

Senior Physicians Section (AMA-SPS)

Alternate Delegate

Name

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Credentials

MD

Pronouns

Rather not say



Statement of interest

Greetings senior colleagues in AMA! I am asking for your vote for re-election as your Alternate Delegate for the Senior Physician Section. These last two years have been both rewarding and inspiring for me. As one of your voices at the House of Delegates, I am proud to have brought forward a number of resolutions ranging from gun violence/senior suicide, social isolation and loneliness, saving original Medicare from privatization, and addressing long term care and social services for seniors. I plan to continue efforts to partner with other sections including the Medical Students sections, the Women Physicians section as well as the LGBTQ+ group to co-sponsor issues of mutual interest. Our AMA is a complex organization and I am continuing to learn more about its sometimes byzantine ways and hope to continue to represent your interests for a second two year term. I will continue to represent the interests of AMA members older than 65 as well as the more global universe of seniors in our society. We clearly live in "interesting times" and it is imperative that our AMA, as the largest and most inclusive medical society, continue to stand up both for physicians and, even more importantly, for our patients in this time of progressive corporatization of healthcare. Thanks you in advance for your consideration and support. Doug DeLong

Diversity statement

I appreciate the opportunity to address the issue of diversity as it relates to our AMA. Honestly, it's been shocking to me how the culture wars have seized on the entire Diversity, Equity and Inclusion issue. One of the things I remain most proud of facilitating as former chair of the Board of Regents for the American College of Physicians was the comprehensive DEI policy for the college. I firmly believe that every group is more robust and effective with a diverse membership. By diverse, I mean that in the most expansive way, including diversity of political persuasion, geography, practice type, and specialty in addition to the more commonly associated demographics. This is not to suggest some sort of quota but rather does require a deliberate intent to have as broad a representation of ideas as possible. Everyone brings something to the table and in my particular case I bring a unique background having never practiced in town with more than one traffic light, yet I have been able to benefit from a rural academic teaching position, while at the same time having been afforded the opportunity to develop leadership skills at the local, state and national levels. With your vote, I pledge to provide just that sort of leadership to the Section and to the larger AMA. E pluribus unum! Thank you in advance for your support, Doug DeLong