



To be read by the Reference Committee Chair at the beginning of each reference committee:

Good afternoon! My name is **Dr. John Ropp** and I am the Chair for Reference Committee C, the reference committee on **Public and Occupational Health**. Serving with me today are **Drs. Michael Bryant, Tanya Tang, Wesley Frierson, Ryan Garbalosa** and **Amanda Davis**. Thank you for joining us today.

The purpose of a reference committee, for those of you who may be new to the meeting, is to provide a time for information-giving and then to take that information to the House of Delegates in the form of a recommendation outlining an appropriate course of action on each proposal which has been referred to the committee. However, there is a protocol outlining the structure of reference committees to which we will adhere today. You may access these procedures online as well at www.scmmedical.org/am23.

The reference committee will begin discussion on the reports, followed by the resolutions. The procedures are as follows:

- I will read the number and title of the report or resolution and then ask the members who wish to make a comment to advance to the designated speaking location.
- The author of the resolution will be permitted to speak first.
- Members who wish to speak should only address the reference committee and not the audience by facing the reference committee at the front of the room.
- Members who wish to speak should (1) state your name, (2) who you are speaking on behalf of (yourself, county, society, section) and (3) if you are “for” or “against” the resolution.
- The audience will listen to these comments but will not initiate dialogue with either the reference committee or with the commentator.
- I may require that comments be limited to time (e.g., three minutes). Once stated by the Chair it must be adhered to for all comments moving forward.
- There should be no dialogue whatsoever from the audience without first being recognized or among the audience at any point in this reference committee meeting.

Once again, welcome to the reference committee and let's begin.