



2022 House of Delegates Meeting Summary

House of Delegates (HOD) sessions were conducted Sunday, October 23 and Wednesday, October 26.

- An invocation was provided by Reverend Deogratias O. Ekisa from Notre Dame Seminary Graduate School of Theology in New Orleans.
- The 2021 Honorary Member Award was presented to Henrik Kehlet, MD, PhD.
- The HOD approved Stanley W. Stead, MD, MBA, FASA as the 2022 Distinguished Service Award recipient. This award will be presented to Dr. Stead at ANESTHESIOLOGY 2023.
- The following officers were elected:
 - Ronald Harter, MD, FASA – President Elect
 - Don Arnold, MD, FASA – First Vice President
 - David Martin, MD, PhD, FASA – Vice President, Scientific Affairs
 - Lois A. Connolly, MD, FACHE, FASA – Vice President, Professional Affairs
 - Kenneth Elmassian, DO, FASA – Secretary
 - Kraig S. de Lanza, MD, FASA – Assistant Secretary
 - James Mesrobian, MD, MBA, FASA – Treasurer
 - Crystal C. Wright, MD, FASA – Assistant Treasurer
 - Patrick Giam, MD, FASA – Speaker, House of Delegates
 - Jeff Jacobs, MD, MBA, FASA – Vice Speaker, House of Delegates
- A gavel exchange was conducted at the conclusion of the HOD, recognizing Randall M. Clark, MD, FASA as ASA's now-Immediate Past President and Michael W. Champeau, MD, FASA being installed as ASA's 2023 President.

A number of action and informational reports were submitted to the House of Delegates at this meeting. The House had an opportunity to provide testimony on these reports during the Administrative Affairs, Professional Affairs, Scientific Affairs, and Finance reference committee hearings. Highlights from House actions on the select reports are noted below.

Administrative Council (AC):

- **Annual Report (300-3):** The HOD approved a proposed statement template and that future Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) efforts will be overseen by the first vice president moving forward; these recommendations will be put before the HOD in October.
- **Revenue Growth Strategy (300-4):** The Board of Directors (BOD) approved \$4M in new Board Designated Funding for the Revenue Growth Strategy. The HOD accepted this report for information.
- **Centers Concept (300-5):** The HOD approved a proposed concept of a Center for Anesthesia and Perioperative Economics and Center for Perioperative Medicine, with each being subject to a five-year review.

Committee on Governance Effectiveness and Efficiencies: Annual Report (340-3)

The HOD approved the creation of an Editorial Board for Perioperative Life Support and an Editorial Board for Anesthesia Toolbox. Mission, composition, and duties language will be implemented in upcoming versions of the Administrative Procedures and Bylaws.

Program Directors Advisory Group: Annual Report (675-2)

The HOD approved the concept and criteria for an ASA Resident Distinction Award, with implementation and oversight of the program to be managed by a committee of the President's choice.

Christine A. Doyle, MD, FASA, et. al.: Policy for Response to Current Events, Media Requests, Calls for Statements and Comments (675-4)

The HOD approved board action to refer to a committee of the President's choice the development of a proposed process for creation of ASA public statements and comments.

Christina M. Menor, MD, MS, FASA, et. al.: Request for 2022 Annual Meeting Accommodation (675-5)

The HOD accepted for information a report that the BOD disapproved recommendations related to additional hybrid or concurrent virtual/online option for participation in the ANESTHESIOLOGY® 2022 and ADVANCE 2023 meetings.

Alyssa M. Burgart, MD, MA, et. al.: Statement re: Dobbs (675-6)

The HOD approved, with amendments, a comment for internal and external messaging in response to the Supreme Court's decision on Dobbs. The comment, titled "[ASA House of Delegates Comment on Dobbs SCOTUS Decision](#)," has been posted at the ASA Newsroom area of the ASA website.

Harriet W. Hopf, MD, FASA, et. al.: Facilitating Virtual Presentations by Speakers for ASA (675-9)

The HOD referred to a committee of the President's choice recommendations related to requests for virtual presentations at ASA meetings and other accessibility options for speakers and attendees at ASA events.

Christine A. Doyle, MD, FASA, et. al.: Selecting Venues for ASA Events and Meetings: Guiding Ethical Principles (675-10)

The HOD referred to a committee of the President's choice recommendations related to ASA meeting venue selection, virtual or hybrid attendance options, and the creation of an ad hoc committee to evaluate such logistics according to principles established by the American Medical Informatics Association and International Medical Interpreters Association.

Committee on Bylaws: Annual Report (336-1)

The HOD approved Bylaws revisions related to calculating a component's number of delegates, dues timing, and composition of the Committee on Executive Compensation.

Committee on Bylaws: Annual Report (336-2)

The HOD approved Bylaws revisions related to a name change for the now-named Committee on Neuroanesthesiology (from Committee on Neuroanesthesia), the now-named Committee on Global Health (from Committee on Global Humanitarian Outreach), and addition of the HOD-approved new Editorial Board for Perioperative Life Support. Please note that the Committee on Bylaws will submit a recommendation to add the HOD-approved Editorial Board for Anesthesia Toolbox within its March 2023 report.

Revised Statements Approved by the BOD

The following revised statements were approved by the HOD:

- *Statement Comparing Anesthesiologist Assistant and Nurse Anesthetist Education and Practice* (Committee on Anesthesia Care Team, 357-2)
- *Statement on Controlled Organ Donation After Circulatory Death* (Committee on Ethics, 406-1)
- *Statement on Granting Privileges for Deep Sedation to Non-Anesthesiologist Physicians* (Committee on Quality Management and Departmental Administration, 411-1)
- *Statement on Sedation and Anesthesia Administration in Dental Office-Based Settings* (Committee on Quality Management and Departmental Administration, 411-1)
- *Statement on Transesophageal Echocardiography* (Committee on Economics, 427-1)



- *Statement on Recommendations for Safe Injection Practices* (Committee on Occupational Health, 512-1)
- *Statement on Surgical Attire* (Committee on Occupational Health, 512-2)
- *Statement on Outcome Indicators for Office-Based and Ambulatory Surgery* (Committee on Ambulatory Surgical Care, 521-2)
- *Statement on the Principles of Critical Care Medicine* (Committee on Critical Care Medicine, 523-1)
- *Statement on Regional Anesthesia* (Committee on Regional Anesthesia and Acute Pain Medicine, 529-1)

New Statements

The HOD approved new statements:

- *Statement on Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants (CAAs): Description and Practice* (Committee on Anesthesiologist Assistant Education and Practice, 359-2)
- *Statement on Safety Culture* (Committee on Patient Safety and Education, 407-1)
- *Statement on Peer Support After Unexpected Outcomes: Treatment of the “Second Victim”* (Committee on Quality Management and Departmental Administration, 411-1)
- *Statement on Intravenous (IV) Fluid Bag Spiking* (Committee on Quality Management and Departmental Administration, 411-2)
- *Statement on Oral Intake During Labor* (Committee on Obstetric Anesthesia, 526-2)
- *Statement on Anesthesiologists’ Role in Reducing Maternal Mortality and Severe Maternal Morbidity* (Committee on Obstetric Anesthesia, 526-2)
- *Statement on Quality Metrics* (Committee on Obstetric Anesthesia, 526-2)

Referred Statements

The HOD approved board action to refer back to the committee of origin the following statement:

- *Guidelines for Expert Witness Qualifications and Testimony* (Submitted by the Texas Society of Anesthesiologists and referred to the Committee on Professional Liability, 645-1)

Sunset Statements

The HOD approved sunsetting the following statements:

- *Statement on Granting Privileges to Non-Anesthesiologist Physicians for Personally Administering or Supervising Deep Sedation* (Committee on Quality Management and Departmental Administration, 411-1)
- *Statement on Developing Policy for Infection Prevention Related to Surgical Attire* (411-1)

New Practice Guidelines

The HOD approved new practice guidelines that will be published in *Anesthesiology* in 2023:

- *2023 American Society of Anesthesiologists Practice Guidelines for Preoperative Fasting: Carbohydrate-Containing Clear Liquids with or without Protein, Chewing Gum, and Pediatric Fasting Duration* (Committee on Practice Parameters, 409-2)
- *2023 American Society of Anesthesiologists Practice Guidelines for Neuromuscular Blockade Monitoring and Reversal: A Report by the American Society of Anesthesiologists Task Force on Neuromuscular Blockade* (Committee on Practice Parameters, 409-2)

Five-Year Section Reviews:

- Section on Representation: 5-Year Review (355-1): The HOD approved the continuation of all committees within the section.



Additional Reports

- The **Texas Society of Anesthesiologists (645-1)** submitted a resolution that asked ASA to review and make recommendations to the American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA). The resolution recommended “that the ASA HOD maintain that structural changes to the ABA need to be made regarding the geographical representation and practice setting of its directors.” And recommended that “procedural changes need to be made to the MOCA process...” to help support ABA as the “entity best suited to determine ongoing proficiency and expertise for its diplomates who are members of the ASA.” The HOD approved board action for referral to a committee of the president’s choice.
- **Committee on Academic Anesthesiology, et. al, (426-1)**: The HOD approved that ASA establish an ad hoc committee to investigate harassment of anesthesiologists within all practice settings to make a report to the 2023 House of Delegates, which will include recommendations and an ASA statement on the prevention and mitigation of harassment of anesthesiologists.
- **Committee on Quality Management and Departmental Administration (QMDA) (411-1)**: The HOD approved a recommendation that the Committee on Occupational Health (COOH) work with QMDA to amend COOH’s Guidelines for Surgical Attire to include portions of the Statement on Developing Policy for Infection Prevention Related to Surgical Attire.
- **Report 675-7**. The BOD and HOD considered recommendations to introduce legislation to have medical licensure bodies, accrediting organizations, and medical specialty boards change all new and renewal state medical licensure applications and mandate institutional privilege applications and medical specialty boards to change all inquiries of a physician’s mental or physical health impairment to the following: “Do you have a medical condition that currently impairs your ability to practice medicine?” The HOD approved board action of disapproval of these recommendations, noting in a comment that similar policy was passed through the American Medical Association, as this issue affects the entire House of Medicine and that ongoing efforts should be directed through state component societies and the Federation of State Medical Boards.