

## **Justin Magrath - Candidate for Delegate**

### **Speech Transcript:**

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

**Jay Llaniguez (Speaker):** We would now like to invite [Candidate Name] 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.

### **Justin Magrath:**

Hello everyone, my name is Justin Magrath and I would like to be your next Section Delegate. The aspect of the AMA that has always most inspired me is the ability of the AMA to amplify one's voice: to turn a small and unfamiliar idea into a nationwide movement. As medical students, we are the dreamers and the innovators. We believe that everyone has the right to high quality healthcare. We believe that policy should be based on evidence, rather than opinion. We believe the AMA should be an advocate for our patients as well as for physicians. As the leader of the resolution writing process and the Chair of the MSS caucus, the Section Delegate plays a crucial role in amplifying the voice of our section. I want to be your section delegate because I believe I have the experience, the passion, and the plan to make our vision a reality.

As a two-term regional delegate to the AMA, an HCC member, and an author of 13 resolutions, I have developed a thorough understanding of the resolution writing process. I know what works and what needs improved. As the Parliamentary Procedure Chair, I know how to use the rules of the house to our advantage. As the Chair of the Louisiana Medical Student Section, I helped transform our section from a group that authored one resolution that was not adopted to a section that authored 11 resolutions, all of which were either adopted or adopted as amended. For the sake of our patients, I helped bring forward historically progressive ideas to a deeply conservative delegation, and formed coalitions that passed MSS-led resolutions on climate change, gun control, and LGBTQ health.

As your Section Delegate, I will strive to promote High Quality Resolution Writing, Passionate Policy Promotion, and Enhanced Section Engagement.

To improve the quality of our resolutions, I will revamp the MSS Resolution Writing Guide to give all students the resources they need. Further, I will utilize a python script I created as Region 3 chair to assign resolution reviews based on knowledge and interest. I believe this will

improve the quality of the feedback we provide to authors and ultimately the quality of our resolutions.

With no resolutions being considered at the annual meeting, many authors may be wondering what will happen to the resolutions that they have already submitted. My resolution recovery plan will create a one-step submission process for previously submitted resolutions to avoid unnecessary repetition and will put mechanisms in place to decrease the load on our reviewers.

To promote our policies at the AMA House of Delegates, I will strengthen our relationships with specialty societies and create a policy pipeline to build a foundation of support from state societies. Under the policy pipeline we will first identify MSS priorities based on upcoming resolutions and reports. Second, we will garner state support by creating template resolutions and working with state MSS leaders to pass these resolutions in their state societies. Finally, we will amplify our voice at the AMA House of Delegates by collaborating with these states to pass impactful policy.

As medical students, I believe our job is to start the conversation, to bring to light new perspectives and emerging technologies that will impact the medical profession, to work to create a healthcare system in which we as future physicians would like to practice. Through collaborations and testimony that are strategic, respectful, and passionate, we can gradually change both individual minds and institutional policies. Thank you.

**Rijul Asri (Vice Speaker):** Thank you, Justin. 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):** Attendance of meetings by our MSS follows a natural cycle as they progress through medical school. Sometimes we see resolution submissions that mirror previous resolutions from 2-3 years ago. Can you describe how we can strengthen the institutional memory of previous business submitted and discussions from previous General Assemblies?

**Justin Magrath:**

Thank you Jay. That's a really good question and that's something I'm interested in doing as Section Delegate. I think a really important part of our process is the Open Forum where members are allowed to express their ideas before really getting into the details. And I think one thing I would like to add to that is, you know we have HCC reviews where members say "Have we had a policy before. Has it been approved?" But there are also a lot of policies that are brought forward that are not necessarily approved. I think it's important to provide information at that level so that people, you know, get all the details they need on the history of the policy before they invest in time writing a draft. There's actually a variety of resources we can use for

that including the past proceedings of the AMA House of Delegates, which tells us not only which policies have been previously adopted, but also what policies have been proposed and what resulted with those policies.

**Jay Llaniguez (Speaker):** Thank you, Justin. Your second question is:  
The Center for Health Equity, led by Dr. Aletha Maybank, is a newly formed Business Unit in the AMA. How do you foresee using this new resource in your position as Delegate?

Thank you, Jay. I think as medical students, one of the issues that we care the most about is health equity. Uh, I think this is one of the things I really enjoy about being in the Medical Student caucus is that we are always bringing forth these issues to make sure that everyone, you know, has the right access to care and has access to care. And I think utilizing this new resource will be very critical for our development. I think at the resolution phase when there are resolutions relevant to that, we should reach out and get their feedback and I think also on the advocacy front, we should make sure that we are linked with this organization so that we can make sure that we continually advocate for what our MSS is passionate about.

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