

Victoria Gordon - Candidate for ALO

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

Jay Llaniguez (Speaker) : We would now like to invite Victoria Gordon 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.

Victoria Gordon: My name is Victoria Gordon, and I am a rising M3 at Kansas City University coming off a fellowship year. To start I want to say hello. And while I wish we were all together in person, I feel lucky to be able to have the opportunity to connect with you virtually. I imagine that certain buzz words come to mind when thinking about this time - unprecedented and uncertain are two that resonate for me. During this time, I have had a lot of time to reflect and I've thought a lot about the person I want to be and what this means at this moment as a medical student and a future physician. I have been inspired by medical students from across the country, our AMA President, as well as all of the advocates in the AMA. It has strengthened my commitment to this organization and affirmed my excitement to be applying for ALO. I became involved with the AMA during my first year when I was elected to a leadership position. Like so many of us hearing it,, I made it to my first meeting and was hooked. I quickly sought opportunities to get more involved which have helped to prepare me to be your next ALO. Through my work on the Membership, Engagement, and Recruitment Committee, the Ambassador Program Steering Committee, and as well as my time on Region board, I have gained skills in recruitment, outreach, and AMA event planning, each of which will help me to fully support our regions. I have worked closely with AMA staff and leadership and formed strong bonds that will enable me to be effective. I am confident that I can bring a fresh perspective to this position. By setting achievable goals and using my unique skill set, we can accomplish a great deal together. If elected, there is a lot that I hope to accomplish, and I will be sharing several of my many plans with you today. I will release a comprehensive leadership transition plan for both regional and local levels as well as work with MERC and MSOP to create comprehensive recruitment documents for those chapters who may be working virtually. More specifically, I will work with the AMA to provide virtual meeting platforms for local chapters who may be working virtually so they have the tools they need to be successful and as well as work with chapters to create M1 leadership positions, which has been successful in my own chapter in keeping M1s engaged. Additionally, I will create a complete online region calendar that includes all documents and deadlines as well as address the problems with region newsletters. The newsletter is an important tool to share information with our local chapters, however in its current form it has become burdensome to leadership. I want our regions to be a robust example of all our AMA

has to offer on a scale that is more accessible than attending national meetings, and I believe my plans will create this reality.

I believe in open, honest, and prompt communication. And I am committed to being forward-thinking and championing innovative solutions which feels more important than ever. I will work to continue to bring our MSS together and carry on a tradition of unity. At the core of my personal belief system is the desire to do everything I can to support the organizations that I am passionate about, and I am passionate about our MSS. I hope I have the opportunity to work with an organization that was my first true home in medicine. Thank you.

Rijul Asri (Vice Speaker): Thank you, Victoria. 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 incoming Class of 2024 will perhaps experience a new onboarding process into medical school with less facetime with senior students during orientation. Do you have any ideas on how to help our Regions engage with these new students and get them excited about becoming involved with organized medicine?

Victoria Gordon: Yeah, so I sort of addressed this in my speech, but I'm really excited to work on this project. I think I am excited by challenges and the opportunities to innovate. I plan to, like I said, work with our MSOP and MERC to create recruitment documents for those chapters who may be working virtually and provide space for those meetings so that we are supporting, at a local and regional level, that recruitment. Additionally, I plan to hold a town hall for local chapters where they can interact with region leadership as well as each other to crowdsource ideas because I think tapping our MSS is our best option. We are full of incredible students and leaders and I think it would be a mistake to not ask for their advice and see what they are doing across the country.

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

The COVID-19 pandemic has magnified the difficulty of conducting AMA and MSS business on the national scale. How can we better leverage our MSS Regions to conduct more MSS business in more local settings, either virtually or in appropriate in-person venues, like our Physicians of the Future Summits?

Victoria Gordon: Yeah so I actually have been thinking very hard about how to address, you know, uncertainty about virtual meetings or how to move forward and I've come up with a plan that I think will work and covers all of the bases. So, I think as we plan these Physicians of the Future Summit, we plan them in a way that all activities can be done virtually and be overjoyed if we are able to do them in person, but make sure all speakers know it could be virtually and that all service projects, um, panels and anything like that could be done virtually as well. That way

we are not missing out on any opportunities to connect with our local chapters and our regions feel support. And I will work closely with all of the regions to accomplish this and make sure everything is doable within the AMA's power and/or resources that we have.

Candidate Response.

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