

Governing Council Members (2022 – 2023)

Siobhan Wescott, MD, MPH, Association of American Indian Physicians Representative (Chair and Alternate Delegate)

Priscilla Mpasi, MD, AMA Young Physicians Section Representative (Vice Chair)

Sam Arce, MD, National Hispanic Medical Association Representative

Angel Chavez-Rivera, AMA Medical Student Section Representative

Josephine Fowler, MD, At-Large Representative

Michael Knight, MD, MHL, Immediate-Past Chair

Luis Seija, MD, Delegate to the AMA House of Delegates and Advocacy Committee Chair

Theresa Rohr-Kirchgraber, MD, At-Large Representative

Rachel Villanueva, MD, National Medical Association Representative

Shannon Zullo, MD, AMA Resident & Fellow Section Representative

Staff: Craig W. Johnson, MAS Group Manager

Liaisons from AMA Board of Trustees

Madelyn Butler, MD; Bruce Scott, MD; Willie Underwood, MD, MSc, MPH

Committee Leadership

Advocacy Committee

- **Luis Seija, MD**, Chair

Engagement Committee

- **Elizabeth Valencia, MD, JD**, Chair

Strategic Priorities

- To improve diversity in medicine among underrepresented physicians and medical students.
- To develop and activate impactful policies on issues of relevance to minority patients and physicians who are underrepresented in medicine.
- To improve engagement and communications with AMA members and external audiences.

Report on MAS Activities: January – June 2023

Spring 2023

- The MAS joined the Medical Student Section and the AMA Ambassador Program to host a webinar on “Healthcare & Climate Change: Prioritizing Health Equity.” Panelists discussed environmental health disparities and what healthcare professionals can do at the practice, local level, health-system level to improve health outcomes during the current climate crisis.
- MAS members participated in the annual meetings of the Student National Medical Association (Hartford, CT). More than 10 MAS members attended and/or presented at the SNMA annual conference. AMA Trustee Dr. Toluwalase (Lase’) Ajayi was invited to deliver remarks to the SNMA House of Delegates on the “State of the American Medical Association.” SNMA confirmed that next year will mark their 60th anniversary and that their conference will take place in New Orleans.
- MAS members attended the National Hispanic Medical Association (Chicago, IL) and co-sponsored the group’s Welcome Reception along with the Medical Organization for Latino Advancement and the Institute of Medicine of Chicago. One physician from the MAS GC, Dr. Sam Arce, and one medical student from the MSS GC, Reilly Bealer, attended the respective conferences to represent the AMA, to promote collaboration, and to share their membership and policy experiences with their peers.
- The MAS Governing Council held its third in-person meeting in conjunction with the Leadership Summit on Health Disparities hosted by the National Minority Quality Forum. The Summit, held in Washington, DC each year in April as part of National Minority Health Month, offers clinical and policy perspectives on health disparities that impact communities of color. NMQF partners with the Congressional Black Caucus Health BrainTrust to develop programming. MAS continued serving as the leading entity to facilitate the AMA’s sponsorship of the 21st annual Summit. BOT liaisons Dr. Bruce Scott (Speaker of the House of Delegates) and Dr. Willie Underwood (Board-Chair Elect) attended the GC meeting, as well as the Summit. Dr. Underwood joined a town hall panel discussion on reimagining the future of healthcare. During the closing awards gala, three prominent AMA members were honored among the 2023 NMQF 40 Under 40 Leaders in Health, including AMA Ambassadors Dr. Jerry Abraham and Dr. Stephanie Strohbeen, as well as MAS GC member and RFS Representative Dr. Shannon Zullo. MAS sponsored 5 URM medical student leaders who represented the AMA Medical Student Section, including the Governing Council DEI officer, the co-chairs of the Minority Issues Committee and the co-chairs of the Committee on American Indian Affairs. Also sponsored were the presidents of the Student National Medical Association and the Latino Medical Student Association.
- Following its Spring election, the MAS Governing Council welcomes four new members whose terms begin on June 15 after the conclusion of the AMA House of Delegates meeting in Chicago:
 - Jasmin Eatman, Medical Student Section Representative to replace Angel Chavez Rivera;
 - Judith Flores, MD, National Hispanic Medical Association to replace Dr. Sam Arce;
 - Sylvester Moses, MD, PhD, Young Physicians Section Representative to replace Dr. Priscilla Mpasi;



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- LeeAnna Muzquiz, MD, Association of American Indian Physicians Representative to replace Dr. Siobhan Wescott.

Their bios can be found on the [MAS election web site](#).

2023 Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL)

The MAS Advocacy Committee plans to submit resolutions to the AMA House of Delegates (HOD) regarding race-conscious medical school admissions; qualified immunity (police reform); auto-enrollment of URM as MAS members; upholding diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) in the house of medicine; and URM medical society membership in the HOD.

Below is the itinerary for MAS during the 2023 AMA Annual Meeting. All sessions, including day, time and room assignment at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, will appear in the meeting app.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

- United Leaders In Advocacy (Urm Medical Students) Meeting
- American Indian / Alaska Native Physicians, Medical Students and Allies Work- Group Meeting
- Section Business Meeting
- “Future of Diversity in Medical Education” panel
- “Reimagining how mental health, wellness, and burnout are addressed among medical students and trainees” panel
- Townhall: “Finding Common Ground In Conversations On Health Equity, Race & Medicine”



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SATURDAY, JUNE 10

- MAS Governing Council Meeting
- HOD Reference Committee Hearings
- MAS & Allies Leader-To-Leader Reception

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

- HOD Reference Committee Hearings and Health Equity-Themed Education Sessions

MONDAY, JUNE 12

- MAS Delegates Caucus
- MAS / IMGS Caucus

Summer 2023

- From July 30 to August 2, the National Medical Association Annual Conference will take place in New Orleans. Representatives from MAS and the Medical Student Session will attend.
- The Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) and the Association of Native American Medical Students (ANAMS) will hold their annual meeting in San Diego, September 7-10. Representatives from MAS and the Medical Student Session will attend.
- In conjunction with Hispanic Heritage month, the Latino Medical Student Association will host its national conference in Atlanta, September 14 to 17.