

Resident and Fellow Section (AMA-RFS) Candidate for Delegate



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What are your pronouns? He/Him

Statement of interest

Hello RFS!

I'm thrilled and humbled to announce my candidacy for AMA-RFS chair-elect.

This campaign is centered around three core issues:

1. Rebuilding our Section after the pandemic: After many missed and virtual meetings, we need to revitalize engagement and patch the MSS-to-RFS pipeline.
2. Strengthening our ability to pass impactful policy in the House of Delegates: As a trainee

Section, we must redouble our commitment to the joint caucus while proactively expanding our partnership with other delegations.

3. Advancing equity, accessibility, and trainee rights: The RFS is a moral compass of the AMA, which is why we need to focus our efforts on maintaining the pace and impact of our progressive, trainee-centered policy.

As past chair of the AMA-MSS, my Governing Council created two new standing committees on American Indian and disability affairs, and I passed AMA policy to make attending national meetings more affordable for students and residents/fellows. As the current chair of the Pennsylvania Medical Society, I recently spearheaded a campaign that resulted in \$1 million in new funding for student loan forgiveness for Pennsylvania trainees that choose to practice primary care in the state. And on the American College of Physicians Health and Public Policy Committee, I'm strengthening ACP policy establishing protections for LGBTQ+ and housing insecure persons.

I have a proven track record of fighting for the issues that matter most to trainees and getting real results, and I look forward to putting that experience to work for you as the next RFS chair-elect.

Diversity statement

As a queer physician myself, I first got involved in organized medicine six years ago because I had a passion for protecting LGBTQ+ medical trainees and improving care for our sexual and gender minority patients. We know queer and trans youth and adults have poorer health outcomes across a range of conditions, and I couldn't be prouder of the numerous policies and educational sessions I've developed with other medical students and physicians throughout my time in the AMA to mitigate those disparities. Add to that the American College of Physicians policy I'm currently working on to strengthen protections for queer and transgender patients as well as the free resources published by my LGBTQ+ healthcare education charity, Pride in Practice, and I hope that the diversity I bring to our organization has helped to make our field more inclusive and LGBTQ+ healthcare just a little better.