KERN COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY

RESPONSIBILITIES OF CMA DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES

Individual Responsibilities of Delegates and Alternate Delegates:

- Delegates and alternate delegates are expected to attend all quarterly District Delegation meetings via Zoom (there are typically 4 meetings per year). Meetings are usually on a Tuesday at 6pm.
- Delegates and alternate delegates are expected to be informed about the CMA resolutions, reports and the quarterly process.
- Delegates and alternate delegates are expected to review the agenda and supporting materials for the quarterly Zoom meetings.
- Delegates are expected to attend the annual meeting of the House of Delegates. The annual meeting occurs in October each year and is two days (Sat-Sun), coming in on Friday night for a 6:30am start on Saturday.
- Alternate delegates are highly encouraged to attend the House of Delegates and will be asked to attend in a delegate's place if a delegate is unable to attend.
- Alternate delegates are highly encouraged to attend even if all three delegates attend as it is very likely that they will be seated as a delegate during the meeting due to vacancies within the District Delegation.

Information about the House of Delegates and their function:

CMA's policy-setting body is the House of Delegates. The House participates in a quarterly process to establish CMA policies on key issues that affect the practice of medicine, from medical ethics to reimbursement issues to critical matters of public health. Additionally, the House meets once a year to establish policy on Major Issues as determined by the Council on Delegation Chairs. The CMA House of Delegates consists of more than 500 delegates elected by members of component medical societies, specialty societies, and CMA sections and forums, representing virtually every mode of practice and region of the state.

The House offers CMA members one of the most direct ways to get involved in changing and improving the direction of health care in California. CMA members can submit resolutions on issues of concern – from economic issues to public health. During the quarterly process, resolutions get discussed and debated, sent through the appropriate Councils and then forwarded on to be voted on by the CMA Board of Trustees, ultimately becoming official CMA policy. Please see the Rules and Guidelines for Submitting Resolutions at CMA's website for further information.

Information about District VI and the KCMS Delegation:

KCMS is a part of the District VI Delegation to the CMA. District VI is comprised of Fresno-Madera, Kern, Merced-Mariposa, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tulare-Kings Medical Societies. The Merced-Mariposa County Medical Society (MMCMS) staffs the District VI Delegation to the CMA, including all administrative functions for District VI's quarterly process and the Caucus meetings at CMA's Annual House of Delegates.

Three members of KCMS are elected to two-year terms as delegates to CMA. Delegates are usually past board members, committee members, past presidents or trustees. This insures that those most active in KCMS affairs provide leadership at the state level as well.

Additionally, three KCMS members are elected to two-year terms as alternate delegates to CMA. They hold an equal position to KCMS delegates at the District level and during the CMA's quarterly process. They have the potential to be seated at the annual House of Delegates if there are vacant seats available for the District.

The number of members of the KCMS delegation is set by CMA according to a membership formula. KCMS is currently entitled to three delegates and three alternates. It is essential that KCMS's entire number of delegate slots be filled during the annual meeting of the House of Delegates.

KCMS does not currently provide reimbursement for travel expenses associated with the House of Delegates. If you have a passion to serve but require reimbursement, the Board of Directors will consider the request.