

Section: Minority Affairs Section

Strategy Highlight –

Describe execution to date of one priority objective and related goals / tactics:

Objective: Increase number of resolutions that align with MAS strategic priorities.

Tactics:

- Increased communications from staff and MAS Delegate to section and GC members regarding timeline and deadlines for A-24 draft resolutions and suggested topics via section newsletter, GroupMe account, and emails from staff.
- Policy-making orientation session delivered by the MAS Delegate to Governing Council (GC) members regarding protocols for resolutions (e.g., how to submit ideas; collaboration on topics; overview of deliberations within Reference Committees and the full House of Delegates; defining policy impact)
- Direct solicitation by section chair and staff encouraging GC members to leverage their expertise and professional concerns in the development of impactful resolutions.
- Shared templates, sample resolutions and other resources with members.
- Promoting an online submission form for resolution ideas.

Top priority policy topics for A-24:

MAS is considering sponsoring or co-sponsoring resolutions on the following topics:

- Medical education for members in underserved minority populations
- Improving healthcare of Hispanic populations
- AMA's support for STEMM-focused pathway programs
- Improving healthcare, representation in the house of medicine, increasing access to training opportunities, and the reduction of cancer disparities among American Indian / Alaska Native and other rural minority populations.
- Establishment of an AMA-led diversity mentorship program
- Voter rights
- Public health and medicine among immigrants, migrants, and refugees

MAS leaders will confer after the April 1 resolution submission deadline to review drafts and determine next steps.

Education topics for A-24:

“Indigenous Peoples And Gender Diversity: An Intersectional Approach To Health Equity” is a non-CME education program that will feature a physician and their partner – both of whom identify as “Two-Spirit” individuals and co-sponsored by MAS, MSS, and LGBTQ.

Recent activities of interest:

1. Additional MAS events in development for A-24:
 - Speed-mentoring (MAS, MSS, RFS)
 - American Indian / Alaska Native Work Group Meeting
 - Inaugural meeting of the MAS Council of Past Chairs & Delegates with current GC members

- Equity and Advocacy Briefing (MAS, MSS, RFS)
2. The Minority Affairs Section again facilitates the AMA's sponsorship of the annual Leadership Summit on Health Disparities, sponsored by the National Minority Quality Forum. Six MAS Governing Council members will attend, as well as a Medical Student Section Governing Council member. A speaking invitation has been submitted by NMQF for an AMA trustee to deliver plenary remarks.
 3. The MAS election will be April 1 – 12. Candidates are running for the following seats:
 - MSS Representative
 - YPS Representative
 - MAS Delegate

Upcoming activities of interest (non-Annual):

MAS will have representation from AMA staff and/or physician and medical students at the annual conferences of the following organizations that are focused on minority health, health equity and other MAS- or enterprise-aligned priorities:

- National Hispanic Medical Association (April)
- National Minority Quality Forum (April)
- National Medical Association (August)
- Association of American Indian Physicians and Association of Native American Medical Students (September)
- Latino Medical Student Association (September)