

Senior Physicians Section (AMA-SPS)

Officer At-large (two positions)

Name

Michael A. DellaVecchia

Credentials

MD, PhD

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He/Him



Statement of interest

During my past two years as Officer-at-Large to the Senior Physician Section (SPS) of the American Medical Association (AMA), I worked intensively to re-write our bylaws and promote membership. I have strived to establish State SPS sections and liaisons. I also function as an AMA election committee member and election task force member. During tenure as an AMA alternate delegate and delegate, I have never missed an annual or interim meeting while also serving on several reference committees and coalitions.

My completion of three residencies and advanced degrees in engineering and physics, coupled with an experience of various medical domains and national board of trusteeships, including private practice, academia, consultancy, and administration allows me to bring knowledgeable diversity to our AMA. You, as well as I, recognize the many ongoing challenges for physicians at all levels, which is why I have tackled legislative, operational, and ethical concerns such as physician burnout, reimbursement issues, the corporatization of medicine and hospital closures.

Along with the seniorization of our colleagues, city, state and national societies are at a shortcoming to retain members. It is vital that our AMA continue to lead in making membership a valued proposition.

I look forward to continuing to serve the profession and patients by significantly contributing further as an Officer-at-Large of the Senior Physician Section of the American Medical Association. I thank you for an opportunity of further service and for the honor of your vote.

All the Best,

Michael A. DellaVecchia MD PhD FACS FICS FCPP

Diversity statement

It has been both an honor and a pleasure collaborating with my esteemed colleagues within the American Medical Association Senior Physician Section. Our group exemplifies diversity not only in its composition but more significantly in the breadth of perspectives we collectively offer.

My contribution to this diverse assembly stems from a unique background and upbringing.

Schooled in the rigorous disciplines of physics and engineering, I approach problems and solutions differently with a distinct perspective shaped by these foundational principles.

Growing up as an only child in a multi-generational household provided me with invaluable insights into diverse cultural and familial dynamics. Raised by immigrant grandparents and parents with limited formal education, I learned early of the importance of ethical values, the privilege of education and the importance of caring.

Firsthand experiences, such as witnessing preventable loss due to inadequate medical care, have fueled my commitment to serving underserved communities. From volunteering in inner cities to contributing to the mayor's opioid committee, and engaging in international humanitarian efforts, I have actively pursued opportunities to make a tangible difference.

Currently, I participate in a meaningful initiative to establish a clinic in Nigeria, reflecting my ongoing dedication to meaningful and impactful endeavors.

In essence, diversity is not just about who we are, but also about what we bring to the table. My background, experiences, and unwavering commitment to bettering our future make me a valuable addition to the Senior Physician Section, and I am eager to continue contributing to achieve our collective goals.