

Delegate

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Nice to meet you! For those of you that I haven't met, my name is Joey Whelihan, and I am a current Pediatrics resident at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. I am pursuing a career in Adolescent Medicine with a specific interests in the care of LGBTQ+ youth, sexual and reproductive healthcare, medical education, quality improvement, and mentorship.

I have served many roles in the AMA, including most recently as an RFS Alternate Sectional Delegate for A-22 and Chair of the RFS Standing Committee on Legislation and Advocacy. However, when I look back at my past roles, I believe that my role of Chair for the Standing Committee on LGBTQ+ Affairs for the AMA-MSS prepared me most directly to succeed as a Sectional Delegate. As Chair, I advanced initiatives including helping to spearhead the use of pronoun badges at AMA meetings, authoring the resolution which asked the AMA to oppose measures to restrict gender-affirming care, hosting monthly educational sessions, and partnering with MSS-MIC to showcase the health of LGBTQ+ people of color.

As a Sectional Delegate, I would proudly represent our RFS and advocate for the health of our patients. I believe that as physicians, it is our duty to be a voice for the voiceless and to use our platform to address not only medical problems in front of us, but also the medical needs of our communities. Through the AMA, we can affect positive change in the health of our communities, especially those who bear disproportionate burdens of disease.

I would like to serve as an RFS Sectional Delegate to continue my involvement with the AMA and to stay connected to organized medicine as I progress through my training. Advocacy is a huge reason that I went into medicine, and the AMA has been how I have been able to follow my advocacy pursuits thus far. I hope that my experience working in the AMA can serve the Section well to further the health of our patients.