

Resident and Fellow Section (AMA-RFS)

Speaker, Vice Speaker

Name

Jacob Mark Altholz

Credentials

MD

Pronouns

He/Him



Statement of interest

The job of the Speaker, unique among the positions within the AMA, is one that seeks to guarantee procedures are fair, efficient, and transparent, serving the members of the organization as best they can. My skillset and experience within the RFS is hands-on and one that begets overseeing this exact process. I have served on the Rules and Reference Committees on numerous occasions and have served as your Credentialing Chair for multiple meetings. I have experience in numerous other portions of the AMA including PacWest, the Emergency Medicine Section Council, and have served on the House of Delegates as an RFS Sectional Delegate for the last two meetings on behalf of Nevada. The breadth of this experience ensures that the Sectional Meeting, core to the RFS experience, is contextualized within the AMA at large. I seek to create meetings that both inform members and arrive at consensus regarding the issues most pressing to our constituents.

When I first began full participation within the AMA-RFS just over a year ago, I was excited to begin in a new venue to advocate for both our patients and other physicians in the largest house of medicine. What I encountered was a rewarding, invigorating time and it is my hope to extend this experience to others.

Diversity statement

My background includes numerous nontraditional dimensions that have contributed to both my personal and professional identity. As a gay man I have had a unique perspective when it comes to LGBT healthcare, particularly within the emergency department where I operate. As a Buddhist, I also have a unique perspective regarding religious beliefs and how they interact with our personal professional lives given that my beliefs are nontraditional in our country and profession. I am the first member of my family to graduate college, attend medical school, and join the military. I believe all of these experiences have taught me humility and the value in an eagerness to learn, especially regarding dimensions of life I am certainly privileged in.