

## 2020 APS Annual Meeting highlights

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In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the AMA Board of Trustees invoked the AMA's emergency bylaws and suspended the 2020 Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates (HOD). This decision was grounded in the recognition that AMA must focus its efforts on helping physicians respond at the local level during this extraordinarily challenging time. The Board of Trustees called a virtual special meeting of the HOD on June 7 to conduct essential business of the organization.

Similarly, the Academic Physicians Section (APS) held a limited virtual annual meeting on June 5 to conduct governing council elections.

### APS Governing Council elections

For the section's nine-member leadership body, the nominations committee proposed candidates for six open positions:

- Chair elect: Khanh-Van T. Le-Bucklin, MD
- Delegate: Alma B. Littles, MD
- Alternate delegate: Suzanne M. Allen, MD, MPH
- Member-at-large: June-Anne Gold, MD, MBBS, Mark Meyer, MD, Charles Kent Smith, MD

As no nominations were received from the floor during the virtual meeting, the slate of candidates was elected by affirmation.

Rounding out the 2020-2021 governing council are:

- Chair: Gary M. Gaddis, MD, PhD, FAAEM, FACEP
- Immediate past chair: Jose Manuel de la Rosa, MD
- Liaison to the Council on Medical Education: Cynda Ann Johnson, MD, MBA

### Additional meeting actions

APS members were invited to apply for service on a newly developed medical education committee, to assist with developing continuing medical education sessions for the APS. If interested, contact [fred.lenhoff@ama-assn.org](mailto:fred.lenhoff@ama-assn.org). After the meeting concluded, APS also participated in interviews of



candidates for the AMA Board of Trustees, alongside the International Medical Graduates Section (IMGS) and Minority Affairs Section (MAS).

The APS meeting was led by then Chair Dr. de la Rosa. Reflecting on the event, and his past year as chair, he said, “Despite the many challenges presented by the pandemic, the AMA-APS successfully held its annual meeting, to ensure a seamless transfer of leadership and the election of new governing council members. I have been proud to serve the AMA and the AMA-APS as chair in 2019-2020, representing my fellow academic physicians and medical educators nationwide. We will continue to balance the important roles of service to our patients, education of the future generation of physicians and service to the AMA-APS to ensure its continued relevance to the AMA and its mission to promote the art and science of medicine and the betterment of public health.”

The next meeting of the APS is scheduled for Nov. 13-14 in San Diego.