members of those states which have most recently had a member serve as Southeast Delegation Chair. The Chair of the Nominating
Committee shall be the committee member from the state with the “least recent” Southeast Delegation Chair.

**Candidate Evaluation Committee**

This committee is charged with considering each candidate from the Southeast and recommending to the Executive Committee which candidates the Southeast Delegation should support. The Executive Committee shall then consider the recommendations for the evaluation committee and make a final determination of those candidates which the Southeast 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. Participation on the committee shall be determined on the following rotation:

1. Louisiana 9. West Virginia
2. Maryland 10. Alabama
3. Mississippi 11. Delaware
7. South Carolina 15. Puerto Rico

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 should excuse himself/herself from participating in the interview and discussion.

**Southeast Floor Debate Committee**

The committee is charged with determining the best way to communicate proposed resolutions for review, debate, and vote. The committee is appointed by the Chair and current members include:

Wm. Jeff Terry, MD – Chair
Corey L. Howard, MD
S. William Clark, III, MD
John W. Poole, MD
Keith F. DeSonier, MD
Kelly S. Eschbach, MD
Sharon Douglas, MD
Carol S. Shapiro, MD

**Candidate Interview and Endorsement Policy**

The Southeast 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 SED.

These endorsement interviews will be completed by the Candidate Evaluation Committee. The results are then taken to the Southeast Executive Committee and they determine whom the Southeast will endorse. Southeast candidate endorsement interviews are conducted approximately 18 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 reelection.

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. These interview committees will then rank all candidates and make a suggestion for support.

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 are discussed in the Saturday afternoon Executive Committee meeting and decisions are made regarding the recommendation of support of candidates for each elected position.

**Breakfast Caucus**

The Southeast Breakfast Caucus will be held at the annual and interim meeting of the American Medical Association. The preferred day is Monday morning. Breakfast will be served at 6:45am with the meeting beginning promptly at 7:00 am and concluding between 8:30 am and 9:00 am.

**Southeast Receptions**

The Southeast Delegation has a reception at the American Medical Association’s Annual Meeting and the American Medical Association’s Interim meeting. The Ice Cream Social is held at each annual meeting. The preferred night of the event is Monday evening from 8:30 pm – 9:30 pm or 10:00 pm. Each reception will be hosted by four constituent states. The host states will be determined on a rotation basis. The order of the rotation:

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

Each state 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 American Medical Association campaign policies.

The “Getting to Know You” Reception will be held annually at the American Medical Association’s Interim meeting. The preferred night of the event is Sunday evening from 6:00pm – 7:00pm. 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 a year are emailed to members and friends of the Southeast delegation. The current chair and chair – elect 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 are related to the upcoming American Medical Association meeting.

**Southeast Website**

The Southeast website address is – [www.ama-sedelegation.org](http://www.ama-sedelegation.org)