

Vice Chair

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Statement of Interest

I've been a member of the AMA since my second year of medical school. Since then, I have served many different roles at various levels of organized medicine, including Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) Chair, delegate to AMA HOD, AMA-MSS Region VII Vice Chair, and a consistent involvement with standing committees of both the AMA-MSS (most notably, two terms as Chair of the Committee on Medical Education) and AMA-RFS (Committee on Medical Education). With these experiences, I am well versed with the responsibilities of the standing committees, the report writing process, and the importance of continuing their work. I am prepared to step into this role.

The value of having a strong and cooperative governing council cannot be overstated. As noted above, I have the leadership experience to be a great addition to the team. I've also been part of many research projects during my years pre- and during medical school giving me a strong history with working well in large teams with regular communication across different mediums.

The standing committees are great steppingstones for newer members of our AMA-RFS and it's imperative to continue that environment. As a leader, part of my role is developing newer members and strengthening the section. I believe the standing committees are an excellent venue for that endeavor due to their work and small community atmosphere.

Diversity Statement

In an organization like the AMA, I may not seem very diverse, however, I have traveled a non-traditional route to my present state. Additionally, I am an osteopathic physician that practices osteopathy.

In between undergraduate school and medical school, I completed a masters in biology and was hired as an adjunct faculty role at my institution for three years. This brought forth a particularly keen sense to the importance of research (with skepticism thereof) and teaching. It also means I've spent time in a non-learner role, which is not common in the medical community before residency graduation. The diversity I bring involves thinking outside the learner role and scrutiny of seemingly trustworthy information.

Furthermore, Doctors of Osteopathy (DOs) are not well seen in the AMA or AMA-RFS. However close to 25% of graduating US medical students are DOs and I am proud to be one of them. I would like to be a representative of the osteopathic community to the AMA and AMA-RFS. Moreover, I practice osteopathy (which only about 30% of DOs actively do) and embrace those tenets in all aspects of my life; One of which is to think wholly of a patient and not to develop "tunnel vision." In other words, I regularly practice looking at the big picture, which is imperative in working in political organizations.

Conclusively, it's my path through life that has given me diversity in thinking that I will bring forward to my new role.