2017 TMA Reference Committees and 
HCMS Review Teams

TMA Reference Committees

Meetings: TexMed2017, Friday-Saturday, May 5-6, Houston
- TMA House of Delegates - GRB Convention Center, Expo Hall, 1001 Avenida de las Americas.
- TMA Reference Committee meetings - Marriott Marquis, Level 2, 1777 Walker St.

The TMA House of Delegates uses four reference committees: Financial & Organizational Affairs; Medical Education; Science & Public Health; and Socioeconomics. For each committee, the TMA Speaker of the House chooses a chair and six members from different specialties and areas of the state who then serve for the one session. Each item to come before the TMA House, whether for action or information, is referred to one of the reference committees for consideration.

These TMA reference committees meet during TexMed2017 on Level 2 of the Marriott Marquis on Friday morning, May 5 from 9:45 a.m.-Noon, immediately following recess of the Opening Session of the TMA House (8-9:30 a.m.), to hear testimony on each item of business referred to them. Any TMA member may attend these opening hearings and may address issues before the reference committees. The House encourages debate at these hearings rather than on the House floor. The GRB Convention Center and Marriott Marquis are connected via sky bridge.

Following completion of all testimony at the opening hearings, the reference committee members go into executive session to prepare their recommendations and write reports for presentation to the TMA House on the following day. These reports are first distributed at the Breakfast Caucuses on Saturday morning, May 6 (6:30-8 a.m.) so that county delegations may review and discuss how they should respond to the issues/recommendations. The reports are then discussed and voted on at the Regular Session of the TMA House (8:30 a.m.-Noon).

HCMS Review Teams

Meeting: Wednesday evening, April 26, HCMS Offices, 1515 Hermann Dr, Houston 77004
The HCMS Delegation organizes four local review teams which correspond to the TMA’s reference committees. The review teams meet at the HCMS offices, 1515 Hermann Dr. HCMS Delegates, Alternate Delegates and Ex Officio Members select the review team on which they wish to serve. A chair and vice-chair are appointed to each review team by the HCMS Delegation chair.

These review teams meet one time Wednesday, April 26, 5:45-6:45 p.m., immediately before the final local HCMS Delegation business meeting (6:45-approx. 8:45 p.m.), to discuss from the TMA Handbook all action items associated with their particular reference committee. The action items include reports (recommendations) from TMA boards, councils and committees, and the resolutions submitted by other county delegations and individuals from around the state, and TMA sections. (Resolutions submitted by our delegation are not reconsidered.)

The review teams decide upon a recommended position on each issue before them: adopt, adopt and refer, refer, amend, or not adopt. These recommendations are then presented to the entire HCMS Delegation later that same evening. To prepare for TexMed, the chair of each review team may assign a member to be responsible to testify at the TMA reference committee meeting and/or on the TMA House floor.
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