

Daniel Lee - Candidate for Vice Speaker

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Rijul Asri (Vice Speaker): On behalf of your Governing Council, your Speakers would like to present Daniel Lee as a candidate for the position of Vice Speaker for consideration to the MSS. We would like to thank the candidate for their time.

Jay Llaniguez (Speaker) : We would now like to invite Daniel Lee to deliver up to a three-minute speech addressing the MSS assembly, herein represented by members of your Governing Council. Your time will begin when you begin speaking. We will provide a visual cue when 30 seconds are remaining, and then a verbal-visual cue when ten seconds are remaining. You may begin whenever you are ready.

Daniel Lee: Hello everyone, my name is Daniel Lee and I'm looking to serve our MSS as Vice Speaker. First off, I hope everyone is staying safe during these times. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all of us in many ways and I'm glad you're staying informed and trying to make change through the AMA. Just a little bit about me. I first joined the AMA two short years ago when I was amazed about all the opportunities to get involved and make a difference as a medical student. I began my involvement through the resolution process working on a resolution advocating for standardized addiction treatment facilities for those with substance use disorder. I quickly became more interested in working within the MSS. Within the past year, I joined the House Coordination Committee, I was on the I-19 reference committee, and I was elected as region 4 alternate delegate. Even more recently, I co-authored a letter with fellow MSS members to the Board of Trustees about the healthcare concerns around immigrant detention centers in COVID-19. I have also had the pleasure to be nominated by the AMA Board of Trustees to serve on the National Residency Match Program Board of Directors. That said, I bring an intimate understanding of how our AMA MSS functions, especially when it comes to advocacy and the resolution process and as your Vice Speaker, I have many plans to expedite your advocacy. With the cancellation of the meeting this June, it will be important to be sure that all of our advocacy items will be heard. I know how much work goes into making and reviewing these items so it is important that we as our section do our due diligence to make sure these items are seen through the process. That's why I plan to work with our AMA to expand committees, such as RefCom, streamline our meeting education tools such as the parliamentary procedure and seek to limit debate on less controversial items. That's not all, I have other plans as well, such as improving the quality of our programming so that medical students can learn about issues most important to them. Finally, I want to make sure all members know, new and old, I want everyone to know that I am willing to help as much as possible to make sure your expanse within our AMA-MSS is the best that it can be. That said, I look forward to serving you as Vice Speaker and I hope I can have your vote in the election to come. Once again, stay safe and stay involved.

Rijul Asri (Vice Speaker): Thank you, Daniel. As per our IOPs and A-20 Speakers' Ruling, we will now ask you two questions, and you will have one minute to respond to each of them. Your time will begin when you begin speaking, or ten seconds after the question is read. We will provide a visual cue when 20 seconds are remaining, and then a verbal-visual cue when ten seconds are remaining.

Jay Llaniguez (Speaker) : Your first question is:

This upcoming special meeting is truly unprecedented for the MSS, and has pointed out a lot of our strengths and weaknesses as a section. In particular, it has highlighted the need for technological innovation to maintain MSS activities. What ideas do you have to improve how we conduct MSS business virtually?

Daniel Lee: That's a great question. Um, I think a lot of the stuff we already do is virtual, so most of the committees meet online through Zoom meetings and I think, you know, can be done that way very easily. We can have a speaker and the people who want to attend Zoom meetings for these. Um, programming items. As for resolution business, I find that's going to be a little bit more difficult to manage, but it can still work as long as we organize a way that can.. where people who have opinions on resolutions can still speak up. But We also have to have a system to make sure, you know, voting is uh... accurate and um.. Yeah that it's accurate.

Jay Llaniguez (Speaker): Thank you, Daniel. Your second question is:

The volume of resolutions at MSS meetings can vary, but is usually very high. Through the parliamentary process, the role of the Speaker is to empower the introduction of new ideas while also ensuring a substantive discussion for each item of business. How would you approach better achieving this balance?

Daniel Lee: That's a great question and like I said in um.. With the upcoming meeting or the interim meeting that we hope to have, I'm going to seek to limit debate on less controversial items and that's to make sure items that have substantive, uh, you know, debate around them, you know, things like abortion, um, you know, medicare for all. Issues that are very important to the MSS that are highly contested, they can have time to debate those issues while we move forward, move through resolutions that are less, um, contentious. And through that way, we can have everyone's advocacy item heard, while still having debate on the topics that matter the most to the MSS.

Rijul Asri (Vice Speaker): Thank you, Daniel. With this, we would like to conclude this candidate interview for the position of Vice Speaker. We would like to thank the candidate for their time and dedication, and wish them the best of luck with the remainder of the campaign process.

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