

Senior Physicians Section (AMA-SPS)

Delegate

Name

Matthew David Gold

Credentials

MD

Pronouns

He/Him



Statement of interest

I believe my talents and experience, as well as energy, contribute effectively to substantive advocacy. I see both sides of issues, how details fit into the larger picture, anticipate objections and counter them when possible, accommodate and compromise when appropriate. These skills serve the legislative process well and increase my ability to be heard and better contribute to the evolution of our healthcare system.

I have worked as a solo neurologist across several hospitals and systems, with a short span in a single specialty group. I belong to an IPA. I have broad experience in healthcare system advocacy and networking within the AMA, Massachusetts Medical Society, state and national Neurology associations.

Medical care is a hybrid inclusive of science, humanistic engagement, economic and legalistic imperatives. Success in crafting a lasting, economically viable system that maintains quality and values for both patient and physician is more likely with vocal and prominent participation of all of us with a larger societal perspective. I believe I have these attributes. I believe that there must be a balance between privilege and responsibility of each stakeholder in healthcare.

Through most of my higher education and career I was “the young one” and I still feel that way. I would like to continue advocacy at the HOD in service to both the SPS and generally in the pursuit of optimizing our healthcare system.

Diversity statement

I am a solo practitioner - an endangered species that I think still has its place in medical health care delivery options.

I am a medical neurologist, which is a discipline under-represented and which has a number of useful perspectives, especially in the delivery of care to patients suffering pain, dementia, chronic disease and those with rare disorders.

I am also Past President of a large chorus, which among other challenges required balancing the different personalities and perspectives of intelligent, but non-medical, people in a group endeavor.

I am Jewish, and believe in the principle of "Tikun Olam" - These Hebrew words are typically translated as "repair the world," or "mend the world," – or as those who knew one of the victims put it when describing his work with refugees, "heal the world."