



State Specialty Society Representation in State Medical Societies

Response Rate

Surveys Distributed	50
Surveys Returned	25
Response Rate	50%

House of Delegates

Does your association have specialty society representation in your House of Delegates?

Yes*	16	64%
No	9	36%
Total	25	100%

*Note: The Montana Medical Association no longer has a House of Delegates, but rather a Board of Trustees, comprised of a representative of each local medical society (16); each specialty society with a seat in the AMA House; one past president; and the 14 members of the association's Executive Committee. For the purpose of this survey, its Board of Trustees was considered both the House of Delegates and the Governing Board.

Percentage of House of Delegates' seats held by specialty societies:

(13 Respondents)

Maximum	58%
Minimum	5%
Average	16%

Please explain your method of selecting state specialty representatives.

Iowa Medical Society: Each representative group is invited to employ its own processes and identify a medical society member to serve in our HOD.
Nebraska Medical Association: Recognized specialty societies manage or are active in the state.
Louisiana State Medical Society: One delegate or one alternate from each active statewide specialty society organization with: an established constitution and bylaws; a slate of periodically elected officers; that holds periodic meetings; and, represents a medical specialty for which there is a national examining board, as listed in the Directory of Graduate Medical Education Programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. These specialty society delegates and alternates must be confirmed by the Board of Governors on an annual basis.
Tennessee Medical Association: Each specialty society is eligible to elect delegates based on how many of its members are members of the Tennessee Medical Association. I think it is one for every 100.
Oregon Medical Association: One representative from each specialty society (recognized by the Board of Trustees or the House of Delegates) is entitled to representation in the House. Each society elects its own representative.
Med Chi, the Maryland State Medical Society: The specialty group must have at least 50% paid members of the state medical society, or a minimum of 100 members
Minnesota Medical Association: Specialties can petition for new delegate seats (no new petitions have been received for many years). Once granted they are grandfathered.
Connecticut State Medical Society: Each state specialty society gets one official voting delegate. The voting delegate must be a member in good standing of the state medical society.
Texas Medical Association: Specialty societies may qualify for representation in House of Delegates by satisfying a set of criteria as stated in Texas Medical Association bylaws. The society applies to the Board of Trustees and the board makes a recommendation to the House of Delegates after assuring the society has met the criteria.
Utah Medical Association: The specialty society selects their representative to attend the house of delegates
Michigan State Medical Society: Each recognized specialty society is entitled to send a delegate and alternate delegate of its choosing. To be recognized by the Michigan State Medical Society House of Delegates, a specialty society must be a statewide organization at least five years old, have 25 or more active physician members of whom 50 or 50 percent or more maintain their membership in MSMS, and must request recognition from the MSMS House through the MSMS Board of Directors.
Medical Association of Georgia: One per recognized specialty society (recognized by our Board of Directors) plus one additional for each additional 50 members (all have to be members of the Medical Association of Georgia).

Governing Boards

Does your association have specialty society representation on your governing board?

Yes	3	14%
No	19	86%
Total	22	100%

Percentage of governing board seats held by specialty societies:

(3 Respondents)

Maximum	51%
Minimum	6%
Average	28%

Please explain your method of selecting state specialty representatives.

Med Chi, the Maryland State Medical Society: House of Delegates selects

Rhode Island Medical Society: We accept any representative the specialty organization wants to send us, so long as the person is a member of our organization too.

Impact of Specialty Societies on Membership

Do you believe specialty society representation has:

Increased membership in your association:	5	26%
Maintained membership in your association:	6	32%
Decreased membership in your association:	1	5%
Had no effect on membership in your association:	7	37%
Total	19	100%

Comments

Texas Medical Association has historically had a strong membership base. Specialty society delegates and alternates also serve on TMA's Interspecialty Society Committee. Through the committee, the specialties have a forum to connect directly with TMA's Board of Trustees and Council on Legislation and like that value.

1) We (Rhode Island) have no House of Delegates. Our "board" (Council) is the supreme body.

2) Our membership growth is flat but would have declined.

Utah Medical Association: In order to have a representative 50% of their members need to be members of the State society

Michigan State Medical Society: We have done many joint membership marketing campaigns to help a specialty society maintain its eligibility.

Past President Events

Do you have functions -- formal or casual -- for your former presidents?

(not for immediate past presidents).

Yes	15	68%
No	7	32%
Total	22	100%

Comments

Iowa Medical Society: A Past Presidents Reception is held just prior to our general reception, which is just prior to our HOD annual banquet.
Nebraska Medical Association: A Past Presidents Reception is held prior to HOD; nice event, minimal turnout.
Montana Medical Association: A representative of the past presidents has a seat on the Board.
Tennessee Medical Association: We have a breakfast for former presidents each year at annual meeting.
Louisiana State Medical Association: Until the last couple of years, we had a Past Presidents Dinner at a local restaurant the night before the House of Delegates convened at our annual meeting. The meal was arranged and paid for by the Society. However, this year, due to increased costs, the Budget and Finance Committee changed the dinner to one for which the past presidents pay. We still arrange it for them but the cost is then split among the attendees. Needless to say, it has created a firestorm of grumbling!
Oregon Medical Association: We began an annual luncheon for all past presidents at our Interim Meeting with the immediate past president as the host. Well attended and discussions are lively!
Alaska State Medical Society: Past presidents serve on the Nominating Committee for open BOT seats.
Hawaii Medical Association: We recognize our past presidents during our annual inaugural program.
South Carolina Medical Association: President's breakfast at the Annual Meeting. Once was well attended but has dropped off in the last 5 to 7 years.
Connecticut State Medical Society: Until recently, all former presidents who still sat on the board were members of the Finance Committee; this has changed.
Texas Medical Association: At our annual meeting in the spring, there is a Past Presidents Luncheon. The current president presides at the lunch and highlights issues the House of Delegates is considering at that meeting.
Rhode Island Medical Society: Formally, immediate past presidents serve on the Executive Committee and also chair our 501(c)(3); also, our three most recent past presidents sit on the Council ("board").
Utah Medical Association: Occasionally we will have a meeting of past presidents to discuss policy issues and draw on their experience.
Michigan State Medical Association: We hold an annual Past Presidents Reception just prior to the installation banquet of the new president at our House of Delegates meeting. Champagne and hor d'ourves for about 45 minutes. The "new" Immediate Past President presents the physician who has served the past year as Immediate Past President with a gold and enamel "MSMS Past President" lapel pin and a small token gift, often a contribution to a favorite charity. It is very elegant and very exclusive and very popular and well-attended by our past presidents and their spouses and only very senior staff. At MSMS, all past presidents also are automatically members of the MSMS Board of Directors' Conflict of Interest Committee that reviews and make recommendations on any potential conflicts of interests of Board members. Since its inception about 15 years ago, nothing has been found to be in conflict.
Missouri State Medical Association: We have a small reception for our past presidents and 50-year members at our Annual Convention.