

Dory Askins - Candidate for Vice Chair

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

Jay Llaniguez (Speaker) : We would now like to invite Dory Askins 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.

Dory Askins: Good afternoon everyone. If I have not had the privilege to meet you yet. My name is Dory Askins and I am running to serve as the next Vice Chair of the AMA Medical Student Section. I am so humbled and honored to be speaking with you today. A little bit about me. I'm a rising fourth year at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville and I've been involved in the AMA since my first year of medical school. I'm so incredibly thankful for all the wonderful people that I've been able to meet. Serving as your next Vice Chair would give me a platform from which I could help medical students find their niche and thrive within the AMA. Standing Committees are one of our most valuable assets in the MSS. They help grow and launch leaders within our organization. They are often the entry point for student involvement in the AMA and they have the ability to inspire and empower new leaders. It is so important that students entering organized medicine have the guidance and support they might need as they navigate the myriad of ways to be involved. I think that I can directly offer that support while creating new opportunities because of my robust experience across national, regional, and local organized medicine. As your next Vice Chair, I will have three main priorities. Communication, Collaboration, and Connection. With regard to communication, I will make AMA opportunities more accessible to standing committees and AMA-MSS members. I will help build resources to highlight the hard work of our Standing Committees and help institutional memory. My hope is that this will make Standing Committees more accessible and more recognized by students across the country. With regards to Collaboration, I will reach across institutional silos to partner within our MSS and across the AMA as a whole. I plan on connection with the HOD through mentorship programs and mixers that enhance our ability to network with the AMA physicians. I will connect with other MSS leaders to facilitate better communication and growth within our section. Finally, with regard to connection, I will think creatively about the Vice Chair's role in facilitating unique experiences for our entire MSS. I plan on leveraging social media to promote novel experiences, improve in-person programming at our national meetings and formalize our ways for production and recognition of scholarly work within the MSS. Thank you for your time and attention and please reach out to me any time with any questions, comments, concerns and ideas.

Rijul Asri (Vice Speaker): Thank you, Dory. 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:

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the need for standing committees to be in close communication with our MSS members who may be working on similar initiatives independently, for example the committee on medical education with various independent COVID CME groups. What are your plans on strengthening committee ties with the greater MSS community to facilitate more effective collaboration?

Dory Askins: Absolutely, that's a great question. So I think that's one of the most, big and exciting things I've been running on with my platform. So, that would involve something that my predecessors have been working on as well, just getting everything that the standing committees are doing in one spot. So something like a centralized Standing Committee page and I think attack that from both an internal, like one spot, and external so something that's available to the public so some sort of Standing Committee webpage that everyone can see what the Standing Committees are working on. And also an internal so that they can work together on something like maybe putting them all on teams. Something like that. So I think just essentially having everyone in one spot will help increase our communication and how to help everyone know what everyone else is working on and reduce the redundancy.

Jay Llaniguez (Speaker): Great, thank you very much. Your second question is:

The Center for Health Equity, led by Dr. Aletha Maybank, is a newly formed Business Unit in the AMA. How will you prioritize equity in your work with the standing committees?

Dory Askins: That's a great question as well. Um, I think it's kind of very important that we have all of our regions represented on our Standing Committees. Sometimes we have an abundance of a certain region in certain standing committees and vice versa. I think that it's like very important that the Vice Chair is working on getting communication, standardized communication, out about Standing Committee recruitment with each of the Regions equally and making sure to be following up with the information that is shared. Um and then reaching out personally to each of the regions and saying, you know, these are the applications that are open, do you have any questions, these are the people you need to reach out to and kind of survey. That kind of bridge between the Standing Committees and the Regions. And making sure we do have Standing Committees with representation from all the Regions, so I think that's very important.

Candidate Response.

Rijul Asri (Vice Speaker): Thank you, Dory. With this, we would like to conclude this candidate interview for the position of Vice Chair. 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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