
Young Physicians Section (AMA-YPS)

Alternate Delegate

Name

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Credentials

MD

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He/Him



Statement of interest

I love watching disparate views on a wide range of topics eventually converge into actionable policy. As the Alternate Delegate, I look forward to working with the Delegate to represent the YPS's interests in the House during these debates. Unlike in the MSS and RFS, where delegates vote on their Section's position, it will be my job to listen, understand the will of the Section, and act. My experiences as Vice Chair of the MSS, chair of the ad-hoc IOP review committee in the RFS, and on the Election Task Force have helped me hone the skill of distilling feedback into a plan to best serve you.

My other passion within health advocacy is well-crafted resolutions. Separate from my personal feelings on an item, there are effective and ineffective ways to advance a topic. From my time on the legislative committees in both the MSS and RFS, serving on Reference Committee B, as the

Delegate for the RFS, and as an advisor within my state medical society, I have worked with countless authors to streamline their proposed policy to best encapsulate their point. I want to do this for the YPS, and work with leadership of other Sections to improve the content before the House, so that we have resolutions we are proud to debate, especially if we do not agree with the resolution. Policy is at the heart of our organization, and it would be my honor to represent you as your next Alternate Delegate.

Diversity statement

As a physician with a background spanning military service, emergency medicine, and healthcare administration, I understand the multifaceted challenges facing healthcare systems and communities.

Through my service and deployments, I have been exposed to diverse patient populations and healthcare environments, instilling a profound appreciation for cultural competence and the importance of equitable access to healthcare services. My leadership roles have further honed my ability to advocate for underrepresented voices and champion policies that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in healthcare.

My training in computer science and involvement in healthcare technology and innovation have helped me recognize the power of diverse perspectives in driving innovation and addressing complex healthcare challenges, and I am dedicated to fostering an inclusive environment where all voices are heard and valued.

My background, coupled with my unwavering commitment to health advocacy, positions me as a dynamic advocate for diversity and inclusion in healthcare. My unique perspective, shaped by a blend of clinical knowledge, leadership experience, and a passion for innovation, will foster a more inclusive and equitable landscape for our YPS.