Speaker

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Statement of Interest

Hello friends! I'm Anna Yap, an emergency medicine resident and rising administrative fellow, where I hope to meld the world of practice with policy. I'm running to be your next RFS speaker because I love the job. The speaker's job is to create an open and inclusive environment where all members can feel encouraged to bring forward their ideas, often in an environment that can seem daunting. For many, the assembly is the first place we interface with the AMA and how we get hooked into this wonderful world of organized medicine. I have had my fair share of parliamentary blunders which prevented good policy from being understood, which drove me to run for AMA-MSS speaker a few years ago, to make sure it would not happen to others. I had a great time running the very large MSS Assembly in I-17, where we had over 100 items of business, which we were able to get through efficiently and smoothly, with time to spare. Since then, I have been lucky to have a variety of other leadership positions within organized medicine, such as RFS At-Large Officer, the Committee of Interns and Residents board member, to currently California Medical Association Trustee and AMPAC Trustee. To the role of your RFS speaker, I promise to bring my spirit of inclusivity and mentorship that I have continued to bring throughout the years. As we are moving back to in person activities, I want to enable experiences that we can share together, joyfully.

Diversity Statement

As a first generation immigrant, I grew up with parents that had to struggle with establishing themselves in a foreign country with little initial resources. I have drawn strength from such a background and respect minority perspectives and appreciate the work that AMA has done to greater diversify our membership. However, we still have a long way to go. In our AMA, I have been an advocate and ally in our efforts for health equity and justice, both for our patients but also within our physician workforce. I have actively chosen training to ensure I have a wide variety of practice settings and patient populations, so I can better consider multiple perspectives when looking at health policy in the US. In my time with national union organizing, I have worked with physicians of so many different backgrounds and perspectives and have always considered this when coming to solutions. I look for opportunities to ensure the voices of all members are represented and respected, especially those whom have not traditionally had much involvement in our organization. During my time in medical training, I have been a staunch advocate for trainees and our patients, and will continue to do so, as I enter into fellowship. In addition, having served as speaker of the MSS previously, I have had experience in bridging the experience gap of newer members with the understanding of how AMA operates. Ultimately, I promise to uplift our members so that everyone can have their voice heard.