

House of Delegates

November Virtual House of Delegates
October 10, 2018

Mark Your Calendars for November 9-16!

Thank you again for serving in the June House of Delegates meetings in Denver. I would like to share with you some details about the upcoming ASHP Virtual House of Delegates in November. The virtual House may be conducted twice annually, in November and March, so that delegates can take action on timely or urgent policy recommendations through online voting, without having to wait until June every year.



Casey White, Chair
ASHP House of Delegates

Virtual House of Delegates Overview

Delegates will be contacted via email. Beginning with this message, I will reach out to delegates who may be eligible to vote in the November virtual House of Delegates. State delegates who cannot serve are asked to [contact their state affiliate](#) to request that an alternate be appointed. Fraternal delegates as well as section and forum representatives who cannot serve should [contact ASHP](#) to arrange for an alternate.

Policy recommendation to be posted in October. The Board of Directors approved a policy recommendation from the Council on Therapeutics at its September 28 meeting. It will be posted to the ASHP [House of Delegates website](#) and ASHP Connect [House of Delegates community](#) later this month. I will send an email message at that time, alerting delegates to the posting.

Delegates will debate the policy recommendation on Connect. Delegates are encouraged to debate the merits of the policy recommendation on [ASHP Connect](#). Due to the constraints of online voting, **no amendments may be made** to the policy recommendation during the virtual House of Delegates.

Delegates will vote on the policy recommendation online. In early November, delegates will receive another email message with detailed instructions for secure online voting, which will take place over the week of **November 9-16**. Delegates are encouraged to vote against the recommendation if they strongly feel it should be amended. Policy recommendations approved by $\geq 85\%$ of delegates become ASHP policy. Any policy not reaching that level of consensus will be presented to the House of Delegates in June.

What Does This Mean for Me?

- If you are a state delegate who will **not** be able to serve for the November session, please [contact your state affiliate](#) so an alternate can be appointed. (Other delegates who cannot serve should contact ASHP.)
- Watch for an email message in later this month alerting you to the policy recommendation under consideration and for another in early November with details about how to vote.
- Review the answers to [frequently asked questions](#) to learn more about the virtual House of Delegates.

Plan Now for Affiliate Outreach at Spring Annual Meetings

Delegates will be receiving additional policy recommendations from ASHP's policy councils after the ASHP Board of Directors meeting in January 2019. All delegates are responsible for collecting input on these policy recommendations from ASHP members in their state. Delegates then share this feedback at Regional Delegate Conferences, on ASHP Connect, and the at June House meetings. An excellent place to collect this member input is at your state organization's annual meeting, especially if it occurs between January and May. This opportunity for discussion and debate at the state affiliate level will undoubtedly provide for a greater level of involvement from your constituents and help guide your thinking as you prepare to cast your votes at the June 2019 House of Delegates meeting. Planning is likely underway for these spring meetings, so contact your state affiliate's education or meeting planning committees to get a policy session on the agenda.

Thank you again for your commitment to the ASHP policy process.

Sincerely,



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This message is intended for delegates and alternate delegates, past presidents, Board members, and others with an interest in the ASHP House of Delegates. If you have any questions about why you received this message, please contact your state affiliate or ASHP.