

Delegate

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Statement of Interest

I believe that as the RFS Delegate, I would be able to leverage my previous experience, my collaborative skills, as well as my institutional knowledge to best advocate on behalf of the Section.

My experience with the AMA, particularly within the HOD, has been ongoing since my first year of medical school. Having served on the MSS's House Coordinating Committee, eventually becoming its co-chair, as well as serving for two years as a regional delegate, I established knowledge and experience working in the HOD. I was elected in my fourth year to serve as the MSS Alternate Delegate, serving on the Governing Council of the Section and learning to work across broad coalitions for the Section. I have been fortunate to continue working within the HOD during my residency training, having spent time both as a sectional delegate and most recently over this last year as the RFS Alternate Delegate.

The policies that will be discussed over the next year have the potential to create significant impact within the AMA and could have large effects on the voice of our Section. Mechanisms such as the Resolution Committee, utilized to limit the number of resolutions heard at meetings, have resulted in our resolutions being unheard for meeting after meeting. As Delegate, I have the institutional knowledge necessary to address these and other issues as they are discussed in the House over the next year.

As Delegate, I would have the experience, knowledge and skills to advocate successfully for our Section.

Diversity Statement

I have grown up, lived in and attended my medical training in the Midwest, which has provided a unique glimpse at times into the challenges experienced by rural communities with access to medical care. Additionally, the challenges faced by minority communities living in these areas have been at times exacerbated by local culture or viewpoints, which has affected the care that my patients have received.

As a white, heterosexual, cis-gender male, I recognize that I have been the beneficiary of privilege across my whole life, and that many challenges faced by individuals who identify with underrepresented and marginalized identities have not been present for me. I constantly strive to be an ally to colleagues, friends, and patients, but recognize that I will fail and can do better and do more. In this way, I hope that I can elevate those who live these experiences, who know more than I ever will, in an effort to change our perceptions and positions to benefit all communities and identities.