

Senior Physicians Section (AMA-SPS)

Officer At-large (two positions)

Name

John E. Evans, III

Credentials

MD

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He/Him



Statement of interest

As a seasoned physician dedicated to community health and equity, I am honored to submit my application for the Governing Council of the AMA Senior Physicians Section. The contributions of senior physicians are critical amidst rising burnout rates and attrition. Drawing from diverse leadership experiences and direct patient care, I aim to represent and advocate for our community effectively.

Throughout my career, I have been driven by a passion for improving community health and advocating for meaningful change. With past roles as president of the Oregon Medical Association (OMA), chair of the Maintenance of Certification Task Force, Chair of the Community Health Committee, and an AMA Delegate, I have a background in leading health initiatives, including championing anti-smoking legislation, addressing early childhood obesity, and participating in disaster preparedness initiatives. My experience has provided me with expertise in simplifying lifelong learning and certification processes, allowing me the space to advocate for the removal of barriers that hinder professional growth.

Recent challenges, such as the termination of my group's contract, have underscored the importance of adaptability and resilience in our rapidly evolving healthcare landscape. The contributions of senior physicians have never been more vital, as evidenced by the attrition rate within our field and the toll that burnout and stress take on wellbeing. As a Council member, I will prioritize member well-being and educational preparedness during times of change.

I am honored by the opportunity to serve on the Governing Council and am committed to navigating challenges while advancing our collective interests.

Diversity statement

As leaders in the medical field, I recognize the critical importance of intentional efforts to improve equity, diversity and inclusion both within our organization and across the broader landscape of medicine. Throughout my tenure, particularly in my recent role as chair at Providence St. Vincent Hospital, I have actively fostered and championed diverse representation on boards and within leadership.

At the Oregon Anesthesiology Group, I helped establish a Diversity and Wellness Committee. Collaborating with experts, we continually identified and addressed areas of improvement, ensuring that diversity and inclusion remain integral components of our organizational ethos.

My leadership within the Oregon Medical Association has been instrumental in driving initiatives aimed at enhancing community health and addressing pressing public health concerns. Serving as chair of the Community and Public Health Committee, I oversaw important public health issues including high diesel particulates around schools, reproductive health, fluoridation, Type 2 Diabetes, policy regarding incarcerated individuals, and methamphetamine and opioid addiction. Our committee's efforts significantly influenced the OMA's public health policies, prioritizing the needs of underserved and historically marginalized populations.

Furthermore, as a member of the OMA Legislative Committee, I actively engage in reviewing legislative proposals through a lens of health equity, ensuring that our advocacy efforts align with our commitment to serving all communities. This ongoing work remains not only valuable and impactful but also essential in fostering a more inclusive and equitable healthcare landscape.