

MOTION: Replace the current yearly Conference Business Meeting schedule with a new yearly schedule consisting of the existing 2-day ABC plus two additional 1-day Conference Business Meetings, each with a duration of 6 to 8 hours.

BACKGROUND:

- FINDING 1: The current Conference meeting schedule is neither functional nor sustainable. Three months between meetings on an ongoing basis does not allow sufficient time for adequate preparation, and it is causing burnout among Conference meeting organizers and support staff.
- FINDING 2: The meeting lengths of QDMs also are not functional or sustainable. Four hours is not enough time to allow for delegate voting, the introduction of new business, and interactive discussion, such as in breakout rooms, something many Delegates have clearly indicated is desirable. The current cap on meeting length also greatly complicates QDM planning.
- RECOMMENDATION: Reduce the total number of delegate meetings each year but extend their length as needed to enable informed delegate discussion and effective decision-making.