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ST. LOUIS PARK PHYSICIAN ELECTED MMA SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

MINNEAPOLIS —The Minnesota Medical Association has elected John W. Larsen, M.D., as speaker of the House of Delegates. The MMA is a professional organization representing about 10,000 physicians, fellows, residents, and medical students in Minnesota. The election was held September 15 in Minneapolis during the MMA's 153rd Annual Meeting.

Dr. Larsen, who is board certified in otolaryngology, is in active practice at Minnesota Otolaryngology, P.A., in St. Louis Park, Chaska, and Waconia, and has served as its president since 1979. He is currently a clinical associate professor at the University of Minnesota and an investigator for the Multispecialties Investigator Network at Chanhassen Medical Center Research.

The speaker of the House presides over all meetings of the MMA House of Delegates and designates the official parliamentary procedure to govern the actions of the House and the assignment of items to be considered by any reference committees.

Dr. Larsen has been a member of the MMA Executive Committee and has been a delegate to the MMA House of Delegates since 1991. He was elected a West Metro trustee in 1994. Dr. Larsen has been a member of the MMA and Hennepin Medical Society since 1979 and has served on the HMS credentials committee. He is the immediate past vice speaker of the MMA House of Delegates.