

Greetings,

Thank you for expressing an interest in a delegate position. I do apologize for the delay in getting back to you as I have been assisting several of the Specialty Assemblies with identifying their delegates so there has been a lot of e-mail the past few weeks. Each Specialty Assembly is represented by two delegates.

The delegate responsibilities entail several mandatory meetings you are required to attend. The Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery Specialty Assembly is meeting on Sunday, March 15 from 10:30 – 11:30 am pm in room W175B. If you want to serve as a delegate for the specialty assembly, it is required that you attend their business meeting. In addition to this meeting, following are the rest of the Congress meetings delegates you are required to attend:

Date Activity Time Location

Sunday, March 15 Candidates' Forum and 12 to 3 PM W375

Informal Meet the Candidates

Sunday, March 15 First Forum 3 to 4:30 PM W375

Tuesday, March 17 First House of Delegates 8 to 9:30 AM W375

Wednesday, March 18 Second Forum 8 to 9:30 AM W375

Thursday, March 19 Voting 7 to 10 AM W175

Second House of Delegates 1 to 3 PM W375

Following is some basic delegate information:

Delegates are required to wear their official Congress name badge at all business meetings and when voting for national officers. You will receive your official badge at the Delegate counter at Congress. Please arrive 15 minutes early when attending all business sessions and special Delegate activities during Congress week.

Delegates are seated by Specialty Assembly in the "Delegate Section" at all business meetings of the Association. The Specialty Assembly Reporter, Marlene Craden, checks that all Delegates are seated at the business meetings and reports the total Delegates seated for roll call of the Specialty Assembly. The roll call is performed only to determine if there is a quorum (i.e., enough) Delegates to do business. Alternates cannot sit in the Delegates section.

Association leaders discuss business and Delegates make decisions during the House of Delegates sessions. It is imperative that each Delegate be familiar with the issues being discussed. Before Congress, the House agenda can be found in the January Pre-Congress Journal. At Congress, Delegate information is found in Congress Resources and Congress News.

Each member has the opportunity to listen and discuss issues informally at the Forums. Although decisions are not made during these sessions, the Forums often help Delegates form opinions on topics requiring decisions at the House of Delegates.

As a Delegate, you have the privilege of voting for the new leadership of your Association. You must vote in person during the designated times. Be sure to bring your Delegate name badge and Expo card to gain access to the polling area. Campaigning for candidates is confined to oral discussion only.

Please let me know if this is something you are still interested in being considered. The deadline for submitting names into the system is 5:00 pm Mountain Time on Friday, February 13th.

The only downside, which may be of importance in your decision making, is that the Specialty Assemblies do not have individual budgets therefore they do not have funds to provide to their delegate representation.

If you should have any further questions please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

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