



# Interested in Representing the SPDDS at the 2020 MDA House of Delegates Meeting?

*Below is a listing of information about the event, and what the commitment entails.*

## WHAT IS THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES?

The House of Delegates, as the legislative and governing body, is the supreme authority in the Minnesota Dental Association. As such, it speaks for the members of the Association and for the dental profession in Minnesota.

The official certified delegates of each component [district society](#) and the [elective officers](#) of this Association are the House of Delegates. The members of the House of Delegates have the duty to consider not only the wishes of their component societies and their geographical regions, but also the welfare of the Minnesota Dental Association, the dental profession as a whole, and the health of the public.

Delegates to the MDA House of Delegates determine the fate of proposals submitted by MDA committees, the MDA Board of Trustees, and MDA officers. The proposals, called “[resolutions](#),” each cover a different topic or issue. The purpose of a resolution is to establish MDA policy, call for action by the MDA, or amend [MDA Bylaws](#). Additional resolutions may yet be proposed by district dental societies or by individual delegates.

## HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING

Delegates discuss the resolutions in district caucuses in advance of the House of Delegates meeting. At the House of Delegates meeting, delegates break into small discussion groups to share insights into the resolutions. Following the discussion groups, two “reference committees” officially hear testimony about the resolutions. Delegates listen to the testimony and, if they wish, provide testimony on resolutions of interest.

Following the open reference committee hearings, the reference committee members meet privately to determine their recommendations for each resolution. Delegates will later vote on, and perhaps amend, the recommendations of the two reference committees.

The resolutions of the House set direction for the MDA. The participation of delegates from around the state is critical to charting the future work of the MDA. MDA members who are delegates to the House are empowered to make decisions about the future and the direction of the MDA; if they do their job well, dentistry in Minnesota and the MDA will have an inspired future.

## 2020 MEETING DETAILS

SPDDS Delegates are asked to attend TWO meetings: a caucus meeting (typically held 1-3 weeks prior to the MDA House of Delegates Meeting), as well as the House of Delegates Meeting. The caucus meeting is used to review everything that will be discussed at the House of Delegates meeting and is a great way for the delegation to review and discuss the policies before attending.

### 2020 SPDDS Caucus Meeting:

**Date:** Tuesday, September 8, 2020

**Timing:** 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. (approximate). Dinner will be served.

**Location:** SPDDS/MDA Offices

1335 Industrial Boulevard

Minneapolis, MN 55413

### 2020 House of Delegates Meeting:

**Dates:** Thursday, September 24 and Friday, September 25, 2020 (see timing below)

**Location:** Bloomington, MN

2019 MDA House of Delegates Schedule - <i>subject to change</i>		
Thursday, September 24, 2020		
Time	Meeting	Who attends?
2:30pm - 6:00pm	Reference Committees Meet	SPDDS President & President-Elect
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Reception	All Delegates
Friday, September 25, 2020		
Time	Meeting	Who attends?
7:00am - 5:00pm	House of Delegates meetings	All Delegates

## Interested?

Contact Jacquie Durant at the SPDDS Office to indicate your interest.

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