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

Member At-large (three positions available)

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### Name

Murali Krishna Ankem

### Credentials

MD, MBA

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

He/Him



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

Department Chair Urology  
Vice Dean & ACGME DIO  
Past PD for urology residency program

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

6

### Statement of interest

I am eager to offer my candidacy for the position of Member at Large on the Governing Council of the Academic Physicians Section. With a background in urology and leadership roles as President of the Kentucky Urological Association and past member of the Southeastern Section of the American Urological Association & current roles as Chair & Vice Dean & DIO I bring a wealth of experience and dedication to this role.

Throughout my career, I've been deeply engaged in enhancing patient care, fostering collaboration, and advancing education within the urological community. Serving on the Governing Council presents an opportunity to further these objectives on a broader scale, advocating for the interests of academic physicians and promoting excellence in research and education.

If selected, I am committed to leveraging my leadership skills and collaborative approach to contribute effectively to the governance and decision-making processes of the section. I look forward to working closely with fellow council members to identify priorities, develop strategies, and implement initiatives that will benefit academic physicians and enhance patient care.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. I am excited about the opportunity to serve and make a positive impact within the academic medical community. Please feel free to contact me for further discussion or

information.

Warm regards,

Murali

## **Diversity statement**

"Our ability to reach unity in diversity will be the beauty and the test of our civilization." - Mahatma Gandhi

Having grown up in a diverse society and immigrating to the United States twenty-five years ago, I've experienced firsthand the power of inclusion. As Chair of the Department, I've championed diversity by recruiting faculty from varied backgrounds and facilitating resources to combat bias. Our recent residency matches reflect this commitment, with a diverse cohort including females, African Americans, and a transgender individual.

Recognizing Louisville's significant LGBTQ population, I've focused on equitable healthcare for transgender individuals, undergoing specialized training and mentoring residents in this area. As a prospective Dean, I aim to prioritize diversity by establishing an office for diversity, equity, and inclusion, ensuring diverse recruitment across all levels, and providing guidance to admission committees.

I believe a diverse medical school workforce enriches learning, strengthens community connections, and fosters excellence in teaching. Together, we can create a medical school that reflects and serves the diverse communities we are a part of.