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On Sunday, June 14, the Indiana State Medical Association Board of Trustees unanimously made the difficult decision to cancel the face-to-face meeting of the 2020 House of Delegates (the House), which was to take place this September in the Indianapolis area.

After carefully considering the ongoing and likely future impacts of COVID-19 on Hoosier physicians and their practices, the board determined that the health and safety of our members, their families and their patients is paramount during this unprecedented year. Instead, we will convene a limited virtual meeting of the House to conduct essential business and transition leadership.

The ISMA Board of Trustees also decided to not hold district meetings in 2020, which would have occurred this spring and summer. Instead, pursuant to the bylaws, ISMA will conduct electronic elections for each district to elect their district president, trustee and alternate trustee as needed.

Your board will work with the management team to design the virtual annual meeting and district elections. Additional information will be provided as more details become available. It is our goal to keep you informed with as much notice as possible.

Although policymaking will not occur at this year's limited annual meeting, your board stands ready to address policy issues as they arise and report back to the House when appropriate. As the current pandemic situation continues to evolve, ISMA's physician leaders and staff will be working very hard to ensure that the needs of our members are being met. Your voice is important, now more than ever. Please share any urgent pandemic advocacy or other issues with your board trustees for consideration on behalf of your fellow physicians and their patients.

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