

Points of Privilege / Thank you statements  
June 2022 Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates

*Note: The points are in alphabetical order by candidate's surname. Aside from inserting the name of the individual at the start of each comment, the statements appear as submitted.*

**Joanna Bisgrove, MD**

In what was an amazing and often head spinning week, I first have to express my awe and gratitude to this amazing House of Delegates. We approached this week with some trepidation, yet once again proved we can rise above and passed incredible policy and direct action to help physicians, students and patients across this country.

Now, for those who helped me on my campaign. First and foremost: the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) for its steadfast support. In particular, Dr. Julie Wood, AAFP Senior Vice President of Research, Science and Health of the Public and Dr. Michael Hanak, AAFP delegation chair and my Rush Family Medicine colleague. Both of you are truly AMaZing, helping me keep my head on straight and guiding me through this process while always reminding me that being myself is what truly mattered. I cannot thank you enough.

Next, the rest of my campaign team - Commander Janet West MD, Dr. Kim Yu, Dr. Frank Clark, Dr. Christopher Garofalo, Dr. Colette Willins, Dr. Sterling Ransone, Dr. Nicole Plenty, Dr. Alex McDonald and Dr. Megan Srinivas. All of you are AWESOME, and you each brought unique skills and perspectives to the table that were invaluable. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

MANY thanks to AAFP delegation senior staffer Carla Scarborough for keeping schedules, rules and deadlines straight, something I certainly could not do given how much kept coming! The delegation definitely belongs to you now.

Much love to the rest of the delegation and additional team members that joined in to help during the meeting - Dr. Anita Ravi, Dr. Ada Stewart, Dr. Tochi Iroku-Malize, Dr. Evelyn Lewis & Clark, Dr. Tate Hinkle, Dr. Christine Bishof, Dakari Moton, Alex Crockett, David Davila, Dr. Emily Briggs, Dr. Emma York, Commander Kevin Bernstein MD, Dr. LaTasha Seliby Perkins, Dr. Mary Krebs, Dr. Pino Colone, Dr. Tisha Van Pelt, and Dr. Tyson Schwab. Your love and support lifted me up and carried me the entire week.

A special shout out to Dr. Hugh Taylor - your ability to so eloquently crystallize the essence of who I am made us all ready to launch.

Finally, a note to my fellow running mates: Dr. Josh Cohen, Dr. Dave Cundiff, and Dr. Padmini Ranasinghe: it was a joy to run with you all, and I am so excited to work with each of you. The House definitely got this one right.

Joanna Bisgrove, MD FAAFP  
Grateful New Member, AMA Council on Science and Public Health

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**Dave Cundiff, MD**

Ilwaco, Washington, June 20, 2022

THANKS SO MUCH to those who helped with my election to our AMA's Council on Science and Public Health!

Thanks to **all Delegates** for maintaining the community and collegiality of our House of Delegates. This is a great accomplishment, and it makes everything else we do possible. Our House's meetings are one of the big highlights of my year!

Thanks to campaign manager **ANNA YAP MD**! Anna, you coordinated tasks and people with astonishing competence and unflagging cheerfulness! I am so fortunate to be your friend and colleague!

Thanks to Staff Contact **SHANNON BOZARTH MBA**, to WSMA CEO **Jennifer Hanscom**, to **WSMA's AMA Delegation**, and to all WSMA staff and members. I'm so proud to be part of the WSMA family!

Thanks to AAPHP's Alternate Delegate **ARLENE SEID MD MPH** and the rest of AAPHP's team at the House of Delegates. Arlene, you stepped up to coordinate virtually all the routine work and policy activity of the AAPHP Delegation, ultimately achieving success with all AAPHP resolutions and leaving me the time to campaign effectively. You're a class act, Arlene! Thank you!

Thanks to my colleagues at the **American Association of Public Health Physicians** for entrusting me with leadership through the years, for entrusting me to be your AMA Delegate, and for encouraging me to run for CSAPH. Special thanks to AAPHP's President **Thomas Britt MD MPH**, and to other past and present AAPHP leaders. Special thanks to AAPHP Past Presidents **Joel Nitzkin MD MPH DPA** and **Douglas Mack MD MPH** for seeing my promise as a young Public Health physician; to AAPHP Immediate Past President **Dennis Garrett MD** for consistent support and for developing young people's careers; and to AAPHP President-Elect **Damon Arnold MD MPH** for helping with policies and my campaign.

Thanks to **PacWest Conference**, including chair **Al Ray MD**, Candidates Committee chair **Brennan Cassidy MD**, and Washington delegation chair and PacWest Governor **Rod Trytko MD MPH**. Your endorsement gave me real hope that I could be elected!

Thanks to the **Specialty and Service Society**, chaired by **Meridith Englander MD**, for your endorsement and for steady service to our House.

Thanks to the **Section Council on Preventive Medicine**, chaired by **Wendy Braund MD MPH**, for endorsement and for providing a focal point for delegations related to Public Health and Population Medicine.

Thanks to my three companions on the CSAPH ballot, **Joanna Bisgrove MD**, **Joshua Cohen MD MPH**, and **Padmini Ranasinghe MD MPH**. As we all campaigned for the same office, my respect for all of you, which was already high, grew substantially. I'm so glad we'll be able to serve together!

Thanks to speakers **Bruce Scott MD** and **Lisa Egbert MD**, and to HoD Affairs Director **Roger Brown PhD**, for keeping campaigns and Delegates well-informed about our new election rules, procedures, and deadlines.

Thanks to those who walked with me, encouraged me, advised me about how to do well, spoke for me in the caucuses and sections, and counseled me when I needed improvement! You all know who you are. You're in my heart.

Thanks to my wife, **MaryAnne Murray DNP EdD MBA**, who takes time from her busy schedule to attend our AMA meetings and support the work of our House. If I had nothing in this world but you, sweetheart, I'd still be rich....

Finally, thanks again to **all Delegates**, who took time to examine everyone's qualifications and decide how to vote. AMA elections are usually difficult choices, because everyone has great merit. To those of you who supported me actively, thank you! To those of you who challenged me and supported other candidates actively, thank you too! I will strive to represent the entire House to the best of my ability!

Dave Cundiff MD MPH FASAM

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**Daniel Dent, MD**

I wish to thank my American College of Surgeons delegation for their encouragement and support. I particularly would like to thank our delegation leader, Dr. Patricia Turner and my campaign manager, Dr. John Armstrong for their tremendous effort and commitment to my candidacy. I also want to thank all of those who supported me and those who have encouraged me to serve – now and in the future. Most importantly, I want to congratulate Dr. Suja Mathew on her election to the Council on Medical Education. She is a great addition to CME and will serve our AMA extremely well.

Dan Dent

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**Alex Ding, MD**

Colleagues and friends of our AMA House of Delegates: Thank you for the incredible honor of electing me your Trustee. Your entrusting me with your vote validates the service I have put into our AMA to work on your behalf and our profession. I pledge to continue to be your voice, the voice of our physician colleagues, and to always have the patient as our north star.

There are so many groups and people to thank that this is unfortunately only a partial list of appreciation. I'd like to thank the other candidates in the race, Sandy, Scott, Mario, and Marilyn, for running a collegial campaign. Our AMA is in a great position because we have so many great people willing to put themselves up to serve.

Thank you to my sponsoring organizations who have supported me through multiple campaigns in our House: the California Medical Association, PacWest Conference, American College of Radiology, Radiology Section Council, and the Young Physicians Section. Thanks also to my Council: the Council on Science and Public Health for all of your support and for the important work you are doing for our profession and patients.

A major thank you to Bob Hertzka, who has been a mentor, friend, champion, confidant, and campaign manager extraordinaire for the last 20 years! And thank you to so many members supporting the campaign as advocates, strategist, and advisers, including: Brennan Cassidy, Al Ray, Ryan Ribeira, Rachelle Klammer, Helene Nepomuceno, Rachel Ekaireb, Jade Anderson, Brandi Ring, Laura Halpin, Kavita Shah Arora, Reilly Bealer, Ray Hsiao, Van Moore, Todd Hertzberg, Greg Cooper, Sunny Jha, Anna Yap, and many more; and the CMA staff dream team: Brandon Marchy, Paul Hegyi, and Dustin

Corcoran. And finally, and most importantly, thanks to my family: Kim, and my two boys, Lucas and Liam, for being so generous in allowing me to be shared with all of you.

I look forward to our next gathering and will hit the ground running on our Board in service of this House and our profession.

Alex  
Alexander Ding, MD, MBA

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**Padmini Ranasinghe, MD**

Dear Colleague, Friends

It is an honor and privilege to serve on our CSAPH for a second term. I am once again fortunate to thank the special people who made this possible.

My campaign managers, Seth Flagg and Loralie Ma who ran the best campaign I could ever hope for. Seth was the best coach and Loralie was my cheer leader supporting me everywhere like a sister. Cathy Johannesen and Jenine Feaster from MedChi, like my other sisters, made sure everything was in place for me.

My Maryland medical family has always been very supportive of everything AMA for many years, they include Gene Ransom, the outstanding CEO of MedChi, and our amazing Maryland delegation.

I am extremely grateful to Willarda Edwards from my hometown, who has always been an exceptional role model, a mentor, and an advocate over the years.

I want to thank our outstanding and exceptionally collegial CSAPH team, including members and staff from whom I learnt immensely.

I am very thankful to our Southeastern delegation for trusting me with their support and providing a sense of community within our AMA. Few names to mention Steve Imbeau, Bill Clark III, John Poole, and Claudette Dalton.

Many thanks to all the medical students and residents for their commitment to public health, a very special thanks to our Maryland Medical Students. Thank you, Jack Gatti, Macy Early, and our Resident Karen Dionestones for advocating for me.

And my deepest appreciation to the following for believing in me and endorsing me:

The entire ACP delegation including Bill Golden and Chuc Cutler,

IMG section, my extended IMG family without whom I would not be here, everyone of them is special and too numerous to mention names.

Section Council on Preventive Medicine.

My many friends and colleagues at Johns Hopkins medical staff.

During my over 15 years of AMA journey, I was fortunate to meet numerous incredible people who inspired me and helped me grow. They have become great friends and role models during my professional career at large. Just to mention a few among many, Allison Jones, Diana Ramos, Marilyn Heine, Tripti Kataria, Nita Kulkarni, Louito Edje, Tosha Wetterneck, Raymond Tu, Tim McAvoy, Lynn Perry, Erin Harnish, Jacqueline Bello and Patricia Clark.

Additionally, election process introduced me to many other exceptional people, and I am very grateful for the opportunity to meet you all that make the house of medicine.

As always, my deep appreciation goes to our incredible AMA staff, who make things happen.

Finally, I want to thank my family, my husband and two girls who make it possible for me to be here.

Sincerely,

Padmini Ranasinghe MD MPH, (Member: Council on Science and Public Health)  
Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

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**Sheila Rege, MD**

Thank you for Re-Election to AMA Council on Medical Service

Thank you for the confidence you have invested in me.

I had the best campaign managers Bob Hertzka and Ray Hsiao. Bob, thank you for making the magic happen again. Thank you to all PacWest leaders and especially Al Ray, Brennan Cassidy and Rod Trytko for your encouragement, support and friendship. Ray Hsiao, I cannot thank you enough for being my partner and having my back at all times.

To my home state of WA thank you for nominating me. I am so grateful for endorsements from Pacwest, RSC, Cancer Caucus, ACRO, ACR, IMG, AAPI, APS and to the two groups that adopted me, the American Society of Anesthesiologists and Young Physicians Section.

Thank you, RSC leaders Arl Van Moore, Todd Hertzberg, and Dennis Galinsky. A big shout out to YPS leaders Kavita Arora and Matthew Lecuyer and may you never age out of YPS. Another shout out to Ben Meyer, Ricardo Correa, Jerry Abraham, Matt Grierson, Jason Jameson and Bill Noyes.

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And to my fellow Council members and staff, you are my wonderful work family and no one else can ask for anything better. We work hard and have fun. Thank you for electing me Chair-Elect. I am so happy to have another 4 years with you.

Last and most important, I thank my husband Kees from the bottom of my heart for his rock solid support.

Sheila