The Minority Affairs Section Interim Meeting Highlights

The Minority Affairs Section (MAS) began its meeting with a visit to T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Virginia as part of its Doctors Back to School program. Ten volunteer physicians and medical students rotated biology classes for 9th graders to encourage 100 students of color to consider careers in medicine, and to educate them about the need and community benefits of workforce diversity in healthcare professions.

The MAS business meeting included a discussion regarding the impact on pending resolutions before the AMA House of Delegates on minority health. In addition, they hosted a panel discussion among women physicians of color who address workforce diversity through non-clinical organizations. The panel was moderated by MAS Governing Council Chair Tyeese Gaines, DO and included two panelists: Renee Darko, DO, MBA, founder and president of Pre-med Solutions, Inc. and Bonnie Simpson Mason, MD, founder and CEO of Nth Dimensions.

MAS also sponsored a resolution submitted to the House of Delegates asking the AMA to support the nine qualifications set forth by the Association of American Indian Physicians in the selection of a director of the Indian Health Service. The Indian Health Service is a federal agency with a multi-billion-dollar budget that provides health care to American Indian and Alaska Native members of federally recognized Tribes.