



## **Annual 2023 Medical Student Section (MSS) Meeting**

### **Election Manual**

#### **Vice Chair**

**Dhruv Puri**

#### **Speaker**

**Allie Conry**

**Rommel Morales**

#### **Delegate**

**Rajadhar Reddy**

#### **Alternate Delegate**

**Laurie Lapp**

#### **At Large Officer**

**Abbigayle Willgruber-Rawls**



## MSS Governing Council Nomination Form

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### Nominee Information

Name:

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Middle Initial Last

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State Zip Code  
Fax:

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Daytime Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
(mm/dd/yyyy) City and State

Medical School:

Graduated: N/A

Medical Specialty: N/A

Board Certification(s): N/A

Nominee is an AMA Member: ☐ Yes

☐ No

AMA Member Since:

Nominee is an AMA Delegate: ☐ Yes

☐ No

Nominee has agreed to serve: ☐ Yes

☐ No

Phone and Email made public: ☐ Yes

☐ No

Submitted By:

	nomination
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Email address of person submitting the nomination

**I nominate the above for the following position.**

Vice Chair ☐ Delegate ☐ Alt. Delegate ☐ Speaker ☐ Vice Speaker ☐ At-Large Officer ☐  
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## Supporting Information

### 1. Current Professional Position and Responsibilities

(i.e. practice, administrative, research, academic)

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(Personal statements will be limited to one page (front and back))

7. Please list your top three goals if elected and explain how you foresee planning, Implementing, and completing each of them.  
(250-word limit)

8. Endorsements  
(Are welcome, but not required.)



## Candidates Statement of Interest

Dear Members of the American Medical Association Medical Student Section,

I am writing to express my strong interest in the position of Vice Chair for the Medical Student Section (MSS) of the American Medical Association. It is an honor to have the opportunity to share my vision and passion for advancing the field of medicine and representing the needs of medical students across the nation.

Allow me to recount an experience that deeply impacted my perspective on healthcare and advocacy. During my trauma surgery rotation last June, I encountered a patient who had fallen from the US-Mexico Border wall. He was a farmer who risked everything to be reunited with his wife and daughter. As we reviewed his imaging, my heart sank. In addition to his broken limbs, he had suffered a spinal cord laceration, rendering him permanently paralyzed. This heart-wrenching encounter was not an isolated incident but rather a recurring narrative resulting from the increase in the border wall's height during the previous administration.

Fueled by frustration and an unwavering desire for change, I turned to the AMA-MSS. I authored a resolution that sought to shed light on the healthcare-related consequences of crossing the US-Mexico Border. Collaborating with like-minded medical students from across the country, we collectively brainstormed strategies to address this abysmal status quo. Even amidst the demands of grueling study sessions, exhausting 15-hour shifts in the operating room, and countless other responsibilities, I drew renewed energy from my patient's story to advocate relentlessly. I am now eager to continue fighting for him and countless others who have faced similar hardships, and I am convinced that serving as your next Vice Chair is the ideal platform to amplify our collective voice.

In my current role as the Region 1 Delegation Chair and Chair of the Committee for Global and Public Health, I have had the privilege of mentoring numerous students within the AMA. Witnessing their growth and witnessing the immense potential within our MSS has reaffirmed my commitment to foster our section's development and guide it to new heights. I firmly believe that establishing connections and cultivating friendships among our peers is paramount, as the field of medicine is intimately interconnected. Through my role, I hope to facilitate these connections, fostering collaborations that will shape the future of healthcare.

Each patient and colleague we encounter leaves an indelible mark on our journey. It is through their stories that policy and advocacy are born. I implore you to identify with and find common ground in my narrative, for it is in these experiences that we can effect meaningful change. I urge each and every one of you to leverage your time in medical school to advocate passionately for the well-being of our current and future patients. The AMA has provided me with invaluable support, and now, I am compelled to reciprocate that generosity by serving as your next Vice Chair of the AMA Medical Student Section.

Together, let us rise above challenges, ignite transformation, and shape a future in which healthcare is accessible and equitable for all. I humbly request your trust and support, and I am dedicated to working tirelessly on behalf of the MSS to drive positive change within our field.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dhruv Puri

If elected, my goals are to enhance standing committee governance, expand program opportunities for student engagement, and promote Grand Rounds-style events within the section.

For standing committee governance, I will lead the Task Force to review the Internal Operating Procedures (IOPs). We will develop practical recommendations, including clear pathways for new committee creation, defined roles and engagement expectations, mechanisms for self-generated reports, and strategies for membership recruitment and accountability.

To enrich member experiences, I will broaden programming opportunities at meetings. This includes organizing interactive sessions and clinically relevant workshops, prioritizing the enhancement of the research poster session, and fostering academic collaboration. Working closely with event organizers and gathering feedback, we will curate diverse and engaging programs.

I aim to foster awareness and understanding by facilitating Grand Rounds-style events. These events will educate students on clinically and socially relevant topics through expert speakers, interactive discussions, and various formats. Collaborating with committee leaders, I will identify subject areas, secure engaging speakers, coordinate logistics, and widely promote these events.

Through comprehensive analysis, collaboration, and effective execution, I am confident in strengthening standing committee governance, providing valuable program opportunities, and promoting impactful educational events.

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Candidate Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical School Dean or Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Candidate Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Dhruv Puri

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## Education

### University of California San Diego, School of Medicine

M.D. Candidate

Global Health Academic Concentration

San Diego, CA

Aug 2020 – May 2025

### University of California, Berkeley

Bachelor of Arts in Molecular and Cellular Biology

Berkeley, CA

Aug 2015 – Aug 2018

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## Research Experience and Scholarly Work

### Department of Urology – University of California, San Diego School of Medicine

*Kidney Cancer Research Group (mentored by Ithaar Derweesh MD)*

San Diego, CA

March 2021 – Present

- Project: Reclassification of pathologically upstaged T3a Renal Cell Carcinoma is linked with enhanced alignment of outcomes
- Project: Trends in the incidence of genitourinary cancer prior to and following onset of the COVID-19 pandemic

### Department of Urology – University of California, San Diego School of Medicine

*Bladder Cancer Research Group (mentored by Aditya Bagrodia MD, Amir Salmasi MD)*

San Diego, CA

Aug 2022 – Present

- Project: Overcoming sociodemographic factors in patients receiving cystectomy

### Department of Infectious Disease – Maputo Central Hospital

*Research Assistant (mentored by Clotilde Nhatave, MD)*

Maputo, Mozambique

May 2021 – Present

- Project: Pattern of susceptibility to antimicrobials in blood cultures from inpatients with bloodstream infections in Maputo Central Hospital, Mozambique
- Project: Setting the groundwork an antimicrobial stewardship program in a low resource teaching hospital in Mozambique – a quality improvement study

### Department of Global Surgery – University of California, San Diego School of Medicine

*Global Health fellow (mentored by Allison Berndtson MD)*

San Diego, CA

March 2021 – Jan 2022

- Project: Prospective Evaluation of Surgical Infections and Antibiotic Resistance in Maputo Central Hospital

### Department of Surgery – University of California, San Diego School of Medicine

*Research Assistant (mentored by Jennifer Berumen MD)*

San Diego, CA

March 2021 – July 2021

- Project: Virtual Huddle: A pilot trial to enhance communication between Surgery and Anesthesia

### Department of Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health – World Health Organization

*Data Analyst (mentored by Rajiv Bahl MD)*

Geneva, Switzerland

Aug. 2018 – May. 2020

- Project: Evaluation of clinical signs of possible serious bacterial infection in predicting mortality in young infants
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### Department of Bioengineering – University of California, San Francisco

*Research Assistant (mentored by Shuvo Roy, PhD)*

San Francisco, CA

July 2015 – Aug 2016

- Project: Application of microelectromechanical systems (MEMS) to artificial beta islet cells and kidney devices

### Department of Molecular Carcinogenesis – MD Anderson Cancer Center

*Research Assistant (mentored by Kevin McBride, PhD)*

Smithville, TX

May 2014 – Aug 2014

- Project: Evaluation of the mechanisms of uracil-DNA glycosylase (UNG) in the regulation of activation induced deaminase (AID) in Burkitt's Lymphoma

### Department of Next Generation Sequencing – Thermo Fisher Scientific

*Research Assistant (mentored by Brian Sanderson)*

Austin, TX

July 2013 – Jan 2015

- Project: Comparison of transcriptome in triple negative breast cancer patients

## Publications and Presentations

### Peer-Reviewed Research

1. Cerrato C, Patel D, **Puri D**, Derweesh I et al. Partial or Radical Nephrectomy for Complex Renal Mass: a comparative analysis of oncological outcomes and complications from the ROSULA (Robotic Surgery for Large Renal Mass) Collaborative Group. *World Journal of Urology* 2023; WJUR-D-22-00971R1 doi: 10.1007/s00345-023-04279-1. [In Press]
2. Service CA, **Puri D**, Hsieh TC, Patel D. Emerging concepts in male contraception: a narrative review of novel, hormonal and non-hormonal options. *Therapeutic Advances In Reproductive health* 2023. doi: 10.1177/26334941221138323. [In Press]
3. Dolendo I, Cox S, **Puri D**, Bagrodia A. The Role of Circulating Tumor DNA and Cell-free DNA in the Management of Germ Cell Tumors. *Société Internationale d'Urologie Journal* 2023. [In Press]
4. Nguyen MV, Walia A, Saidian A, **Puri D**, Derweesh I et al. Impact of Worsening CKD-S in Preoperative CKD-naïve Patients on Survival in Renal Cell Carcinoma. *BJU Int.* 2022;10.1111/bju.15861. doi:10.1111/bju.15861
5. **Puri D**, Nisar YB, Tshetu A, Longombe AL, Bahl R, et al. (2021) Prevalence of clinical signs of possible serious bacterial infection and mortality associated with them from population-based surveillance of young infants from birth to 2 months of age. *PLOS ONE* 16(2): e0247457. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0247457

### Oral Presentation and Abstracts

1. **Puri D**, Wang L, Derweesh I, et al. Consideration for reclassification of pathologically upstaged T3a renal cell carcinomas. 2023 American Society of Clinical Oncology Genitourinary Cancers Symposium.
2. Shah A, **Puri D**, Derweesh I, et al. Radical nephrectomy in medically underserved patients: Selection bias and disparity in surgical health care delivery. 2023 American Society of Clinical Oncology Genitourinary Cancers Symposium.
3. Ghassemzadeh S, **Puri D**, Derweesh I. A comparison of radiographic and morphometric characteristics and outcomes in T3a pathologically upstaged and non-upstaged renal cell carcinoma. 2023 American Society of Clinical Oncology Genitourinary Cancers Symposium.
4. Wang L, **Puri D**, Derweesh I. Trends, and outcomes in localized renal cell carcinoma with sarcomatoid dedifferentiation: Analysis of the National Cancer Database. 2023 American Society of Clinical Oncology Genitourinary Cancers Symposium.
5. Wang L, **Puri D**, Derweesh I. Characteristics, and outcomes of T1a renal cell carcinoma presenting with metastasis. 2023 American Society of Clinical Oncology Genitourinary Cancers Symposium.
6. Wang L, **Puri D**, Derweesh I. Impact of number of positive lymph nodes on prognostic stratification in renal cell carcinoma: Analysis of the National Cancer Database. 2023 American Society of Clinical Oncology Genitourinary Cancers Symposium.
7. Meagher M, **Puri D**, Derweesh I. Proposal for reclassification of upstaged T1 and T2 and pathological T3 RCC based improved alignment of survival analyses. 2023 American Society of Clinical Oncology Genitourinary Cancers Symposium.
8. Liu F, **Puri D**, Derweesh I. Predictive factors for recurrence and outcomes in T1a renal cell carcinoma: Analysis of the INMARC (International Marker Consortium for Renal Cancer) database. 2023 American Society of Clinical Oncology Genitourinary Cancers Symposium.
9. Goldhaber N, **Puri D**, Ferguson B, et al. Surgery and Anesthesia Preoperative 'Virtual Huddle': Enhancing Communication across the Drape. 2022 American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress.

### Workshops and Programming

1. Hong C, Slunecka J, Loehr P, **Puri D**. Monkeypox: Update for Medical Student Section. American Medical Association June Meeting, Chicago, IL, June 2022.
2. **Puri D**. Choi N. Moderator for Dr. Will Flannery's "Dr. Glaucomflecken on Social Media and Comedic Appropriateness." Office of the Chief Medical Officer of UC San Diego Health at University of California San Diego School of Medicine, San Diego, CA, October 2022.
3. **Puri D**. Introduction to Medical School for Parents and Partners. New Student Orientation at University of California San Diego School of Medicine, San Diego, CA, August 2022.
4. **Puri D**, Midani L. How to approach Global Health as a Medical Student, Resident, and Physician. American Medical Association June Meeting, Chicago, IL, June 2022.
5. **Puri D**. Introduction to Critical Analysis on the Medical College Admissions Test. Latino Medical Student Association at University of California San Diego School of Medicine, San Diego, CA, Feb 2022.









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### Nominee Information

Name: Allie

Conry

Middle Initial

Last

State

Zip Code

Fax:

(mm/dd/yyyy)

City and State

Medical School: University of South Carolina School of Medicine

Graduated: N/A

Medical Specialty: N/A

Board Certification(s): N/A

Nominee is an AMA Member: ☒ Yes

☐ No

AMA Member Since: 2020

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Submitted By: Allie Conry

submitting the nomination

Email address of person submitting the nomination

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Resolution Task Force (me

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Candidate Signature: 



To my fellow MSS members, first thank you for taking your time to read the applications of all the candidates and considering mine in your decision. If I have not had the pleasure of meeting you yet, my name is Allie Conry and I am a rising M4 at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville. I am running for MSS Speaker based on my experiences in the MSS having worked with current and past speakers on various projects. Through those experiences I feel that I would be up to the job if given the opportunity.

I have a background with Parliamentary Procedure spanning all the way back to college. I was on the Judicial Board of my sorority, where I was a part of a team that maintained our chapter bylaws and would oversee elections among other tasks. I have worked on the most recent MSS COLRP Bylaws Report and learned a lot about our IOPs and Region Bylaws through that process. I still will have much to learn as Speaker and look forward to becoming well-versed in such things.

Through my various roles in the MSS, I have had to make decisions and seek guidance on said decisions through the lens of our bylaws. This calls for being impartial and objective, which is what I set out to be in those moments. My hope is to be a resource to you if ever in need of clarification or guidance while navigating the workings of the MSS.

I also hope to bring those qualities to our Assembly Meetings. As someone who has authored resolutions, I know how much hard work is put into that process. This is why at times our meetings can become difficult when disagreements arise. As Speaker, I will be a strong voice to help us proceed in those moments. Together we will continue to create a space for respectful discourse and operate in the most efficient way we can.

Again, I thank you for your time in reading this and appreciate your consideration of me for MSS Speaker.



## Alexandra (Allie) Conry

### **EDUCATION:**

University of South Carolina  
School of Medicine Greenville  
M.D. Candidate

Estimated Graduation Date: May 2024

Clemson University  
Department of Public Health Sciences, Clemson Honors College  
Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

Graduation Date: May 10, 2019

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Clinical Research Coordinator, Prisma Health August 2019- June 2020  
Manage various research projects  
Create and submit IRB applications for PIs  
Create and maintain RedCap databases  
Schedule and coordinate interdisciplinary meetings  
Care coordination for medication assisted treatment patients

Lab Technician, Clemson University Biochemistry and Genetics Department August 2016- May 2018  
Prepare teaching laboratories  
Maintain laboratory safety regulations  
Prepare stock solutions  
Aliquot various medias, prepare gel electrophoresis, and other laboratory tasks.  
Laboratory maintenance and cleaning is also expected.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

**Conry A**, Petyak A, Chosed R, et. al. *RNA-SEQ Analysis of Blastocoel Fluid-conditioned Media Uncovers Genes Involved in Calcium Signaling and Extracellular Matrix-Receptor Interaction Pathways in Euploid Embryos That Successfully Implant Fertility and Sterility*. October 2022, Volume 118, Issue 4, e350

Petyak E, Conry A, Chosed R, et al. *RNA-SEQ of Blastocoel Fluid-conditioned Media Obtained from Euploid Embryos from Advanced Maternal Age Patients Revealed Increased Expression of Specific Ubiquitin Ligases and Anti-Apoptotic Genes Fertility and Sterility*., October 2022 Volume 118, Issue 4, e97

**Conry A**, Peters M, Fried DB, et al. *Complete Response to Dual Immunotherapy in a Young Adult with Metastatic Alveolar Soft Part Sarcoma Enabled by a Drug Recovery Program in a Community Practice*. J Adolesc Young Adult Oncol. 2020; 9(3): 449–452, doi: 10.1089/ jayao.2019.0113, indexed in Pubmed: 31855495.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

*Expression of deubiquitinating enzymes in blastocoel fluid-conditioned media from IVF-generated embryos is associated with positive implantation outcomes*, Oral Presentation, **Conry A**, Petyak E, Lanford H, Lal A, Robinson R, Chang A, Chosed R, Prisma Health Research Showcase, October 2021

*Expression of members of the multi-protein SAGA chromatin modifying complex in blastocoel fluid-conditioned media from IVF-generated human embryos is associated with positive implantation status*. Oral Presentation, **Conry A**, Lanford H, Petyak E, Lal A, Robinson R, Chang A, Chosed R University of South Carolina School of Medicine Summer Research Symposium, July 2021

*Comparison of USP34 expression in preimplantation blastocoel fluid from IVF-generated embryos*. Petyak E, Lanford, **Conry A**, Chosed, R, University of South Carolina School of Medicine Summer Research Symposium, July 2021

*Analysis of deubiquitinating enzyme (DUBs) expression in blastocoel fluid from IVF-generated embryos may serve as a biomarker to aid in reducing miscarriages.* Lanford H, **Conry A**, Petyak E, Chosed R, University of South Carolina School of Medicine Summer Research Symposium, July 2021

*A Rationale and Design of a Randomized Pilot Trial Examining the Feasibility and Efficacy of Peer Mentoring to Enhance Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.* Pericot-Valverde I, Perez A, Heo M, Jones R, Harris T, Merchant K, **Conry A**, Litwin, Health Sciences Center Research Showcase, Greenville, SC. April, 2020

*Emergency Department Fast Track Referrals and Buprenorphine Dosing Enhance Initiation and Sustained Recovery.* Moschella PC, Heavner-Sullivan S, **Conry A**, Bogdon C, Hobbs J, Litwin A. Society of Academic Emergency Medicine Southeastern Regional Conference, Greenville, SC. Feb 22, 2020

### **HEALTH CARE POLICY**

**Conry A**, et al. *Comprehensive Reproductive Health Education in South Carolina.* Resolution C7, South Carolina Medical Association House of Delegates. April 2023. Adopted policy.

Mandava S, **Conry A**, et al. *Increased Education and Access to Fertility-related Resources for U.S. Medical Students*, I-22 AMA Interim Meeting. November 2022. Adopted

Chen S, **Conry A**, et al. *Support of Required Nutritional Counseling in Pediatric Well-Visits to Combat Childhood Obesity.* Resolution C10, South Carolina Medical Association House of Delegates. April 2022. Adopted policy.

Committee on Long Range Planning, **Conry A**, et al. *COLRP Report A Reevaluation of AMA-MSS Region Bylaws*, J-22 AMA Interim Meeting. June 2022. Adopted

Mandava S, **Conry A**, et al. *Increased Education and Access to Fertility-related Resources for U.S. Physicians*, J-22 AMA Interim Meeting. June 2022. Adopted

Richards A, **Conry A**, et al. *National Fertility Preservation Coverage Mandate*, I-21 AMA Interim Meeting. November 2021. Adopted

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Blastocoel Fluid Research	May 2020-
Oncology Research	January 2019- April 2019
Community Health Research: Building Healthier Communities Abroad	August 2017- May 2018

### **LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

AMA/SCMA	
Region 4 Delegate	November 2021-
Region Delegation Chair	November 2022-
Committee on Long Range Planning Member	June 2021-22
Committee on Global and Public Health Member	June 2022-
University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville Chapter	
Chair	March 2021-22
Executive Committee Member at Large	August 2020- 21
Addiction Medicine Interest Group, President	March 2021-22
Greenville County Medical Society Board, Medical Student Representative	July 2021-22
Organization of Student Representative for AAMC	August 2020-



## MSS Governing Council Nomination Form

Newly elected Governing Council members are strongly encouraged to stay through the Annual House of Delegates meeting, especially Delegate and Alternate Delegate positions.

The AMA is committed to promoting diversity and inclusion in every facet of organized medicine and encourages you to consider nominating diverse candidates such as historically underrepresented minorities, women, and international medical graduates for positions on AMA councils/committees.

**AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy:** Please review carefully the information provided at the end of this form.

### Nominee Information

Name: Rommel C Morales

[Redacted] Middle Initial Last

[Redacted]

[Redacted] State Zip Code Fax: N/A

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[Redacted]

Medical School: (mm/dd/yyyy) Northeast Ohio Medical University City and State

Graduated: N/A Medical Specialty: N/A

Board Certification(s): N/A

Nominee is an AMA Member: ☒ Yes ☐ No AMA Member Since: 2020  
Nominee is an AMA Delegate: ☐ Yes ☒ No  
Nominee has agreed to serve: ☒ Yes ☐ No  
Phone and Email made public: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Submitted By: Rommel Cruz Morales

submitting the nomination

Email address of person submitting the nomination

**I nominate the above for the following position.**

Vice Chair ☐ Delegate ☐ Alt. Delegate ☐ Speaker ☒ Vice Speaker ☐ At-Large Officer ☐  
DEI Officer ☐

## Supporting Information

### 1. Current Professional Position and Responsibilities

(i.e. practice, administrative, research, academic)

Medical Student, MS3

### 2. Current/Prior State and Specialty Medical Society Memberships and Affiliations, and Faculty Appointments

(List current and past roles and positions held and dates of service.)

Ohio State Medical Society (2020 - **P**)

### 3. Current/Prior Membership on AMA Councils/Committees:

(List Councils or Committees and dates of service.)

MSS Reference Committee **+**

### 4. Positions held at the state, region or national level:

(List MSS positions; if you are unsure if it should be listed, please error on the side of inclusion)

Region 5 Vice Chair (2021 - 2022), HCC Team Lead (202**+**)

### 5. Sponsor's Narrative Statement (separate letters from Sponsors are permitted)

(Describe nominee's accomplishments and contributions using not less than 50, nor more than 250 words.)

N/A

### 6. Candidate's Statement of Interest (separate sheet of paper is acceptable as noted below)

(Personal statements will be limited to one page (front and back))

See attached

7. Please list your top three goals if elected and explain how you foresee planning, implementing, and completing each of them.

(250-word limit)

See attached

8. Endorsements

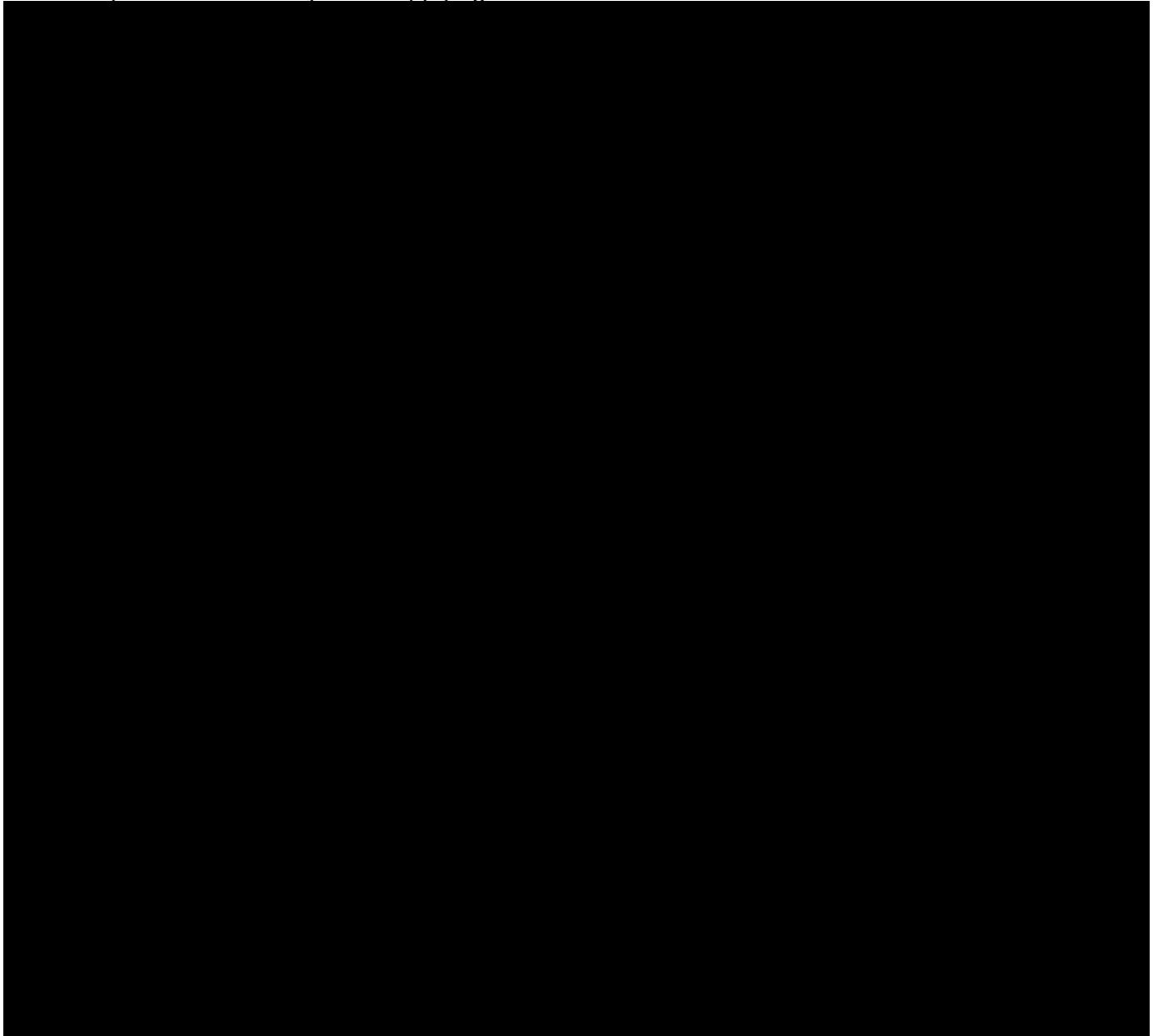
(Are welcome, but not required.)

See attached

## **Diversity and Demographics**

In order to attract the most diverse pool of candidates possible, we request the following self-reported diversity statement and optional demographic information. This information will be used in the internal deliberation of candidates and may be reported in aggregate form only. For applicants to organizations outside the AMA: this information will only be released to the organization to which you are seeking appointment (1) if you are the AMA's selected nominee and (2) if you provide permission to do so.\*\*

**7. Candidate's Diversity Statement.** Please describe how you will bring diversity to the position for which you are applying.



**\*\*Optional Release to External Organization Positions** – For AMA nomination opportunities for external leadership positions: To further our mission of ensuring diverse representation, the AMA asks nominees if they would like to share the diversity statement and optional demographic information they have provided to us with the external organization for the position for which they have applied.

**Please indicate your decision below:**

- ☐ No. I choose NOT to authorize the AMA to share this diversity statement and optional demographic information on this form to any external organization.
- ☒ Yes. I authorize the AMA to share the diversity statement and optional demographic information I have provided in this application with the external organization to which I am applying for a position. I understand that the AMA will only include this optional diversity information if I am selected as a nominee.

## 9. AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy

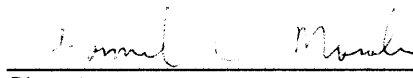
Please review carefully the AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy.

All nominees must complete a conflict of interest disclosure form between **May 10 and May 20, 2023**. Upon the AMA's receipt of your nomination submission, an email with details on how to access the disclosure form will be forthcoming. Your nomination materials will not be considered complete until your disclosure form has been completed and returned.

If you are seeking nomination/appointment to a leadership position in another organization, please also review carefully that organization's conflict of interest policy to determine that you will be able to comply. Please also familiarize yourself with the other organization's requirements/instructions for completion of any disclosure form.

If you have questions about the AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy, the AMA's Office of General Counsel ([ogc@ama-assn.org](mailto:ogc@ama-assn.org)) is available to provide guidance.

Please confirm, by signing below, that you have reviewed the AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy and Principles, and understand the guidance provided above.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

5/4/2023  
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Date

Please e-mail along with candidate's executive curriculum vitae (no more than 3 pages) to:  
[mss@ama-assn.org](mailto:mss@ama-assn.org)



AMA Medical Student Section Governing Council Application Addendum

**All Materials are due at 1:59AM CT on May 5, 2023. Submit this application and all accompanying materials in one PDF to [mss@ama-assn.org](mailto:mss@ama-assn.org)**

**Form Instructions:**

It is not required to have an application sponsor and applicants are welcome to self-nominate. It is recommended to attach a separate “sponsor’s narrative statement” (letter of recommendation), as well as a separate “candidate’s statement of interest” (not to exceed one page front and back).

The following materials are **required**:

**1. Dean’s Signature**

Please acknowledge that you have discussed this time commitment and made appropriate arrangements with your dean or clinical preceptor by signing the document attached below.

**2. Speakers’ Ruling**

Please acknowledge you have read the MSS Speakers’ Ruling by initialing the document attached below.

**3. Electronic Professional Headshot**

To maintain photo quality, please submit as either a .jpeg or .png.

**4. 2-page Curriculum Vitae**

The following materials are **optional**:

**1. Endorsements**

Your Speakers will allow the inclusion of 2 letters of endorsement in the Election Manual: one optional letter of endorsement by the Dean or Dean’s representative from the medical school that the candidate is enrolled in, and one optional letter of endorsement by staff of the state society from the state where the candidate attends medical school.

No other letters of endorsement may be included in the Election Manual.

**2. Notification of Dean**

In the case of my election, I would like my Dean to receive a congratulatory letter, informing them of my election.

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please include your Dean’s name, mailing address, and email address below:

Name: Eugene Mowad, MD

Mailing Address: NEOMED College of Medicine

Email Address: [emowad@neomed.edu](mailto:emowad@neomed.edu)

3. It is strongly encouraged that you reach out to the current GC member in this role to gain a full understanding of the position

### **Acknowledgment of Time Commitment and Confirmation of Good Standing**


The elected AMA Medical Student Section (MSS) Governing Council member should be available to attend the following conferences:

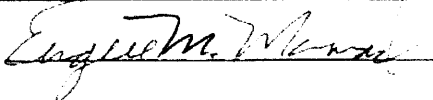
1. AMA MSS Governing Council Dinner, June 2023; Time to be determined.
2. AMA MSS Governing Council Virtual Retreat and Orientation (June 2023).
3. AMA All Sections Retreat (August 4-6, 2023).
4. AMA Medical Student Section Interim Meeting (November 9-11, 2023)  
Delegate and Alt. Delegate Attendance (November 9-14, 2023)  
National Harbor, Maryland.
5. AMA Medical Student Section Physicians of the Future Summit Meeting (Dates & Location TBD, January/February 2024).
6. AMA Medical Student Advocacy Conference (March 2024)  
Washington, D.C.
7. AMA Medical Student Section Annual Meeting (June 6-8, 2024)  
Delegate and Alt. Delegate Attendance (June 6-12, 2024)  
Chicago, Illinois

The positions of Chair, Delegate, and Alternate Delegate are required to remain for the AMA House of Delegates meeting which entails an additional 3 days at Interim and 4 days at Annual.

Governing Council Meetings are held in conjunction with these main meetings plus the stand-alone orientation in June.


Please acknowledge that you have discussed this time commitment and made appropriate arrangements with your dean, clinical preceptor, or other supervisor (for students who will be on an approved leave of absence or in a different degree program during the term of office) by signing below. The signature of your Dean or Advisor is required (1) to acknowledge the time commitment involved in a Governing Council position and (2) to verify that you are a student in good-standing with your medical school.

Candidate Signature: 

Medical School Dean or Advisor Signature: 

### **Acknowledgement of MSS IOP and Speakers' Ruling**

I affirm that I have read the AMA MSS Internal Operating Procedures (IOP) sections relevant to campaigning and the Speakers' Rulings for this election cycle and agree to abide by the rules and recommendations contained within those documents.

Candidate Signature: 

May 4, 2023

To the Esteemed Members of our American Medical Association:

I am writing to apply for the Speaker position for our American Medical Association Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS). It has been my great pleasure to serve in our AMA-MSS in multiple capacities, from reviewing resolutions that our wonderful members draft as part of the House of Delegates Coordination Committee (HCC) to unifying medical schools across Region 5 as Chair. As I write this, I reflect on my own initiation into the AMA as an attendee of the 2021 Physicians of the Future Summit. In the passionate individuals there, I found a community rich in advocacy and in dedication to supporting each other. It is with these roots and my previous breadth of experience that I hope to enrich the capabilities of our AMA-MSS as Speaker.

My proficiency in resolution and health policy has been an ongoing endeavor across several organizations. I have authored and co-authored 20 resolutions as delegate for the Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA), American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), and AMA. Many of these resolutions served a dual purpose of not only furthering advocacy on behalf of minoritized populations, but also in mentoring members in policy writing. Furthermore, as an HCC member, OSMA resolution committee member, AAFP reference committee chair, and RefComG team lead on medical practice, I extended this knowledge in the critical evaluation of resolutions for strategic implementation. I was honored to be awarded the 2022 Mentor of the Year at the I-22 meeting.

Surprising to most, I have lived several lives prior to my involvement with the AMA. I spent close to a decade in vascular surgery and cardiology research, culminating in 1 oral presentation, 9 publications, and 10 poster presentations. My experience in written and oral communication aside, these positions gave me proficiency in coordinating collaborative efforts across disparate organizations, from small grassroots origins to enterprise-level corporations. For example, as a laboratory manager at the Cleveland Clinic, my encounters with patients with end stage renal disease contextualized my duties as a clinical trial manager – thereby giving meaning to the protocols I wrote, the budgets I oversaw, and the staff I directed.

It is because of the AMA community I resonate with, my prior professional skills, and my vision for streamlining and growing our AMA-MSS that I seek to apply for the Speaker position. Please find my CV and platform goals attached. If you require additional materials to clarify my candidacy, please do not hesitate to contact me at my contact information below or those provided by AMA channels. Thank you for your time and consideration, and let's make the AMA our organization together!

Sincerely,



Rommel Cruz Morales  
Class of 2024, College of Medicine  
Northeast Ohio Medical University



## Education

<b>Northeast Ohio Medical University</b> , Rootstown, OH	Anticipated 2024
MD Candidate	
<b>Northwestern University</b> , Evanston, IL	2014
MS in Biotechnology	
Thesis: Sex-based Differential Regulation of Oxidative Stress by Nitric Oxide	
<b>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</b> , Urbana-Champaign, IL	2011
BS in Molecular and Cellular Biology, Chemistry Minor	
<b>St. Petersburg State University</b> , St. Petersburg, Russia	2009
Diploma in Russian Language and Culture	

## Leadership

<b>Research Symposium Committee</b> , Ohio State Medical Association	2023-Present
<b>Diversity, Equity &amp; Inclusion Workgroup</b> , Ohio Academy of Family Physicians	2022-Present
<b>Workforce Development Workgroup</b> , Ohio Academy of Family Physicians	2022-Present
<b>Primary Care/Public Health Committee</b> , Ohio State Medical Association	2022-Present
<b>House of Delegates Coordination Committee</b> , American Medical Association	2022-Present
<b>Region 5 Chair</b> , American Medical Association	2022-Present
<b>Class Representative</b> , Student Impact Committee, NEOMED	2020-Present
<b>Reference Committee Member</b> , American Medical Association	2022-2022
<b>House of Delegates Coordination Committee Team Lead</b> , American Medical Association	2022
<b>Reference Committee Chair</b> , American Academy of Family Physicians	2022
<b>Alternate Delegate</b> , American Academy of Family Physicians, Ohio Chapter	2022
<b>Region 5 Vice Chair</b> , American Medical Association	2021-2022
<b>RefComG Committee Co-Lead</b> , American Medical Association	2022-2022
<b>Committee Chair</b> , American Medical Women's Association, NEOMED Chapter	2021-2022
<b>Committee Member</b> , Professional Development Advising Team, NEOMED	2021-2022
<b>Resolution Committee Member</b> , Ohio State Medical Association	2022
<b>Delegate</b> , Ohio State Medical Association	2021-2022
<b>Treasurer, Peer Reviewer</b> , NEOMED Student Medical Journal	2020-2021
<b>Committee Member</b> , American Medical Women's Association, NEOMED Chapter	2020-2021
<b>Alternate Delegate</b> , Ohio State Medical Association	2020-2021
<b>Vice President</b> , Association of Biotechnology Students	2012-2013
<b>Safety Director</b> , Engineers Without Borders, UIUC Chapter	2006-2007
<b>Chair, Testing and Integration</b> , Engineers Without Borders, UIUC	2006-2007

## Research Experience

<b>Lab Manager, Senior Research Technologist</b>	2017-2020
Dept. of Cardiovascular and Metabolic Sciences, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH	
<b>Research Technologist</b>	2016-2017
Dept. of Molecular and Cellular Medicine, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH	
<b>Research Technologist</b>	2014-2016
Dept. of Vascular Surgery, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL	
<b>Graduate Research Assistant</b>	2012-2014
Dept. of Vascular Surgery, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL	
<b>Undergraduate Research Assistant</b>	2008-2010
Dept. of Biochemistry, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL	
<b>Temporary Research Assistant</b>	2009-2009
Institute for Genomic Biology, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL	

## Publications

Kim YH, Kitai T, <b>Morales R</b> , Morales K, Chaikijurajai T, Tang WHW. (2022). Usefulness of Serum Endothelial Glycocalyx Levels in Prognosis of Patients with Heart Failure with Reduced Ejection Fraction. American Journal of Cardiology, S0002-9149(22)00435-0. doi:10.1016/j.amjcard.2022.04.036	
Kitai T, Nemet I, Engelman T, <b>Morales R</b> , Chaikijurajai T, Morales K, Hazen SL, Tang WHW. (2022). Intestinal Barrier Dysfunction is Associated With Elevated Right Atrial Pressure in Patients With Advanced Decompensated Heart Failure. American Heart Journal, 245, 78-80. doi:10.1016/j.ahj.2021.11.014	
Mohan ML, Nagamoto Y, Saha PP, Sromona MD, Engelman T, <b>Morales R</b> , Hazen SL, Tang WHW, Prasad SVN. (2021). The IgG3 Subclass of $\beta$ 1-adrenergic receptor autoantibody is an endogenous biase of $\beta$ 1AR signaling. Molecular Biology of the Cell, 32(7). doi:10.1091/mbc.E20-06-0394	
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Li W, Kennedy D, Shao Z, Kamdar AK, Weber M, Mislick K, Kiefer K, **Morales R**, Agatista-Boyle B, Shih DM, Reddy ST, Moravec CS, Tang WHW. (2018). Paraoxonase 2 prevents the development of heart failure. *Free Radical Biology in Medicine*, 121, 117-126. doi:10.1016/j.freeradbiomed.2018.04.583

Kitai T, Kim YH, Kiefer K, **Morales R**, Borowski AG, Grodin JL, Tang WH. (2017). Circulating intestinal fatty acid-binding protein (I-FABP) levels in acute decompensated heart failure. *Clinical Biochemistry* 50(9): 491-495. doi:10.1016/j.clinbiochem.2017.02.014

**Morales, R. C.**, Bahnson, E. S. M., Havelka, G. E., Cantu-Medellin, N., Kelley, E. E., & Kibbe, M. R. (2015). Sex-based differential regulation of oxidative stress in the vasculature by nitric oxide. *Redox Biology*, 4C, 226–233. doi:10.1016/j.redox.2015.01.007

#### Oral Presentations

**Morales R**, Bahnson EM, Cantú-Medellín N, Kelley E, Kibbe M. "Sex-based Differential Regulation of Oxidative Stress by Nitric Oxide". Academic Surgical Congress. February 5, San Diego, CA, USA, 2014.

#### Poster Presentations

Zagouras A, Chaikijurajai, **Morales R**, Chatterjee S, Tang WHW. (2021). Association of Beta-1 Adrenergic Receptor Autoantibodies with Heart Failure Risk in Systemic Sclerosis. American Heart Association Scientific Sessions. November 13-15, Virtual, USA, 2021.

**Morales R**, Zhang L, Wu Y, Wilcox J, Engelman T, Ni Y, Lin F, Tang WHW. (2020). C3a, C4a, and C5a complement anaphylatoxins differentially accompany heart failure. Heart Failure Society of America. September 30, Virtual, USA, 2020.

**Morales R**, Borowski A, Klein A, Tang WHW. (2020). Circulating osteocin levels do not track with myocardial function in chronic systolic heart failure. Heart Failure Society of America. September 30, Virtual, USA, 2020.

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**Morales R**, Kiefer K, Cotleur A, Tang WH. "Cellular Characterization of Autoimmune Response to Cardiac Troponin I in Idiopathic Dilated Cardiomyopathy". Heart Failure Society of America. September 16, Dallas, TX, USA, 2017.

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Schuldt AJT, **Morales RC**, Wang Z, Shively VP, Kibbe MR. "Nitric Oxide Promotes Endothelial Differentiation of Sca-1<sup>+</sup> Vascular Progenitor Cells". Atherosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology/Peripheral Vascular Disease Conference. May 5-7, Nashville, TN, USA, 2016.

Schuldt AJT, **Morales RC**, Wang Z, Shively VP, Kibbe MR. "Nitric Oxide Promotes Endothelial Differentiation of Sca-1<sup>+</sup> Vascular Progenitor Cells". Vascular Research Initiatives Conference. May 4, Nashville, TN, USA, 2016.

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#### AMA Policies (Selected)

Studying Population-Based Payment Policy Disparities, Resolution 038, I-22	2022
Expanded Housing Choice Voucher Program Eligibility and Anti-Discrimination Protections, Resolution 054, I-22	2022
Addressing Health Insurance Coverage Disparity Among Latinx Children. Resolution 021, I-21	2021
Re-evaluating the Food and Drug Administration's Citizen Petition Process, Resolution 08, N-21	2021
Protection of Medical Students that Advocate on Social Justice, Resolution 014, A-21	2021

#### OSMA Policies

Lead Poisoning Prevention	2023
Reproductive Healthcare Training in Medical Schools	2023
Strengthening the OSMA Stance on Abortion Policy in Ohio	2023
Supporting Increased Access to HIV Prevention Medication	2023
Support for Access to Emergency Contraception	2023
Codifying the Affordable Care Act Preventative Services Coverage Provisions	2023
Curbing Opioid-Related Deaths in Ohio Through Medication-Assisted Treatment and Harm Reduction Services	2022
Creation of a State-Level All-Payer Claims Database	2022
Opposing the Criminalization of Self-Managed Medication Abortion	2022
Strengthen the Minority Health Strike Force as the Groundwork for a Sustainable Entity	2021

#### AAFP Policies

Increasing Visibility of Native and Indigenous Communities within the AAFP, National Conference	2022
Alleviating Housing Insecurity Through Medical Education and Policy Guidance, National Conference	2022

#### Awards

<b>Mentor of the Year</b>	2023
American Medical Association, 2023 Physicians of the Future Summit	
<b>Outstanding New Policy Leader Award</b>	2022
American Medical Association, 2022 Annual Meeting	
<b>Family Medicine Leads Scholarship</b>	2021
American Academy of Family Physicians	
<b>Watanakunakorn Medallion Scholarship</b>	2020-2021
Northeast Ohio Medical University	



May 1, 2023

TO: AMA Medical Student Section  
RE: Rommel Morales

I am pleased to present this letter of recommendation on behalf of Rommel Morales, a third-year medical student at Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) College of Medicine, for the AMA Medical Student Section – Speaker Position. Mr. Morales is a full-time student in good academic standing with a projected graduation date of May 4, 2024.

Rommel is enrolled in NEOMED's M.D. program and completed a B.S. in Molecular and Cellular Biology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, as well as a M.S. in Biotechnology at Northwestern University, in Evanston, IL and a diploma in Russian Language and Culture at St. Petersburg State University, in St. Petersburg, Russia. In addition to achieving an excellent academic record, as well as managing the demands of medical school, Rommel is passionate about organized medicine, improving health disparities, and advocating for health inequities.

Rommel exemplifies compassion for others in everything he does. He is a true leader and exhibits a high level of professionalism in both the academic and community setting. He is extremely passionate about his advocacy work both at the national and state levels, focusing on underserved populations. Most notably, he was elected as the Region 5 Vice Chair of the American Medical Association Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS) serving as lead organizer for the 2022 Physicians of the Future Summit which included sessions on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) strategies in medical education, resolution writing workshops, physician wellness and a residency preparedness panel. As alternate delegate for the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians (OAFP) and student delegate for the Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA), Rommel has authored several resolutions and health policies focusing on, but not limited to, lead poisoning prevention, strengthening the OSMA stance on abortion policy in Ohio, support for access to emergency contraception, studying population-based payment policy disparities, etc. Not only is Rommel an exemplary student, but he was most recently recognized as the Outstanding New Policy Leader Award recipient at the 2022 AMA annual meeting for his advocacy work.

Being a role model to his peers is very important to Rommel. As a peer advisor during his second-year of medical school, Rommel modeled exceptional professionalism by providing guidance and support to his first-year student advisees in the form of mentorship. Additionally, he served as a mentor with the American Medical Student Association by providing resources and support to undergraduate students pursuing careers in medicine. Rommel is also dedicated to serving his community and passionate about the volunteer work he does with the NEOMED Student-Run Free Clinic, which serves the underserved and uninsured residents of Portage County. He previously served as the senior team leader and was charged with conducting patient interviews, performing physical exams, presenting assessment and plan to attending physicians, and discharging patients.



In summary, Rommel is a highly motivated medicine student with a strong work ethic, who continues to excel in the classroom and has a passion for leadership and advocacy. He is respectful towards others and is dedicated to becoming a competent, empathetic, and altruistic physician. I believe these qualities make Rommel a worthy recipient for the AMA Medical Student Section – Speaker Position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Corrie Stofcho".

**Corrie Stofcho MD, FAAP**

Assistant Dean of Student Affairs

Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics

College of Medicine, Office of the Dean and Medical Education

Northeast Ohio Medical University

Pediatric Hospitalist, Cleveland Clinic Foundation

**Diversity Statement**

As a result of my background and my age, I will bring diversity to the Speaker role of our AMA-MSS. I am of mixed race, born to parents of Spanish and Filipino background. Furthermore, I grew up in a childhood wrought with financial difficulty, which conferred troubling hardships but also unique insight into aspects of poverty and housing/food insecurity. Additionally, I have traveled and lived in multiple countries, which has cultivated a sense of cultural humility across the rich heritages I encountered globally.



If elected as Speaker of our AMA-MSS, my goals include:

**Streamlining Organizational Efforts:** I have had the privilege of working with many of our committees and witnessing the endeavors of our task forces. Recent years have seen many changes in our operating protocols and organizational structure, for the purpose of making our organization efficient and effective. It is my goal to continue this mission in order to minimize task redundancy and segment our organizational goals to maintain momentum on key advocacy priorities.

**Maintaining Institutional Memory:** Many of our students accumulate instrumental knowledge as they progress in our AMA-MSS. This wealth of knowledge is highly valuable, not only in guiding their efforts, but also in guiding new members in realizing their vision for advocacy. However, as our members graduate to further training and onto other AMA sections, our MSS faces a critical void with each member transition. It is my goal to create a central repository of guides at all levels to serve as accessible primers for what the AMA-MSS has to offer, underscoring the successes and barriers of previous endeavors.

**Empowering Our Leaders of Tomorrow:** Our AMA-MSS strives for reciprocity, of accepting the countless hours we put into projects and seeing our goals achieved. Because the landscape of medicine is always changing, these goals constantly evolve – and our AMA-MSS should play a role in empowering us for thriving in uncertain times. It is my goal to provide leadership workshops, spanning several skillsets, to enable the leaders our members will become.





## MSS Governing Council Nomination Form

Newly elected Governing Council members are strongly encouraged to stay through the Annual House of Delegates meeting, especially Delegate and Alternate Delegate positions.

The AMA is committed to promoting diversity and inclusion in every facet of organized medicine and encourages you to consider nominating diverse candidates such as historically underrepresented minorities, women, and international medical graduates for positions on AMA councils/committees.

**AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy:** Please review carefully the information provided at the end of this form.

### Nominee Information

Name: Rajadhar T Reddy

Initial

Last

State

Zip Code

Fax:

(mm/dd/yyyy)

City and State

Medical School: Baylor College of Medicine

Graduated: N/A

Medical Specialty: N/A

Board Certification(s): N/A

Nominee is an AMA Member: ☒ Yes

☐ No

AMA Member Since: 2018

Nominee is an AMA Delegate: ☐ Yes

☒ No

Nominee has agreed to serve: ☒ Yes

☐ No

Phone and Email made public: ☒ Yes

☐ No

Submitted By: Rajadhar Reddy

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Email address of person submitting the nomination

**I nominate the above for the following position.**

Vice Chair ☐ Delegate ☒ Alt. Delegate ☐ Speaker ☐ Vice Speaker ☐ At-Large Office ☐  
DEI Officer ☐

## Supporting Information

### 1. Current Professional Position and Responsibilities

(i.e. practice, administrative, research, academic)

MS3 at Baylor College of Medicine (BCM), Houston, TX, Region 3

### 2. Current/Prior State and Specialty Medical Society Memberships and Affiliations, and Faculty Appointments

(List current and past roles and positions held and dates of service.)

Doctors for America

Physicians for a National Health Program

Texas Medical Association

### 3. Current/Prior Membership on AMA Councils/Committees:

(List Councils or Committees and dates of service.)

AMA-MSS Resolution Task Force, Member (Jan – Jun 2023)

AMA-MSS Committee on Economics & Quality in Medicine (CEQM), Member (Jan – Jun 2023)

AMA-MSS Internal Operating Procedures & Election Task Force, Member (Sep 2021 – Jun 2022), Assembly Co-Lead/Report Co-Lead Author (Apr – Jun 2022)

AMA-MSS Reference Committee, Member (May – Jun 2021; Oct – Nov 2021), Co-Chair (May – Jun 2022)

AMA-MSS Committee on Bioethics & Humanities (Aug – Nov 2021)

AMA-MSS Committee on Legislation & Advocacy (Jul 2019 – May 2020)

AMA-MSS Committee on Economics & Quality in Medicine (Jan – Jul 2019)

### 4. Positions held at the state, region or national level:

(List MSS positions; if you are unsure if it should be listed, please error on the side of inclusion)

AMA HOD, Region 3 Alt Delegate (Feb 2019 – Jun 2022)

AMA HOD, Member on Reference Committee on Medical Service (Oct – Nov 2021)

AMA HOD, MSS Caucus, Co-Lead for Reference Committee on Medical Service (May – Jun 2021; Oct – Nov 2022)

American Psychiatric Association (APA), Psychiatry Student Interest Group Network (PsychSIGN), National Delegate to AMA-MSS (Apr 2020 – Jun 2021)

AMA-MSS, Region 3 Policy Co-Chair (Jun 2019 – Jun 2020)

Texas Medical Association (TMA), Council on Socioeconomics, MSS Rep (Sep 2019 – May 2021)

### 5. Sponsor's Narrative Statement (separate letters from Sponsors are permitted)

(Describe nominee's accomplishments and contributions using not less than 50, nor more than 250 words.)

See attached

### 6. Candidate's Statement of Interest (separate sheet of paper is acceptable as noted below)

(Personal statements will be limited to one page (front and back))

See attached

7. Please list your top three goals if elected and explain how you foresee planning, implementing, and completing each of them.

(250-word limit)

**Clearing the Backlog & Ensuring Policy Priorities:**

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**All Social Policy Is Health Policy:**

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**Policy Pipelines:**

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8. Endorsements

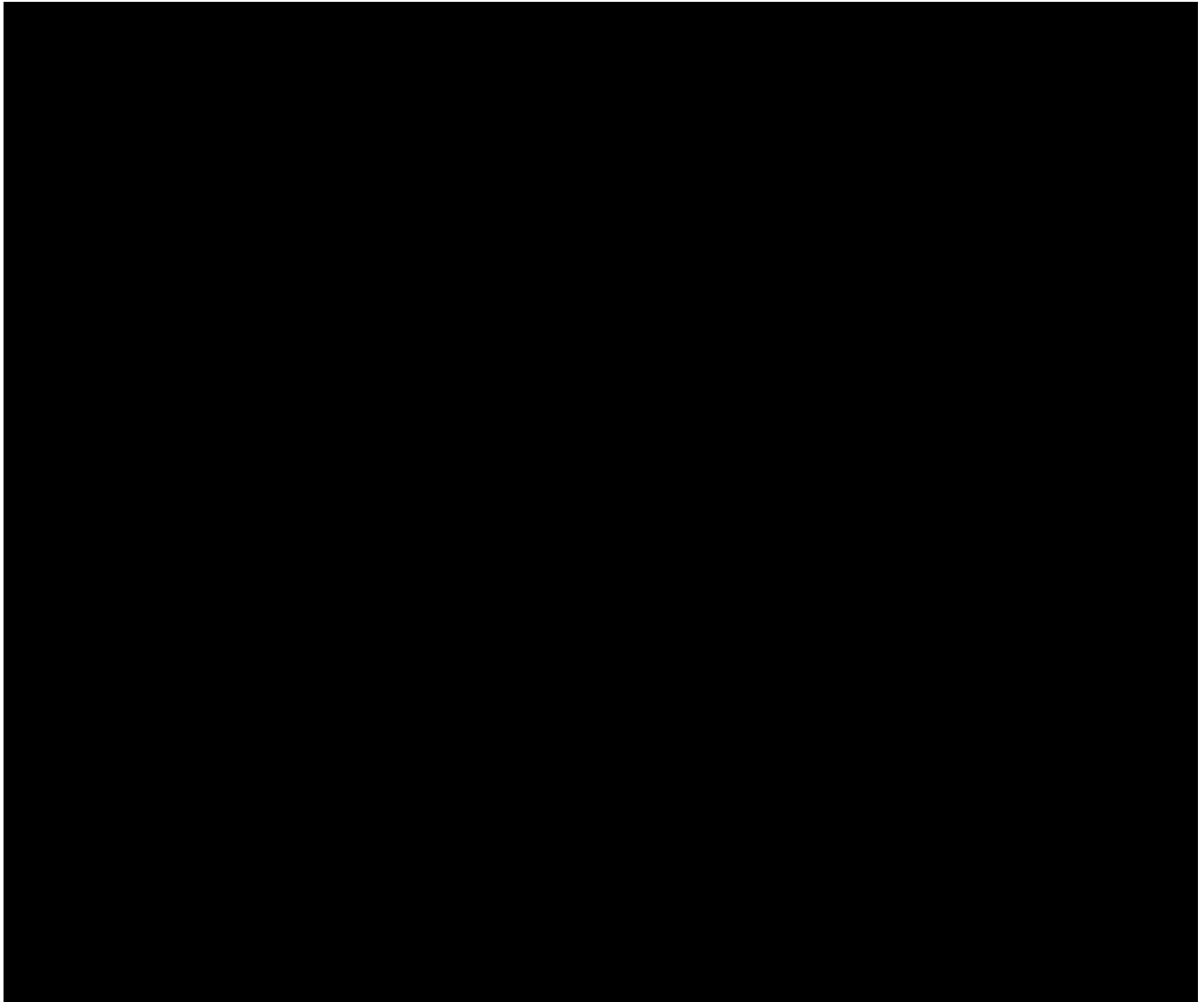
(Are welcome, but not required.)

N/A

## **Diversity and Demographics**

In order to attract the most diverse pool of candidates possible, we request the following self-reported diversity statement and optional demographic information. This information will be used in the internal deliberation of candidates and may be reported in aggregate form only. For applicants to organizations outside the AMA: this information will only be released to the organization to which you are seeking appointment (1) if you are the AMA's selected nominee and (2) if you provide permission to do so.\*\*

**7. Candidate's Diversity Statement.** Please describe how you will bring diversity to the position for which you are applying.



**\*\*Optional Release to External Organization Positions** – For AMA nomination opportunities for external leadership positions: To further our mission of ensuring diverse representation, the AMA asks nominees if they would like to share the diversity statement and optional demographic information they have provided to us with the external organization for the position for which they have applied.

**Please indicate your decision below:**

- ☐ No. I choose NOT to authorize the AMA to share this diversity statement and optional demographic information on this form to any external organization.
- ☒ Yes. I authorize the AMA to share the diversity statement and optional demographic information I have provided in this application with the external organization to which I am applying for a position. I understand that the AMA will only include this optional diversity information if I am selected as a nominee.



## 9. AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy

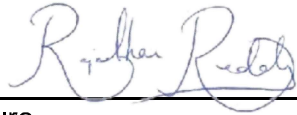
Please review carefully the AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy.

All nominees must complete a conflict of interest disclosure form between **May 10 and May 20, 2023**. Upon the AMA's receipt of your nomination submission, an email with details on how to access the disclosure form will be forthcoming. Your nomination materials will not be considered complete until your disclosure form has been completed and returned.

If you are seeking nomination/appointment to a leadership position in another organization, please also review carefully that organization's conflict of interest policy to determine that you will be able to comply. Please also familiarize yourself with the other organization's requirements/instructions for completion of any disclosure form.

If you have questions about the AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy, the AMA's Office of General Counsel ([ogc@ama-assn.org](mailto:ogc@ama-assn.org)) is available to provide guidance.

Please confirm, by signing below, that you have reviewed the AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy and Principles, and understand the guidance provided above.



Signature

May 4, 2023

Date

Please e-mail along with candidate's executive curriculum vitae (no more than 3 pages) to: [mss@ama-assn.org](mailto:mss@ama-assn.org)

AMA Medical Student Section Governing Council Application Addendum

**All Materials are due at 1:59AM CT on May 5, 2023. Submit this application and all accompanying materials in one PDF to [mss@ama-assn.org](mailto:mss@ama-assn.org)**

**Form Instructions:**

It is not required to have an application sponsor and applicants are welcome to self-nominate. It is recommended to attach a separate “sponsor’s narrative statement” (letter of recommendation), as well as a separate “candidate’s statement of interest” (not to exceed one page front and back).

The following materials are **required**:

**1. Dean’s Signature**

Please acknowledge that you have discussed this time commitment and made appropriate arrangements with your dean or clinical preceptor by signing the document attached below.

**2. Speakers’ Ruling**

Please acknowledge you have read the MSS Speakers’ Ruling by initialing the document attached below.

**3. Electronic Professional Headshot**

To maintain photo quality, please submit as either a .jpeg or .png.

**4. 2-page Curriculum Vitae**

The following materials are **optional**:

**1. Endorsements**

Your Speakers will allow the inclusion of 2 letters of endorsement in the Election Manual: one optional letter of endorsement by the Dean or Dean’s representative from the medical school that the candidate is enrolled in, and one optional letter of endorsement by staff of the state society from the state where the candidate attends medical school.

No other letters of endorsement may be included in the Election Manual.

**2. Notification of Dean**

In the case of my election, I would like my Dean to receive a congratulatory letter, informing them of my election.

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, please include your Dean’s name, mailing address, and email address below:

Name:

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

3. It is strongly encouraged that you reach out to the current GC member in this role to gain a full understanding of the position

## Acknowledgment of Time Commitment and Confirmation of Good Standing

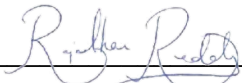
The elected AMA Medical Student Section (MSS) Governing Council member should be available to attend the following conferences:


1. AMA MSS Governing Council Dinner, June 2023; Time to be determined.
2. AMA MSS Governing Council Virtual Retreat and Orientation (June 2023).
3. AMA All Sections Retreat (August 4-6, 2023).
4. AMA Medical Student Section Interim Meeting (November 9-11, 2023)  
Delegate and Alt. Delegate Attendance (November 9-14, 2023)  
National Harbor, Maryland.
5. AMA Medical Student Section Physicians of the Future Summit Meeting (Dates & Location TBD, January/February 2024).
6. AMA Medical Student Advocacy Conference (March 2024)  
Washington, D.C.
7. AMA Medical Student Section Annual Meeting (June 6-8, 2024)  
Delegate and Alt. Delegate Attendance (June 6-12, 2024)  
Chicago, Illinois

The positions of Chair, Delegate, and Alternate Delegate are required to remain for the AMA House of Delegates meeting which entails an additional 3 days at Interim and 4 days at Annual.

Governing Council Meetings are held in conjunction with these main meetings plus the stand-alone orientation in June.


Please acknowledge that you have discussed this time commitment and made appropriate arrangements with your dean, clinical preceptor, or other supervisor (for students who will be on an approved leave of absence or in a different degree program during the term of office) by signing below. The signature of your Dean or Advisor is required (1) to acknowledge the time commitment involved in a Governing Council position and (2) to verify that you are a student in good-standing with your medical school.

Candidate Signature: 

Medical School Dean or Advisor Signature: 

## Acknowledgement of MSS IOP and Speakers' Ruling

I affirm that I have read the AMA MSS Internal Operating Procedures (IOP) sections relevant to campaigning and the Speakers' Rulings for this election cycle and agree to abide by the rules and recommendations contained within those documents.

Candidate Signature: 





# RAJ FOR DELEGATE

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After 5 years in our MSS and 3 years in our HOD, I am ready to be your Section Delegate, represent you nationally, and connect your ideas to impact at the national, state, local, and institutional levels. Many of you know me as a committed progressive, a rapidfire testifier, a skilled strategist, a personal mentor, and a friend during times of need. I would be thrilled and honored to earn your support and direct our advocacy endeavors over the next year.

In every MSS role I have held, I have sought to reimagine the existing structures that we take for granted. Nothing should be the way it is, just because it has always been that way. Trust me, I understand how complicated and bureaucratic our policy process can be. Far too many members (first-time and experienced) become jaded and disillusioned—I know all too well because I feel that at times too. But I also see how our ideas challenge and change the medical establishment. By simplifying and clarifying our process and increasing transparency of strategic decisions, I want your fire to be reinvigorated by our collective potential and reduce your wasted labor. I see the flaws at every step, and now I ask for the chance to finally fix them.

Our health and social systems need your resolve at all levels, both in and out of the AMA. I will take advantage of the vast connections of our members and partners and work across the various organizations that help make policy decisions. I want to ensure that we are not just passing your language for the sake of performatively posting it to a website, but moving your policy from the HOD floor to its target agents. And I want to include you every step of the way. Are you ready for it?



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## CLEAR THE POLICY BACKLOG

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### Student Organization Relationships

Back when I was APA student liaison, I worked to reconnect our MSS leadership with some of our identity-based medical student groups. I know that our MSS has not always done our best to maintain these relationships. I will push our Governing Council to partner with you from the start, and I personally will collaborate on policy efforts with you.

### Author-Centered Changes

I will start a rolling review for Open Forum to reduce wait times, create a master policy brick early to reduce links and emails, and give authors the final word on VRC by reserving the last day for their responses.

### Policy Priority Letters to the Board

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## SPONSOR NOMINATION STATEMENT

We enthusiastically nominate Rajadhar Reddy for MSS Delegate. From Region Policy Chair to Caucus Team Lead to IOP Task Force Co-Lead, Raj has transformed the MSS and become a backbone of the section. The depth and breadth of Raj's policy knowledge is unparalleled, as evidenced by his authorship of over 25 resolutions on topics ranging from drug decriminalization to healthcare reform, as well as his feedback and amendments that have been pivotal to the success of countless other policies, playing a crucial role in refining our priorities and strategy.

Raj's passion for progressive and patient-centered policy-making permeates everything he does, and this passion is infectious, rallying others to the cause. His moral clarity dissects through the morass of politics and drives home the imperative to tenaciously advocate for our values. He consistently makes everyone around him better and unfailingly steps up to support team members facing challenges. He takes on the unalluring but necessary work and infrastructure that allows the Caucus to function. Raj is disarmingly accessible, making him a powerful mentor, confidante, and advisor to everyone from our newest members to most seasoned leaders. He never fails to dream big and fight hard, and we can think of no better champion to lead the MSS's efforts during this tumultuous period.

Raj's indefatigable courage alongside his thoroughness, ingenuity, and tireless work ethic make him the perfect standard-bearer for the myriad issues put forward by the MSS, and we are honored to nominate him as our next Section Delegate.

Sarah Mae Smith from Region 1

*Sarah Mae Smith*

Justin Magrath from Region 3

*Justin Magrath*



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## DIVERSITY STATEMENT

When I mention my hometown, I am often met with a slight grimace and a hesitant “How is it down there?” I was born and raised for my first eighteen years in the Rio Grande Valley in South Texas, thirty miles from the Mexican border. Many people view the border as a hotbed for illicit drugs, cartel violence, and immigrants “taking the easy road” to entering the country, an idea that has only increased in intensity since the 2016 presidential election.

But as a child, I was unaware of the sociopolitical problems associated with my region. Aside from coloring calaveras at Día de los Muertos, always having tamales in the fridge at Christmas, and seeing bilingual signs on every store and billboard, I took my unique atmosphere for granted. Spanish speakers surrounded me, but I never learned enough to be fluent. Talks of border fences and citizenship pathways permeated the Bush and Obama eras, but I was ignorant of immigration issues. I lived half an hour away, but I last visited Mexico ten years ago. In a place full of people who came from somewhere else, I made myself an outsider, never immersing myself in my environment.

Still, my family had also come from somewhere else, and we found areas of solidarity with the community where we made our home. As my sister and I made friends with other kids with skin tones like ours, my parents bonded with other parents over the humorous difficulties of adapting to America, their dreams for their children, and their preferred spice level in their food. It didn't hurt that the supermarket tortilleria made decent substitutes for rotis. To be clear, my family's economic privilege and life experiences were very different, and we rarely experienced the impacts of punitive policies. My relatively limited encounters with racism were limited to brief jokes about my funny name, random selection in the TSA line, and the usual Thanksgiving confusion between Indian Americans and American Indians, when my teacher said I “obviously” couldn't be a Pilgrim in our class skit.





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At fourteen, I was confused to hear the Valley described as “medically underserved” at a volunteer training. Until then, I still saw the Valley as largely a destination for tourists to lounge on our beaches and for northerners to escape snow—not a place of daily struggle. I had never known that my family settled in the Valley because my father was recruited by an FQHC that would streamline my mother and sister’s visas. I had never realized that most of his patients were on Medicaid or no insurance at all. I had never understood that the Valley is one of the poorest areas in the US. In 2009, at the height of the ACA debates, Atul Gawande published a popular exposé which received White House attention for its discussion of the stark contrast between a region’s drastically high healthcare costs and its desperately poor health metrics. That article, “The Cost Conundrum,” was about the Valley.

Communities like mine are not only underserved medically, but also socially, politically, and economically. Now, when people ask, “How is it down there?”, I describe the Valley as a cultural crossroads with vibrant traditions, tenacious people, and a close-knit community. But I also cannot ignore the inequities in health, the threats of a wall, and the struggles of my neighbors. That became my entry into the fight for social justice, to make “medically underserved” an obsolete term.

In college, as I debated a career in medicine or law in pursuit of my health policy goals, I reconnected with my Indian identity, as I lived for the first time in a metropolis with a huge South Asian community. But as other students and I traded childhood stories during dance rehearsals and at festival potlucks, I unlocked more than I expected as I reconsidered my entire relationship with my family, the dysfunction that I had seen but never realized was wrong, and the way I viewed myself.

This catalyzed a long journey with my mental health, though I have thankfully since learned to navigate that and be my best self. My experience gives me a better lens to recognize the stressors that impact my patients and peers and embolden the type of societal change I want to achieve. My family continues to purse their lips at my personal and professional choices, especially my policy endeavors. But because of that, I am so grateful and happy to have found another family through the relationships I have built in the AMA over the last five years. The countless hours I spend in this organization are not just for my professional edification, or for my commitment to my progressive values, but are also genuinely the times I feel most at home.

# RAJADHAR (RAJ) REDDY

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## ACADEMICS

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<b>Baylor College of Medicine (BCM)</b> – Houston, TX	2018 – Present
<b>MD, Third-Year (Clinical Phase);</b> Dr. King Jr Endowed Scholarship; Pathways: Ethics, Policy, Care of the Underserved	
<b>University of Texas at Dallas (UTD)</b> – Richardson, TX, Eugene McDermott Scholar	2014-2018
<b>BS Neuroscience <i>summa cum laude</i>, Degree Honors, Minor in Political Science</b>	
Study Abroad: University of Oxford – Oxford, England, UK	Sep-Dec 2016
Philosophy of Science, Bioanthropology	Grade: First Class

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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<b>Health Policy Fellow, The Joint Commission (TJC), Office of Government Relations – Washington, DC</b>	<b>Jun - Jul 2019</b>
<b>Medical Ethics Intern, American Medical Association (AMA) – Chicago, IL</b>	<b>Jan – Apr 2018</b>
<b>Public Health Research Assistant, Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis – St. Louis, MO</b>	<b>Jun – Aug 2017</b>
<b>Archer Fellow, National Academy of Medicine – Washington, DC</b>	<b>Jan – Apr 2017</b>

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## AMA LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

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<b>American Medical Association (AMA), House of Delegates (HOD), Alt Delegate</b>	<b>Feb 2019 – Nov 2022</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 of 8 elected to HOD by Region 3 medical students across 6 states (AR, KS, LA, MS, OK, TX)</li><li>1 of 60 nationwide representing Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS) priorities in health equity and medical education</li><li>Engaging with Texas physician delegation to review proposed policies and balance HOD, Texas, and MSS concerns</li><li>Focusing on broad portfolio of issues across health coverage reform (Medicaid and Medicare eligibility and benefit expansion, ACA improvements, public option, single-payer) and social policy (safety net programs, drug use, decarceration, repro rights)</li><li>Co-led MSS coalition pushing the AMA to create a gun violence task force, requiring the appropriation of funds toward gun control advocacy, recruitment of experts to advise on future actions, staff time, grants to community violence interruption programs, and increase engagement in state policy and in litigation, with regular reporting on actions to maintain accountability (<a href="https://www.bmj.com/content/379/bmj.o2777">https://www.bmj.com/content/379/bmj.o2777</a>)</li><li>Negotiated with various physician delegates (Texas, Psychiatry Caucus, American Association of Public Health Physicians, Integrated Physician Practice Section, International Medical Graduate Section) on key policies including public coverage of abortion, regulation of pharmaceutical manufacturer influence in FDA approvals, accessibility standards for medical equipment, minimum wage increases, expungement of cannabis-related criminal records, universal internet access to ensure telehealth parity, integration of social determinants adjustments in reimbursements and quality metrics, racism in medicine, police reform, prevention of adverse health effects for legal protestors, licensure parity for domestic and international medical graduates, global COVID-19 vaccine equity via patent waivers, ethical use of COVID-19 vaccine passports and avoidance of natural immunity passports, unethical immigration restrictions based on vaccines, and honor society inequities</li></ul>	

### *Medical Student Member on Reference Committee on Medical Service [Health Economics] (Oct – Nov 2021)*

- Served alongside physicians on committee deciding recommendations on all health economics policy proposals
- Collected notes summarizing each item as well as all testimony from hearing for use by the committee
- Debated Medicare drug price negotiation and possibility of subsidized ACA plans for undocumented immigrants

### *Medical Student Co-Lead for Reference Committee on Medical Service [Health Economics] (May - Jun 2021; Oct – Nov 2022)*

- Co-led team of 20 medical students in analyzing, debating, and preparing testimony for 30 health coverage proposals
- Co-implemented strategy on numerous critical items, including support for a public health insurance option, Medicare drug price negotiation, alternative payment models in Medicare, Medicaid co-pays, Medicaid coverage for scheduled dialysis for undocumented immigrants, prospective payment systems, reduction of medical debt litigation against patients, public coverage of glucose monitors, oral anticancer drug cost-sharing parity, pediatric obesity treatment parity, access to HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), preservation of essential health benefits in the Affordable Care Act, & internet access subsidies
- Coordinated with delegations representing numerous states, specialties, and health systems across political spectrum

### **AMA-MSS, National Committee Member**

**Various**

*Committee on Economics & Quality in Medicine (Jan 2023 – Present)*  
*Committee on Bioethics & Humanities (Aug 2021 – Nov 2021)*  
*Committee on Legislation & Advocacy (Jul 2019 – May 2020)*  
*Committee on Economics & Quality in Medicine (Jan – Jul 2019)*

**American Medical Association, Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS), IOP Task Force****Sep 2021 – Nov 2022**

- Co-led major revision of MSS Internal Operating Procedures (constitution and bylaws) over the course of a year to emphasize principles of equity, democracy, and transparency in actions, elections, and appointments in response to previous concerns about unfair candidate disqualifications and nepotism in appointments
- Personally wrote new MSS objectives regarding social justice goals and leadership development
- Co-wrote report detailing all recommended changes with detailed rationales, presented findings during 2-hour oral presentation at in-person meeting, and vigorously debated during final votes to preserve increased transparency efforts

**American Medical Association, Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS), Reference Committee****May – Jun 2021; Oct – Nov 2021**

- Comprehensively reviewed dozens of items presented for consideration and prepared detailed arguments
- Proffered numerous substitute resolutions, amendments, and detailed written discussions of advantages and disadvantages of various resolutions to include in final report and efficiently and optimally educate caucus on policy rationale
- Debated proposals relating to Medicare payment parity for biologics and biosimilars, FDA accelerated approval reform, alternatives to incarceration, public manufacture of generics, and Medicaid coverage for undocumented immigrants

**Co-Chair (May-Jun 2022)**

- Piloted various improvements, including our first master policy brick and expertise-based review
- Organized all logistics for 15+ hours of committee meetings and moderated discussions on health economics and social policy
- Co-authored report with recommendations and rationale for all 80 policy proposals

**American Psychiatric Association (APA), Psychiatry Student Interest Group Network (PsychSIGN)****Apr 2020 – Jun 2021****National Delegate to AMA Medical Student Section (MSS)**

- National delegate elected by APA's student wing to represent the specialty in AMA-MSS
- First student liaison working with APA delegation to AMA HOD on policies pertinent to psychiatry
- Presented APA perspective on MSS policy resolutions and reports relating to psychiatry, including expungement of substance use records, alternatives to incarcerations for individuals with mental illness, the end of solitary confinement, flexible (mental health, personal day, and no-excuse-necessary) absence policies for medical students and resident physicians, use of mental health clinicians by law enforcement in emergency response teams; revised language to align with psychiatric standards
- Advocated for PsychSIGN student leadership endorsement of resolutions and testified (written and oral) in MSS Assembly

**AMA Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS), Specialty & Service Society Collaborative, Coordinator****Aug – Nov 2020**

- Founded collaborative of national medical student representatives from 15 specialty and professional medical societies:
- Convened national student representatives from 15 specialty and professional societies to start new collaborative, including AAFP, AAP, ACEP, ACMQ, ANAMS, APAMSA, GLMA, and SNMA
- Identified and resurrected dormant liaison positions with AMWA, LMSA, AACOM COSGP, and SOMA
- Attempted to start new liaisons from ACOG and MSFC

**AMA-MSS, Region 3 Policy Co- Chair****Jun 2019 – Jun 2020**

- Coordinated policy resolution authorship and advocacy efforts for medical students across 6 states (AR, KS, LA, MS, OK, TX)
- Published monthly Advocacy Updates distributed to 2,000 students on insurance reform, vape regulations, and COVID-19
- Led 50-member region caucus during meetings and conference calls to testify, debate, and vote on proposed policies
- Evaluated MSS policy resolutions and mentored authors on optimal language and evidence-based policy creation
- Piloted first Region 3 master policy brick to optimize debate efficiency and improve transparency and comprehension

**Texas Medical Association (TMA), Physician Council on Socioeconomics (CSE), MSS Representative****Sep 2019 – May 2021**

- Presented medical student perspective on policy resolutions and reports regarding issues in health economics and finance (public and private insurance, balance billing, pharmaceutical pricing, public charge, telemedicine, rural health)
- Led resolutions on parity in comprehensive pregnancy-associated healthcare coverage for undocumented and Medicaid-ineligible patients, opposition to increasing work requirements in public assistance programs such as SNAP and TANF, and admissions of DACA-eligible prospective medical school applicants, as well as applicants from other immigrant communities

**Harris County Medical Society (HCMS), Physician Board of Medical Legislation, BCM MSS Representative****Jan 2019 – Dec 2020**

- Coordinated BCM's Medical Student Advocacy Day at the Texas Capitol to discuss issues such as extending Medicaid for postpartum women, raising tobacco purchase age to 21, and supporting school-based mental health services
- Reviewed health legislation proposed in spring 2019 Texas legislative session on balance billing and end-of-life care and healthcare-related components of fall 2020 presidential campaign platforms (including COVID-19 response)
- Helped interview and evaluate local candidates running for Texas House of Representatives

- Led 10-member board in serving as BCM's leading student voice in organized medicine
- Wrote resolutions on national and state issues such as addiction treatment, behavioral health in justice system, and eligibility for public assistance programs; coordinated resolution process for other students
- Wrote piece for Policy Prescriptions blog on the AMA's role in setting healthcare prices and attempts at reform to reduce costs and increase resources for primary care physicians
- Co-grantee of \$1500 from TMA Foundation to host community health fair in Houston
- Co-grantee of \$2500 from TMA Foundation to host flu shot clinic for Houston unhoused population
- Co-coordinated additional grants of several thousand dollars to fund an annual refugee health fair, a multilingual needs assessment for refugee communities, and a skin cancer screening program, all for Houston communities

## SELECTED POLICY RESOLUTIONS

### LEAD AUTHOR

**Reddy R**, Smith SM, Gage JL. MSS Position on Medicare Eligibility at Age 60. MSS A-21.

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### CO-LEAD AUTHOR

Gage JL, Singh A, **Reddy R**, Smith SM, Magrath J, Siddiqui A. Gun Violence Task Force. MSS A-22. HOD I-22.

Moses T, **Reddy R**, Chammaa M, et al. Drug Decriminalization. MSS I-21. Pending HOD A-23.

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Maddipudi S, **Reddy R**. Abortion Access During Public Health Emergencies. TMA A-21.

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### CO-AUTHOR

Wickramage P, Topolski N, **Reddy R**. Suicide Prevention Education for Physicians & Medical Students. TMA A-21.

Campalans N, Cline M, **Reddy R**. Support for the Use of Psychiatric Advance Directives. MSS I-19. HOD A-22.

### ADVISORY AUTHOR

Siddiqui A, Lapp L, Crowley S, et al. Public Coverage of Abortion. MSS I-22. HOD I-22.

Gage JL, Maddipudi S, **Reddy R**. Addressing the Impact of Abortion Restrictions in Texas. TMA A-22.

Tripathy S, Kaeley D, Smith SM, Sood N, Wong C, Maddipudi S, **Reddy R**. Universal Childcare & Preschool. HOD A-22.

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**Reddy R**. Who Sets the Price? *Policy Prescriptions*. 2018;11(20). <http://www.policyprescriptions.org/who-sets-the-price>.

## AWARDS

American Medical Association Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS), Region 3 Mentorship Award	Nov 2022
American Medical Association Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS), National Award for Outstanding Involvement	June 2022
American Medical Association Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS), Region 3 Student of the Year	Jun 2021









## MSS Governing Council Nomination Form

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### Nominee Information

Name: Laurie L Lapp

Street Address: [Redacted] Middle Initial: [Redacted] Last: [Redacted]

City/State: [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted] City: [Redacted] State: [Redacted] Zip Code: [Redacted]

Telephone: [Redacted] Fax: [Redacted] Daytime Phone: [Redacted]

Email address: [Redacted]

Date of Birth: [Redacted] Place of Birth: [Redacted] (mm/dd/yyyy) City and State

Medical School: University of Wisconsin

Graduated: N/A Medical Specialty: N/A

Board Certification(s): N/A

Nominee is an AMA Member: ☒ Yes ☐ No AMA Member Since: 2020  
Nominee is an AMA Delegate: ☒ Yes ☐ No  
Nominee has agreed to serve: ☒ Yes ☐ No  
Phone and Email made public: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Submitted By: Laurie Lapp

Name of person/organization submitting the nomination

Email Address:

Email address of person submitting the nomination

**I nominate the above for the following position.**

Vice Chair ☐ Delegate ☐ Alt. Delegate ☒ Speaker ☐ Vice Speaker ☐ At-Large Officer ☐  
DEI Officer ☐

## Supporting Information

### 1. Current Professional Position and Responsibilities

(i.e. practice, administrative, research, academic)

MD/MPH Student

### 2. Current/Prior State and Specialty Medical Society Memberships and Affiliations, and Faculty Appointments

(List current and past roles and positions held and dates of service.)

Wisconsin Medical Society, Alternate

### 3. Current/Prior Membership on AMA Councils/Committees:

(List Councils or Committees and dates of service.)

NA

### 4. Positions held at the state, region or national level:

(List MSS positions; if you are unsure if it should be listed, please error on the side of inclusion)

please see page 9

### 5. Sponsor's Narrative Statement (separate letters from Sponsors are permitted)

(Describe nominee's accomplishments and contributions using not less than 50, nor more than 250 words.)

please see page 10

### 6. Candidate's Statement of Interest (separate sheet of paper is acceptable as noted below)

(Personal statements will be limited to one page (front and back))

please see page 12

7. Please list your top three goals if elected and explain how you foresee planning, implementing, and completing each of them.

(250-word limit)

please see page 13

8. Endorsements

(Are welcome, but not required.)



## 9. AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy

Please review carefully the [AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy](#).

All nominees must complete a conflict of interest disclosure form between **May 10 and May 20, 2023**. Upon the AMA's receipt of your nomination submission, an email with details on how to access the disclosure form will be forthcoming. Your nomination materials will not be considered complete until your disclosure form has been completed and returned.

If you are seeking nomination/appointment to a leadership position in another organization, please also review carefully that organization's conflict of interest policy to determine that you will be able to comply. Please also familiarize yourself with the other organization's requirements/instructions for completion of any disclosure form.

If you have questions about the AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy, the AMA's Office of General Counsel ([ogc@ama-assn.org](mailto:ogc@ama-assn.org)) is available to provide guidance.

Please confirm, by signing below, that you have reviewed the [AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy](#) and [Principles](#), and understand the guidance provided above.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

5/4/2023

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please e-mail along with candidate's executive curriculum vitae (no more than 3 pages) to:  
[mss@ama-assn.org](mailto:mss@ama-assn.org)

AMA Medical Student Section Governing Council Application Addendum

**All Materials are due at 1:59AM CT on May 5, 2023. Submit this application and all accompanying materials in one PDF to [mss@ama-assn.org](mailto:mss@ama-assn.org)**

**Form Instructions:**

It is not required to have an application sponsor and applicants are welcome to self-nominate. It is recommended to attach a separate “sponsor’s narrative statement” (letter of recommendation), as well as a separate “candidate’s statement of interest” (not to exceed one page front and back).

The following materials are **required**:

**1. Dean’s Signature**

Please acknowledge that you have discussed this time commitment and made appropriate arrangements with your dean or clinical preceptor by signing the document attached below.

**2. Speakers’ Ruling**

Please acknowledge you have read the MSS Speakers’ Ruling by initialing the document attached below.

**3. Electronic Professional Headshot**

To maintain photo quality, please submit as either a .jpeg or .png.

**4. 2-page Curriculum Vitae**

The following materials are **optional**:

**1. Endorsements**

Your Speakers will allow the inclusion of 2 letters of endorsement in the Election Manual: one optional letter of endorsement by the Dean or Dean’s representative from the medical school that the candidate is enrolled in, and one optional letter of endorsement by staff of the state society from the state where the candidate attends medical school.

No other letters of endorsement may be included in the Election Manual.

**2. Notification of Dean**

In the case of my election, I would like my Dean to receive a congratulatory letter, informing them of my election.

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please include your Dean’s name, mailing address, and email address below:

Name: Gwen McIntosh, MD, MPH

Mailing Address: 750 Highland Ave 2150 HSLC Madison, WI 53705

Email Address: [gkmcinto@pediatrics.wisc.edu](mailto:gkmcinto@pediatrics.wisc.edu)

3. It is strongly encouraged that you reach out to the current GC member in this role to gain a full understanding of the position

## Acknowledgment of Time Commitment and Confirmation of Good Standing

The elected AMA Medical Student Section (MSS) Governing Council member should be available to attend the following conferences:

1. AMA MSS Governing Council Dinner, June 2023; Time to be determined.
2. AMA MSS Governing Council Virtual Retreat and Orientation (June 2023).
3. AMA All Sections Retreat (August 4-6, 2023).
4. AMA Medical Student Section Interim Meeting (November 9-11, 2023)  
Delegate and Alt. Delegate Attendance (November 9-14, 2023)  
National Harbor, Maryland.
5. AMA Medical Student Section Physicians of the Future Summit Meeting (Dates & Location TBD, January/February 2024).
6. AMA Medical Student Advocacy Conference (March 2024)  
Washington, D.C.
7. AMA Medical Student Section Annual Meeting (June 6-8, 2024)  
Delegate and Alt. Delegate Attendance (June 6-12, 2024)  
Chicago, Illinois

The positions of Chair, Delegate, and Alternate Delegate are required to remain for the AMA House of Delegates meeting which entails an additional 3 days at Interim and 4 days at Annual.

Governing Council Meetings are held in conjunction with these main meetings plus the stand-alone orientation in June.

Please acknowledge that you have discussed this time commitment and made appropriate arrangements with your dean, clinical preceptor, or other supervisor (for students who will be on an approved leave of absence or in a different degree program during the term of office) by signing below. The signature of your Dean or Advisor is required (1) to acknowledge the time commitment involved in a Governing Council position and (2) to verify that you are a student in good-standing with your medical school.

Candidate Signature: Lan Lapp

Medical School Dean or Advisor Signature: Gwen McIntosh

## Acknowledgement of MSS IOP and Speakers' Ruling

I affirm that I have read the AMA MSS Internal Operating Procedures (IOP) sections relevant to campaigning and the Speakers' Rulings for this election cycle and agree to abide by the rules and recommendations contained within those documents.

Candidate Signature: Lan Lapp

4. Positions held at the state, regional, or national level:

In the AMA-MSS:

- Region 2 Delegate
- House of Delegates Coordination Committee, Chair
- Region 2 Resolutions Committee, Member and Past Chair
- Resolution Task Force

In the Wisconsin Medical Society (WMS)

- Medical Student Section, Section Chair
- Student Representative to the WMS Membership Committee



# Wisconsin Medical Society

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May 4, 2023

Medical Student Section  
American Medical Association  
AMA Plaza  
330 North Wabash Ave., Suite 39300  
Chicago, IL 60611-5885

RE: Laurie Lapp – Endorsement for AMA MSS Section Alternate Delegate

Members of the Medical Student Section:

The Wisconsin Medical Society (WMS) and its American Medical Association Delegation are proud to endorse Laurie Lapp for appointment to the AMA MSS Governing Council as Section Alternate Delegate.

Ms. Lapp is a third-year medical student at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (UWSMPH), having previously received a B.A. in Neuroscience from Vanderbilt University. As a medical school with a focus on Public Health, UWSMPH designed a curriculum to provide foundational knowledge and engage students in health policy and advocacy efforts. We want students to incorporate these skills into their physician career. Laurie's medical school journey is the embodiment of this.

In Ms. Lapp's first year of medical school, she became active in our UWSMPH AMA chapter, serving as advocacy chair. Her role expanded to include service on the AMA-MSS Region 2 Committee on Legislation and Advocacy the following year and culminated in leadership involvement regionally and nationally at A'22 and I'22, serving as Chair of the MSS House Coordination Committee, Chair of Region 2 Resolutions Committee and Region 2 Delegate. Under her guidance as Chair of the WI MSS chapter, the chapter has seen tremendous growth of active medical student involvement in policy making through multiple issue-focused committees that submit resolutions to the Wisconsin Medical Society and AMA. She is an outstanding mentor for colleagues interested in advocacy and policy work.

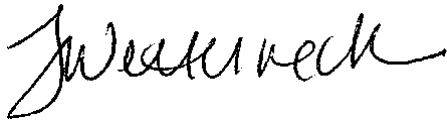
As Chairs of the WI AMA delegation & WMS Board, we have worked closely with Ms. Lapp over the past 2-3 years and personally witnessed her growth and leadership. Ms. Lapp is one of the most motivated and driven students in advocacy and health policy that we have worked with. For this reason, we had Laurie join the WMS AMA-HOD delegation as Alternate Delegate for I'22, an experience we rarely share with trainees. She is a thoughtful and enthusiastic leader, carefully considering the implications of health policy changes. Using her outstanding communication skills, she brings together consensus on important issues, credibly representing student and physician voices. She models passion for and commitment to improving patient and physician lives.

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Ms. Lapp's extensive experience with the AMA, passion for health policy and involving others in the process, and her amazing communication skills and attention to detail are all traits that make her an ideal candidate for this position. The WMS and our AMA delegation wholeheartedly support her appointment to the AMA MSS Governing Council as Section Alternate Delegate. She is an outstanding candidate!

Sincerely,

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Tosha Wetterneck, MD, MS, FACP  
Chair, Wisconsin Delegation to the AMA  
Professor of Medicine, UWSMPH

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Jerry Halverson, MD, DFAPA  
Chair, Board of Directors  
Wisconsin Medical Society

“Just jump right in.” This is the advice I received from seasoned members of the MSS when I was a confused and bewildered first year medical student attending my first AMA-MSS Meeting. Like many first-time attendees, I didn’t always know what was happening, but I knew I was hooked and that I wanted to get more involved in our AMA. I have since taken many jumps in our MSS, and subsequently I have had the honor of serving our Section in many capacities. Currently, I serve the MSS as a Delegate for Region 2, co-Chair of HCC, a member of our Resolution Task Force, and a member and past chair of the Region 2 Resolutions Committee.

Of all the jumps I have taken in our MSS, the biggest one by far was at the House of Delegates (HOD) 2022 Annual Meeting, when our Section Delegate (SD) asked me to help lead the Reference Committee B MSS Team. Even though I had been very active in our MSS up to that point, I had never done anything that big before. I was terrified and told our SD, “Anna, I am definitely not qualified for this.” She gently told me, “no one ever feels qualified for these things, it’s just a matter of saying YES and doing it. If you say, ‘yes’ enough times, eventually you’ll be an expert without even realizing how you got there.” Essentially, she was telling me, again, to “just jump right in.” She was right, and I am eternally grateful for her advice. I thoroughly enjoyed leading the Reference Committee B Team so much at Annual that I decided to do it again at the subsequent Interim Meeting. I had no way of knowing in advance just how special this meeting would be, but the pieces fell into place such that in addition to leading the Reference Committee B Team, I was a lead author of two resolutions that ended up in the Reference Committee that I was leading. Because of this unique situation, I had the honor of delivering testimony to the Reference Committee, and both resolutions were adopted by the HOD. Spearheading two resolutions with a massive team of authors and then leading the team that saw those resolutions through to their adoption by the HOD was one of the most fulfilling journeys of my life. Seeing my co-authors crying tears of joy and jumping up and down after our resolutions were adopted is something I will never forget. Never in my wildest dreams did I imagine the President of our AMA would say “Our new policy is a roadmap for improving access and equity to ensure patients get the health care that they need” about a resolution that I wrote. I had only had that opportunity because our former SD encouraged me to jump in.

After three years of jumping into numerous positions in our MSS, I believe I have cultivated the advocacy skills, policy acumen, and passion for student engagement that will make me an effective and compelling Section Alternate Delegate. First and foremost, I have already proven I am an effective representative of MSS-authored resolution to the AMA House of Delegates. As a Region Delegate, Reference Committee Team Lead, and HCC Chair, I have had extensive experience getting our resolutions through the HOD. Secondly, I have been extensively involved in MSS policy processes in numerous capacities. I understand our processes inside and out and bring several perspectives to the table as Section Alternate Delegate: I have authored resolutions adopted by the HOD; I’ve authored resolutions slated for reaffirmation; I now lead the committee that makes recommendations regarding reaffirmation and novelty; I have led Region 2 in deciding which resolutions we will support; I will be representing Region 2 to our HOD yet again at this Annual Meeting. My wealth of experience allows me to see and juggle every piece of the MSS policy process, and this uniquely prepares me to advocate for our MSS as Alternate Delegate.

Finally, I would not be here today without the help of seasoned MSSers and former Section Delegates. I believe that when an individual has found oneself climbing the ladder of success, it is that individual’s duty to not only extend the ladder so others can reach it; it is that individual’s duty to actively reach back and pull more people up the ladder. I have been persistently and aggressively pulling younger medical students up the ladder behind me by giving them the same advice that was given to me: “just jump right in.” These efforts have led to an explosion of medical student advocacy in my home state of Wisconsin, which now has more medical student engagement in our AMA-MSS standing committees than every other state in our MSS. Of all the skills and experience I have gained in our MSS, I am confident my passion for mentorship and member engagement will be my greatest asset as Alternate Delegate. I look forward to jumping into this opportunity, if our MSS will give me the chance, and I know that as the next Section Alternate Delegate I will help our MSS jump to new heights in our AMA and beyond.

If elected, my goals are:

- 1) Effectively and efficiently orchestrate MSS policy review. The Section Delegates lead the MSS policy review process, but there are many reviewers involved that provide feedback throughout each policy cycle. My primary goal as SAD is to streamline our review process for everyone involved. This means standardizing the way each resolution is reviewed, encouraging more collaboration among reviewers, communicating expectations to reviewers in a clear and timely manner, and making the process as easy as possible to understand for first time authors. Our MSS has an abundance of resources available to our MSS, but they can be difficult to find and many people don't know they exist. As SAD I will ask our MSS region leadership to help disseminate these resources. Additionally, I believe the key to effective communication is repetition and ease of access. One way to make our resources very easily accessible is by including links to resources in all correspondences.
- 2) Encourage medical student engagement in our AMA-MSS. This is something I have been effectively executing in the state of Wisconsin, and I plan to translate this to the AMA-MSS by expanding on the things I am currently doing. This includes personally reaching out to individual students to discuss ideas and goals, highlighting the work and achievements of other students, and many other strategies. I believe the key is to use every interaction as an opportunity to grow or connect with someone, and there is an abundance of opportunities to do this within the role of SAD.
- 3) Effectively communicate and collaborate with other Sections and Societies in our AMA. The MSS is a resolution-writing machine, and I believe our large volume of resolutions is best received by the HOD when we collaborate with other entities. The biggest barrier to this is timely responses to emails and leveraging connections that we have in other Sections and Societies. This requires pristine organizational skills for the SD/SAD, but I believe I am up to the task.



# LAURIE LAPP

## EDUCATION

**University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health** (2020 – current)  
MD, MPH, Expected Graduation 2025

**Vanderbilt University** (2016-2020)  
BA, Neuroscience  
Minor: Medicine, Health, and Society

## ADVOCACY EXPERIENCE

### American Medical Association – Medical Student Section

#### **Resolution Task Force** (2023)

- Review MSS external reaffirmations process, optimize the role of the HCC, review recommendations from A-22 GC Report B, and make recommendations to improve MSS policy processes

#### **Region 2 Delegate** (2023)

- Testify on behalf of Medical Student Section resolutions presented to the AMA House of Delegates
- Review resolutions authored by medical students, make recommendations regarding content, feasibility, timeliness, and impact

#### **Team Lead, Reference Committee B** (Annual 2023, Annual 2022, Interim 2022)

- Write and delegate testimony assignments for resolutions in HOD Reference Committee B

#### **Chair, House Coordination Committee** (June 2022 – present)

- Oversee and coordinate review of all MSS-authored resolutions for novelty and reaffirmation of existing AMA policies. Member since December 2021

#### **Committee Member, Region 2 Resolutions Committee** (September 2022 – present)

- Oversee and coordinate review of all MSS-authored resolutions submitted for Region 2 authorship. Past Chair, Interim 2022.

#### **Committee Member, Region 2 Committee on Legislation and Advocacy** (September 2021 – June 2022)

- Create a guide to advocacy for Region 2 medical students

#### **Advocacy Chair, UWSMPH chapter** (November 2020 – December 2021)

- Promote AMA events and advocacy among UWSMPH medical students

### Wisconsin Medical Society

#### **Student Representative, WMS Membership Committee** (May 2023 – present)

- Represent the WMS-MSS to the WMS Membership Committee, expand WMS membership

#### **Alternate Delegate**, (November 2022)

- Represent Wisconsin to the AMA House of Delegates Interim 2022 Meeting

#### **Chair, Medical Student Section** (May 2022 – present)

- Organize and direct activities of the WMS-MSS, including overseeing the creation of new MSS committees, integration of MSS members into the broader WMS infrastructure, authorship of several resolutions

**Chair, Legislative Action Committee** (August 2022 – May 2023)

- Organize and direct projects including the creation of a Guide to the WI 2022 November Elections, creation of policy briefs, coordination of meetings with state legislators

**Advocacy Chair, Medical Student Section** (June 2021 – May 2022)

- Engage with UWSMPH medical students to increase student involvement in the Wisconsin Medical Society

## Policies and Reports Authored

*Report of the 2023 Resolution Task Force.* Ryan Englander, Section Delegate; Brittany Ikwuagwu, Section Alternate Delegate; Kylie Rostad, **Laurie Lapp**, Rajadhar Reddy, Sarah Mae Smith, Justin Magrath, Jack Gatti, Revati Gummaluri, Allie Conry, Jenna Gage, Resolution Task Force. American Medical Association Medical Student Section 2023 Annual Meeting. May 2023.

*Expanding Support for Access to Abortion Care.* American Medical Association. Lead Author. New HOD Policy. Adopted Interim 2022. American Medical Association.

*Coverage and Reimbursement of Abortion Services.* American Medical Association. Lead Author. New MSS Policy. Adopted Interim 2022. Medical Student Section.

*Protecting Access to Abortion in Wisconsin by Repealing Wisconsin State Statute 940.04.* Wisconsin Medical Society. Lead Author. New WMS Policy. Adopted September 2022. Wisconsin Medical Society.

*Access to Standard Care for Nonviable Pregnancy.* American Medical Association. Author. New MSS Policy. Adopted Interim 2021. Medical Student Section.

## Conferences Attended

**ACOG Congressional Leadership Conference**, March 2023

**American Medical Association House of Delegates**, Interim 2022, Annual 2022

**American Medical Association Medical Student Section**, Interim 2022, Annual 2022, Interim 2021, Annual 2021, Interim 2020

**AMA Medical Student Advocacy Conference**, March 2021, March 2022, March 2023

**Physicians of the Future Summit**, January 2021, January 2023

## HONORS

**Gold Humanism Honor Society**

- Inductee Class of 2023

**Achievement in Engagement Award**, American Medical Association – Medical Student Section, Interim 2022

- The Achievement in Engagement Award is an annual award which recognizes a student who has championed recruitment at the chapter, state, region, or committee level (or beyond)









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### Nominee Information

Name: Abbigayle J Willgruber-Rawls

Address: First Middle Initial Last

City/State: Street Address State Zip Code

Telephone: Daytime Phone Fax:

Email address:

Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yyyy) Place of Birth: City and State

Medical School: Univ of Kentucky C M - Bowling Green

Graduated: N/A Medical Specialty: N/A

Board Certification(s): N/A

Nominee is an AMA Member:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	AMA Member Since: 2020
Nominee is an AMA Delegate:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Nominee has agreed to serve:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Phone and Email made public:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

Submitted By: Abbigayle Willgruber-Rawls

Name of person/organization submitting the nomination

Email Address:

Email address of person submitting the nomination

**I nominate the above for the following position.**

Vice Chair ☐ Delegate ☐ Alt. Delegate ☐ Speaker ☐ Vice Speaker ☐ At-Large Officer ☒  
DEI Officer ☐

## Supporting Information

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(i.e. practice, administrative, research, academic)

Rising fourth-year medical student

### 2. Current/Prior State and Specialty Medical Society Memberships and Affiliations, and Faculty Appointments

(List current and past roles and positions held and dates of service.)

American Academy of Otolaryngology

### 3. Current/Prior Membership on AMA Councils/Committees:

(List Councils or Committees and dates of service.)

Region 5 Resolution Review

### 4. Positions held at the state, region or national level:

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Region 5 MSS Legislation and Advocacy Chair, Region 5

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(250-word limit)

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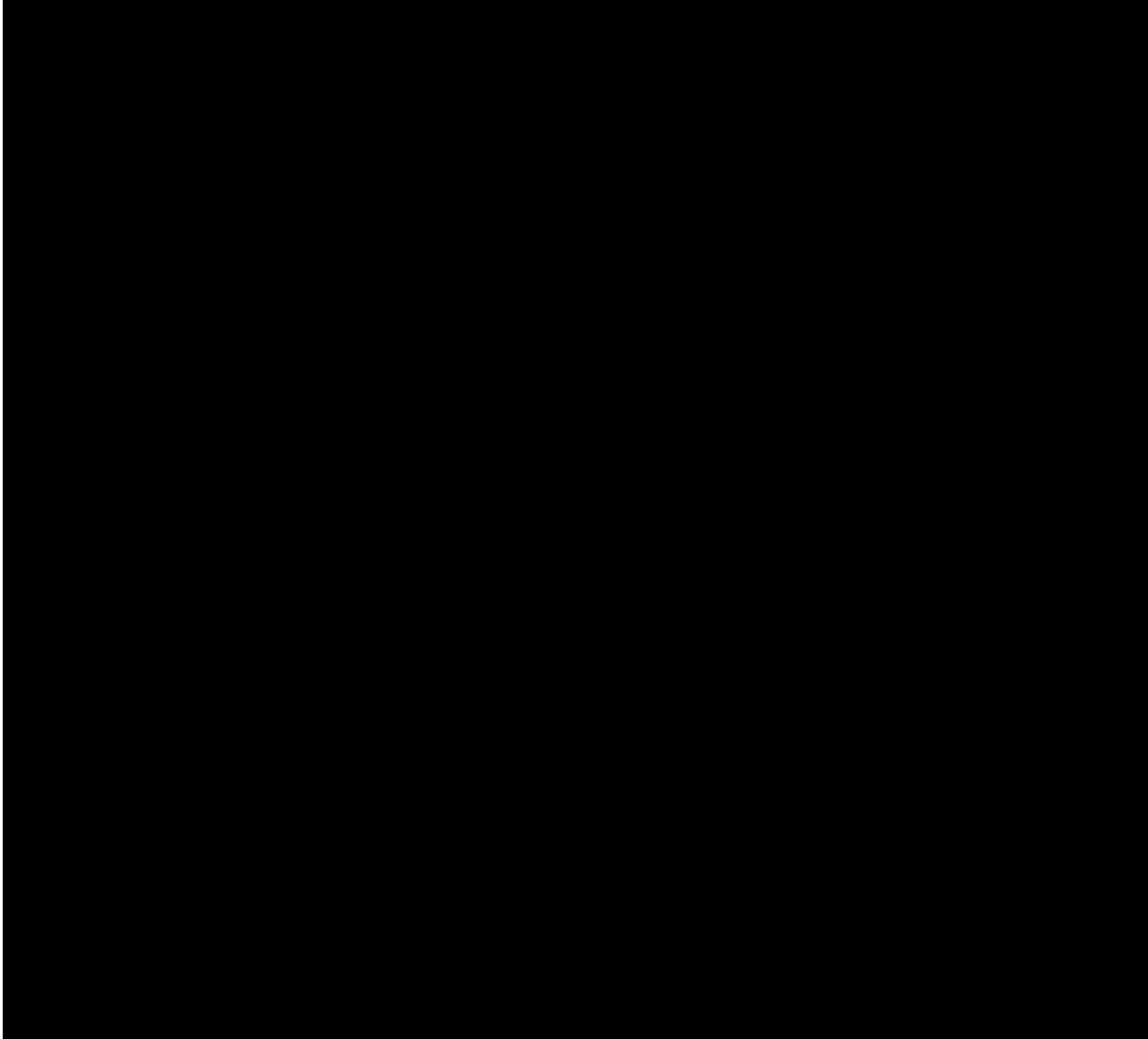
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## **Diversity and Demographics**

In order to attract the most diverse pool of candidates possible, we request the following self-reported diversity statement and optional demographic information. This information will be used in the internal deliberation of candidates and may be reported in aggregate form only. For applicants to organizations outside the AMA: this information will only be released to the organization to which you are seeking appointment (1) if you are the AMA's selected nominee and (2) if you provide permission to do so.\*\*

**7. Candidate's Diversity Statement.** Please describe how you will bring diversity to the position for which you are applying.



**\*\*Optional Release to External Organization Positions –** For AMA nomination opportunities for external leadership positions: To further our mission of ensuring diverse representation, the AMA asks nominees if they would like to share the diversity statement and optional demographic information they have provided to us with the external organization for the position for which they have applied.

**Please indicate your decision below:**

- ☐ No. I choose NOT to authorize the AMA to share this diversity statement and optional demographic information on this form to any external organization.
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## 9. AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy

Please review carefully the [AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy](#).

All nominees must complete a conflict of interest disclosure form between **May 10 and May 20, 2023**. Upon the AMA's receipt of your nomination submission, an email with details on how to access the disclosure form will be forthcoming. Your nomination materials will not be considered complete until your disclosure form has been completed and returned.

If you are seeking nomination/appointment to a leadership position in another organization, please also review carefully that organization's conflict of interest policy to determine that you will be able to comply. Please also familiarize yourself with the other organization's requirements/instructions for completion of any disclosure form.

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Abbigayle Willgruber-Rawls

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Signature

05/01/2023

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Date

Please e-mail along with candidate's executive curriculum vitae (no more than 3 pages) to:  
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AMA Medical Student Section Governing Council Application Addendum

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**Form Instructions:**

It is not required to have an application sponsor and applicants are welcome to self-nominate. It is recommended to attach a separate "sponsor's narrative statement" (letter of recommendation), as well as a separate "candidate's statement of interest" (not to exceed one page front and back).

The following materials are **required**:

**1. Dean's Signature**

Please acknowledge that you have discussed this time commitment and made appropriate arrangements with your dean or clinical preceptor by signing the document attached below.

**2. Speakers' Ruling**

Please acknowledge you have read the MSS Speakers' Ruling by initialing the document attached below.

**3. Electronic Professional Headshot**

To maintain photo quality, please submit as either a .jpeg or .png.

**4. 2-page Curriculum Vitae**

The following materials are **optional**:

**1. Endorsements**

Your Speakers will allow the inclusion of 2 letters of endorsement in the Election Manual: one optional letter of endorsement by the Dean or Dean's representative from the medical school that the candidate is enrolled in, and one optional letter of endorsement by staff of the state society from the state where the candidate attends medical school.

No other letters of endorsement may be included in the Election Manual.

**2. Notification of Dean**

In the case of my election, I would like my Dean to receive a congratulatory letter, informing them of my election.

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please include your Dean's name, mailing address, and email address below:

Name: Todd Cheever MD

Mailing Address: PO Box 90005, Bowling Gre

Email Address: [todd.cheever@uky.edu](mailto:todd.cheever@uky.edu)

3. It is strongly encouraged that you reach out to the current GC member in this role to gain a full understanding of the position



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Candidate Signature: **Abbigayle Willgruber-Rawls**

Medical School Dean or Advisor Signature: Dr. [Signature]

## Acknowledgment of MS, SIOB and Speakers' Ruling

I affirm that I have read the AMA MSS Internal Operating Procedures (IOP) sections relevant to campaigning and the Speakers' Ruling, and for this election cycle, I agree to abide by the rules and recommendations contained within those documents.

Candidate Signature: **Abbigayle Willgruber-Rawls**



# Abbigayle Willgruber-Rawls

## Education

**University of Kentucky College of Medicine**  
*Doctor of Medicine*

Bowling Green, KY  
May 2024

**Western Kentucky University**  
*Bachelor of Science in Biology, Summa Cum Laude*

Bowling Green, KY  
May 2020

## AWARDS AND HONORS

- First place Podium Oral Presentation, Western Kentucky Heart and Lung Research Symposium: April 2023
  - Selected as the top podium presenter for entire symposium for my presentation entitled, “Quality and Readability of Online Health Information for Hearing Aids.”
- Gold Humanism Honor Society Inductee: April 2023
  - Nominated by my classmates for embodying the core values of the GHHS. Selected based on an essay written about compassionate patient care.
- AMA-MSS Interim 2022 Outstanding Policy Involvement Award: November 2022
  - Given due to strong work during the policy cycle regarding involvement, resolution writing, and mentorship to students.
- KMA Community Service Award, UK College of Medicine: August 2022
  - Given to the medical students of Kentucky due to efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - Selected to represent the Bowling Green campus in the acceptance video.
- KMA Medical Student Outreach Leadership Program Graduate: August 2022
  - Completed a series of lectures about the functioning of the legislature as well as a service project.
  - Rewarded for successful completion of the program.
- AMA Region 5 Student Member Moving Medicine: May 2022
  - Selected for efforts related to the December 2021 tornadoes in Western Kentucky; including fundraising and mobilizing efforts
- Student Member of the Search Committee for the Associate Dean of Wellness and Wellbeing at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine: May 2022
  - Selected as a representative of the Bowling Green campus to select the new Associate Dean of Wellness and Wellbeing.
  - Conducted several interviews and meetings to assist in providing input for the new hire.

## Research Experience

**Readability Studies in Otolaryngology**  
**Matthew Bush, MD, PhD, MBA, U.K. College of Medicine,**  
**Department of Otolaryngology, Lexington, KY**

Lexington, KY

June 2021-present

- Identified a gap in current health literacy research and assisted a resident in completing a project related to website readability for cochlear implant online information in English and Spanish.
- Continued this work by conducting a study in hearing aid information, assisted in completing projects in tympanoplasty/mastoidectomy, and noise-induced hearing loss.
- Recently began another project in Meniere’s Disease and will begin another on chronic cough.

## Leadership Positions

**Region 5 American Medical Association Medical Student Section Delegate**

November 2022-present

- Assist in determining priority issues for the AMA-MSS at the national and regional level.
- Aid in developing testimony and coordinating efforts for annual and interim meetings.
- Assist in reviewing policy written by medical students for novelty and content.
- Selected for Reference Committee for A-23.

**Region 5 AMA-MSS Legislation and Advocacy Chair**

June 2022-present

- Assist in molding and developing the policy cycle for the Medical Student Section.
- Serve as the chair of the Region 5 Resolution Review Committee, which reviews policy written by medical students for regional support.
- Aid in developing region support and testimony for annual and interim meetings.
- Serve as a state leader for the Medical Student Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C.
- Responsible for leading resolution writing workshops and leading advocacy efforts at a state and regional level.

**UK College of Medicine-Bowling Green KMA/AMA Chapter President**

September 2022-present

- Aided in restarting the local Bowling Green chapter
- Assist in developing programming for the year's meetings
- Aid the executive team in executing tasks and determining needs
- Provide guidance and lead meetings

**Medical Students for Disaster Recovery Executive Board**

December 2021-present

- Responsible for determining needs and disbursements for the group, which include assistance to groups helping with tornado relief as well as individuals who were directly affected by the tornadoes.
- Assist in coordinating efforts to find the most need throughout the communities affected.
- Direct the group towards determining disbursements and collaborating to come up with the best ways to help.

**Otolaryngology Interest Group-Bowling Green Co-Leader**

August 2021-present

- Served as a co-founder of the group.
- Assist in group programming and providing opportunities for students interested in ENT.
- Hosted a suturing workshop series to aid students in developing skills necessary for operating room success.

**Resilient-Bowling Green Chapter Co-President**

November 2021-present

- Serve as the Co-President for the student-run mental, physical, and emotional health group.
- Responsible for coordinating student panels and directing other members towards events and goals.
- Led several student events including Trunk-or-Treat, Sunrise Yoga, and candy grams.

**Holsteiner House President/Fundraising Chair**

May 2021-May 2022

- Responsible for coordinating all house meetings and events for the year, which included house Olympics, house monthly meetings, and other social events.
- Responsible for coordinating all apparel sales and other fundraising endeavors.
- Assisted in planning and running new student orientation, including social events, student panels, and other events.

**Dean's Committee on Student Admissions and Admissions Ambassador**

August 2020-present

- Assisted in providing tours to prospective and admitted students.
- Participated in student panels for incoming and prospective students.
- Participated in virtual student admissions days.

**Volunteer Experience**

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**Medical Center Health COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic**

Bowling Green, KY

January 2021-January 2022

**Scribe and Shot Provider**

- Served as a scribe for the COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic, which included documenting all shots and providing patients with their documentation.
- Learned to give shots to cover gaps in scheduling.
- Completed over 200 hours at the clinic in both roles.

**Medical Students for Tornado Relief**

Bowling Green, KY

December 2021

**Executive Board and Founder of GoFundMe**

- Began the student-run GoFundMe for tornado relief following the December 2021 tornadoes, which raised over \$150,000 for tornado relief.
- Coordinated on the ground efforts, as well as resource allocation following the tornado.
- Continue to provide monetary relief to both organizations and individuals affected by the tornadoes.
- Spent 200 hours coordinating efforts.

Abbigayle Willgruber-Rawls  
University of Kentucky College of Medicine – Bowling Green

Dear wonderful MSS members:

Thank you so much for taking the time to read my statement of interest for the position of Governing Council At-Large Officer. Coming into medical school, I never imagined I would find an organization that would allow me to not only explore my own passions in medicine but would help me find my voice and build my confidence in sharing my opinion and pushing myself past my comfort zone to make things happen. I found the AMA and the MSS after a series of fortunate events that led me to find a passion for medical advocacy and gave me insight on what it truly meant to advocate for the profession of medicine and for my patients. When I joined the MSS, I dove in head-first.

My first opportunity to become more involved within the MSS was as the Region 5 Legislation and Advocacy Chair. In this role, I've worked to make sure our Region 5 authors feel supported through the resolution process, and to promote collaboration and to encourage Region 5 members to find and follow their passions through advocacy. Starting in August of 2022, I began development of the Region 5 Resolution Review Committee, which is now a robust committee that assists in determining Region 5 Authorship and will continue to develop testimony and stances for our upcoming meeting in June. When this began, I imagined a group of Region 5 members all working in a collaborative effort to promote resolution writing and testimony in our Region. With our second MSS meeting since formation coming up, I am so thankful for the consistent collaboration of my fellow Region 5 members, who have dedicated their time and energy into making our Resolution Review Committees first year a success. I know without their dedication, support, and tireless work reviewing resolutions and providing their sound input, our committee wouldn't have been as successful as it is now, and for that, I'm extremely grateful.

At the same time, I began to fall more and more in love with the policy-making process, supporting members, and collaborating with my fellow MSS members. This led me to apply for a position as a Region 5 Delegate at I-22. I knew I wanted to continue to serve our MSS through the policy cycle and through the processes of the MSS. In this role, I've had the privilege to learn more about members through their passions and I've been able to provide advice and assistance to members who reach out regarding their advocacy and avenues for advocacy.

All of this, combined with my experiences with serving as my KMA/AMA Chapter President and through my experiences with the KMA and advocacy, have led me to this. I desire to serve as the AMA-MSS Governing Council At-Large Officer for several reasons. First, I desire to support chapter, region, state, and national leadership in all their endeavors. First and foremost, I want all members to feel valued, supported, and uplifted through the goals they are pursuing. I want to shed insight and provide a helping hand when needed through policy endeavors, community service and volunteerism, engagement and recruitment efforts, membership activities, and so much more. I desire to continue building upon the amazing foundation our wonderful Governing Council has set and continue to bring about collaboration in all avenues of our MSS to ensure that we are giving members programming that meets their needs and continues to bolster the goals and missions of our members.

Second, I desire to serve as the At-Large Officer to continue to foster collaboration in all aspects of our MSS, and to expand our collaborative efforts to other sections. One of my goals is to enhance collaboration not only across regions and states for community service events and recruitment and engagement events, among others, but also across sections. I will work to create programming throughout the year and will collaborate and reach out across sections to partner to complete this programming. I envision things such as an MSS-led blood drive, food/clothing donation drive, etc. that would be opened across sections, including the Women in Medicine, Residents and Fellows Section, and Young Physicians Section for participation and collaboration. I will work closely with current liaisons for

these sections among others to ensure these goals are accomplished and we are working together with our fellow sections.

Third, I desire to support chapter, state, and region goals through an ongoing workshop series. My first plan of action would be to host a series of roundtables with MSS leaders from chapters, states, and regions to gather feedback about the things they are concerned about or would like further resources for. I would then create a series of workshops that would be available live and then in recording for various topics, including recruitment and engagement, leadership, advocacy, and policymaking. These would also have activities for chapters to complete with their members to enhance the goals of the workshop. This would be an ongoing and dynamic event throughout the year, and I would hold roundtables throughout the year to ensure we are meeting the goals of the MSS.

Fourth, I plan to strengthen the relationship between regional delegations, authorship teams, and regions. To accomplish this, I will first gather all the regional delegations and understand their current collaboration and partnership with authorship teams, from their region and from other regions. One of the ways I plan to accomplish this is by hosting office hours alongside region delegation and region leadership to open the floor for any collaborative efforts, and to provide resources and share ideas across groups. I hope to encourage more delegation involvement in regional activities and strengthen the current action plans of region delegations and region leadership. I hope to streamline communication by creating avenues for discussion that work for each region delegation and leadership team, and hope to directly speak to all chapter leadership to get increased involvement and discussion across all levels of the MSS. I hope that this will positively impact recruitment and engagement, while also strengthening region delegation involvement and comfortability for region leadership in discussing things with not only the At-Large Officer, but also the region delegation.

Overall, my goals center around strengthening the current systems in place and encouraging more collaboration between each level of the MSS. My goals will largely be supported by continuing efforts of reaching out to chapters and providing necessary resources to increase advocacy, membership and recruitment, policymaking, and community engagement. I am ready to home in on each of the skills that each of you offer and utilize those skills to help each of you reach your goals. I will be steadfast in working with each member to find their needs and celebrating their successes. I am thankful for the opportunity to run for At-Large Officer and hope you will consider allowing me to carry out my goals. Thank you so much!

Best regards,

*Abbigayle J. Willgruber-Rawls*

Abbigayle Willgruber-Rawls  
University of Kentucky College of Medicine – Bowling Green, Class of 2024  
Region 5 Legislation and Advocacy Chair  
Region 5 AMA-MSS Delegate  
At-Large Officer Candidate

May 1, 2023

Dear AMA Selection Committee:

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If there is anything else I can do to support her application, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Todd R. Cheever, MD  
Associate Dean  
U.K. College of Medicine - Bowling Green Campus



**Candidate Diversity Statement**  
**Abbigayle Willgruber-Rawls**

As a first-generation college student and eventual first-generation medical student, I am acutely aware of all the difficulties faced by individuals in a similar position to myself. While I now have learned to be empowered and to speak up for my goals and values, I wasn't always taught this. As the daughter of a high school graduate, and middle school graduate, my parents often taught me to keep my head down, do as I was told, get good grades, and not to speak up against the norm. While going through my undergraduate career, I learned of the importance for standing up for my goals, values, and beliefs. In addition, through my life experiences, I have been fortunate to be educated on a variety of issues that pertain to all walks of life. I have become empowered to use my voice to stand up for others, including my fellow medical students, pre-medical students, and patients and physicians alike. From a young age, I learned to be a sponge, to soak up all information provided to me, and then to synthesize that information to make informed opinions that help to benefit those who are at a disadvantage. I learned of the ways I can advocate for my values and beliefs through the AMA-MSS. I hope to continue to find my voice, and to utilize my experiences to help other students in a similar position as myself find themselves too. I hope I serve as a resource for those individuals and push them to become more. With my perspectives regarding advocacy, and my desire to always find ways to do more, I believe I would be an asset to continue to move forward the values of the AMA-MSS.

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Todd R. Cheever, MD  
Associate Dean  
U.K. College of Medicine – Bowling Green Campus



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May 10, 2023

Medical Student Section  
American Medical Association  
AMA Plaza  
330 N. Wabash Ave., Suite 39300  
Chicago, IL 60611-5885

To Whom it May Concern:

The Kentucky Medical Association is very pleased to endorse Abbigayle Wilgruber-Rawls, for the position of At-Large Officer for the Medical Student Section Governing Council.

Ms. Wilgruber-Rawls is an active member of the Kentucky Medical Association and a graduate of our Medical Student Outreach and Leadership Program. In addition, Ms. Wilgruber-Rawls and her peers were awarded the 2022 KMA Community Service Award for their tremendous work during COVID-19.

At the state level, Ms. Wilgruber-Rawls served on the Executive Board for the Medical Students for Tornado Relief following the devastating tornadoes in 2021. She created a GoFundMe which raised over \$150,000 in support of this effort and has spent over 200 hours coordinating this work.

At the national level, Ms. Wilgruber-Rawls has served on the AMA-MSS Region 5 Legislation and Advocacy Chair since 2022 and will serve on a reference committee at the 2023 AMA Annual Meeting.

She will be a tremendous asset to the MSS and to the AMA House of Delegates.

If I can provide additional information or answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Monalisa Tailor, MD  
President  
Kentucky Medical Association

Cc: Greg Cooper, MD, Chair, KMA Delegation to the AMA

