



The Minority Affairs Section is electing the following position on its Governing Council:

- National Medical Association Representative (1)

Voting will close on September 15 at 11:59 pm CDT.

Please note, the voting link provided is personalized to you and will only allow one submission.

Please review the candidate information for **National Medical Association (NMA) Representative** below. [Visit the AMA website](#) to view the candidate's CV and conflict of interest disclosure.

Only one candidate for the NMA representative seat was received by their president. Accordingly, this ballot is to ratify that MAS members support Dr. Rachel Villanueva's candidacy to fill the vacancy. Please vote to "support" or "not support" this nominee.

Rachel Villanueva, MD

Statement of Interest: While a significant portion of my leadership experience

has been through SNMA and National Medical Association, ultimately as National President of both, I see the opportunity to serve on the AMA Governing Council of the Minority Affairs Section as unique and essential. Like many minority physicians, I had been apprehensive about leadership in the AMA given the past history of exclusion and discrimination against physicians of color. However, over the past year as NMA National President, I have had the great fortune of learning more about the AMA through involvement with the URM Coalition, the Center for Health Equity, the 'Release the Pressure' campaign, in supporting NMA co-sponsoring resolutions in the 2022 AMA HOD and personally through webinars with Dr. Harmon. These experiences, along with counsel of trusted NMA leaders also in AMA leadership, have been invaluable in a better understanding not only AMA, but of the necessity for better collaboration between organizations. Among many things, the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the benefit of medical groups aligning in partnership in order to achieve shared goals for our members and patients.

I bring a wealth of experience and commitment in promoting, supporting and advocating for health equity, the elimination of disparities and URM physician recruitment and viability through various leadership roles in the NMA as Chair-BOT, Speaker-HOD, most recently as National President, as well as on the board of GEMS Alliance, Council on Health Equity and Wellness and ACOG. This extensive background will be instrumental as we continue to nurture and strengthen the relationship between organizations, and with other minoritized organizations.

It would be an honor to serve in the capacity on the Governing Council and help to facilitate a renewed sense of partnership and collaboration between the AMA and NMA.

Specialty: Obstetrics & Gynecology

Nominated by: Dr. Priscilla Mpasi, MAS Vice Chair

Indicate your support or not support for this candidate for **National Medical Association (NMA) Representative.**

- ☐ Support
- ☐ Not Support

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