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## Academic Physicians Section (AMA-APS) Governing Council Positions

Alternate Delegate

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### Name

Gary Michael Gaddis

### Credentials

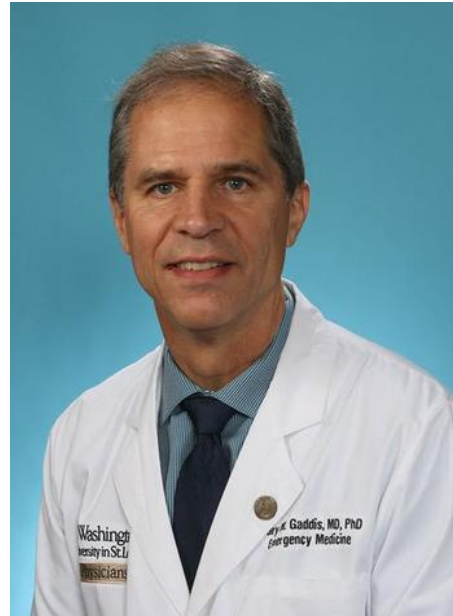
MD PhD

### What are your pronouns? Select all that apply.

He/Him

### List endorsing organizations (optional)

I have not solicited any endorsements, but would rely upon others who are members of the APS GC to provide their impressions of my input.



### What is your current involvement in medical education?

I serve as a Teaching Professor of Biomedical and Health Informatics at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine in Kansas City, MO. There, I teach a class called "Medical Decision-Making". I also serve as a Volunteer Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine University of California-Irvine School of Medicine; Irvine, CA 92617. Finally, I am an Associate Editor for the Western Journal of Emergency Medicine

### How many AMA-APS meetings have you attended?

11

### Statement of interest

Since my appointment Academic Physicians Section's Governing Council as an at-large member, I served as Chair during the "Year of COVID" (2020-21). Under my leadership, our APS established regular educational webinars, intended to provide a service of value to our APS members, to facilitate keeping the membership in contact with the APS, and to chip into the backlog of educational topics that had developed. Those webinars continue to this day. Currently, in addition to being the source of numerous proposed resolutions for the House of Delegates, I have worked closely with Dr. Stuart Greenstein to provide educational content of value at our Annual and Interim Meetings, as well as for our ongoing

Webinars. It would be an honor to be able to continue in these roles.

## **Diversity statement**

I have supported numerous diversity initiatives during my tenure in the APS and on its GC. The best "for instance" regards issues related to transgender health care. Our Missouri State Medical Association (MSMA) has several "out" trans-gender student members. They introduced and were supportive of initiatives by which the MSMA was asked to resolve to oppose anti-transgender legislation and support initiatives to enhance medical education on the matters. Several older MSMA members opined in on-line testimony that the MSMA should not support these students and their issues, which were characterized as "divisive". I wrote an opposing entry, noting that as physicians, we are people of science, and the science of the matter has advanced since many of us were medical students. As such, I opined that we should oppose proposed anti-transgender legislation, because (in part) the science of the matter teaches that gender is not binary, and one's gender does not always align with one's sex assigned at birth. My on-line and subsequent in-person testimony must have been persuasive, because our MSMA supported the majority of the students' initiatives regarding these matters when our MSMA Annual Meeting was held last year. Further, I have endorsed for President-Elect of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine Dr. L. E. Gomez, who would be identified as the board candidate most supportive of diversity/equity/inclusion matters. This public advocacy on my part is an example of how a cis-gender white heterosexual male can nonetheless enhance diversity for our organization and for other medical organizations.