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## ISMS Annual Meeting Now Open to All Members and Year-Round Resolutions

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The Illinois State Medical Society is updating our organization to better represent the physicians of our state. At the 2018 annual meeting, an ISMS three-year pilot plan gained approval. It calls for these revisions, now being rolled out:

### **We've redesigned the ISMS annual meeting**

to convene more members' voices on key issues. All members can attend and participate in the debates.

- The 2019 ISMS annual meeting will feature expert speakers on key issues, the opportunity for dialogue and debate, optional social activities and a session to conduct organizational business.
- All ISMS members and even non-members (for a fee) are welcome at the meeting. Only members are eligible to vote in the ISMS business session; non-members are encouraged to voice their opinions, per subject area, at the Speaker and the Vice Speaker's discretion.
- **Plan to attend the *new* ISMS annual meeting, April 5-7, 2019 in Peoria!** More information will be forthcoming later this year.



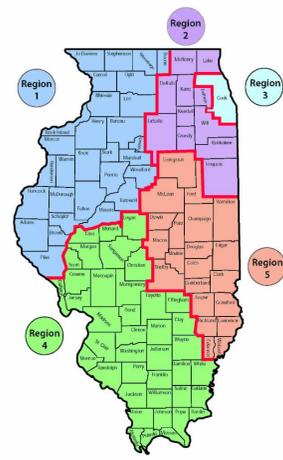
**ISMS will now accept and act on resolutions year-round**, rather than just during a limited time frame.

- **The Board will accept resolution submissions at any time of the year** and quickly refer them to ISMS councils for consideration and recommendation. Current issues will receive more timely attention and action. The Board will act on resolutions in the interim between annual meetings; however, ISMS members will weigh in at the annual meeting's business session where any specific resolution may be extracted for further debate.
- Any ISMS member is eligible to submit a resolution.
- If you'd like your resolution to be processed in time for the 2019 annual meeting, please submit it no later than **January 15, 2019**. This will give time for an ISMS council to consider it, and for the Board to present it at the annual meeting in early April.
- Here's the streamlined five-step process:
  1. Introduce your resolution by sending it to [hod@isms.org](mailto:hod@isms.org).
  2. The Board Chair assigns your resolution to an ISMS council for review/recommendation.
  3. An ISMS council reviews the resolution and invites the author(s) to give input. ISMS members may also submit comments.
  4. ISMS Board considers and acts upon the council's recommendation.
  5. Board action on resolution is placed on the consent calendar for review at the annual meeting. Any action may be extracted by members for debate.

**ISMS and county medical society memberships are now independent** and in some instances, separately billed.

- In 2018, the county medical society remains the local organizational unit. In future years, it will develop into a "regional" presence and billing entity.
- More information has been sent directly to county medical societies, outlining the billing process for 2019.
- If you have specific questions about your 2019 dues invoice, please contact our membership experts at 800-782-4767 or email [membership@isms.org](mailto:membership@isms.org).

**ISMS Board composition and regional representation is undergoing change** to encourage diversity, as reflected in today's physician population.



- A new regional map replaces our outdated trustee district model. Five regions across Illinois are being phased in, with a single trustee elected from each regional area. Here's the [new map](#).
- Current trustees will serve out the remainder of their terms. (For questions, send an email to [hod@isms.org](mailto:hod@isms.org).)
- ISMS stands ready to help each region build a structure and strengthen the bonds between the communities each region represents.
- New regions must work together to design a local dues structure, member programming and activities. Active county medical societies within each region can help mobilize other, more dormant county societies. ISMS can help with this.
- Five additional undesignated, at-large Board seats are now available for ISMS members. These could include physicians from various specialty societies, academic centers, groups and other practice situations. Each and every region should explore the physician leadership talent in their respective areas, with the goal of bringing new voices to ISMS and to their own regional leadership.
- More specific information on the nominating process will be forthcoming very soon, when ISMS begins to accept applicants for 2019 officer, regional trustee and undesignated Board positions.

*This is the second in a series of alerts that describe how ISMS is changing to better represent you, our member, and the Illinois medical profession. Please do not hesitate to be in touch with any questions at [DrRCAnderson@isms.org](mailto:DrRCAnderson@isms.org).*

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