

Senior Physicians Section (AMA-SPS)

Officer At-large (two positions)

Name

Ved V. Gossain

Credentials

MD

Pronouns

He/Him



Statement of interest

Although I have been a member of the AMA since 1985, I only became active around 2010 when I was first elected to governing council of the IMG section (IMG- GC). I served as the chair of the IMG-GC in 2017-18. I have spent my entire professional life in academic medicine. I joined Michigan State University Department of Medicine in 1975 and retired as a full professor and chief of section of Endocrinology in 2015. In 2020 I was elected to the governing council of the Senior physician section (SPS- GC) and served as the chair in 2022-2023. SPS is an important section and has a lot to contribute. During the last couple of years, several important resolutions submitted by SPS were approved by the HOD. However, a lot of work still needs to be done. I am seeking another term on the SPS- GC, so that I can continue to work towards completing some of the goals that we have set. We have been trying to get a SPS established in each of the State medical societies and have had a limited success. We also initiated a study of "loneliness among senior Physicians in which I have had a leading role. I would very much like to see at least these two tasks completed. I also would like to work towards not only making the SPS a stronger section of the AMA, but also provide support and mentorship to our younger colleagues (Medical students, trainees, and other sections)

Diversity statement

I was born in undivided India. Recently, I had an opportunity to visit the place where Guru Nanak, the founder of the Sikh religion lived for the last 20 years of his life (Now in Pakistan). The legend

has it that when he passed away, his body was not found. Instead, there were only flowers. He was revered equally by the Sikhs and Muslims. So, they divided those flowers among themselves. As a result, this is probably the only place in the world where a Gurudwara (Sikh Temple) and a mosque are located on the same compound. Inscription on the Mosque says "It was a miracle that Human race was created. It was the same miracle that created everyone, and All Men were created equal ". I grew up with this teaching which goes back to almost 1500 years. As a result, I have treated everyone with respect, regardless of their cast, creed, National origin and sexual orientation or sexual preferences. I am also an immigrant and an international medical graduate, a minority by all the criteria. Have I always been treated fairly and equally by the majority population? Let me simply say, not always. With these experiences, I will make sure that we follow the principles of Diversity, equity and Inclusion in the working of the Senior Physician section Governing council and in the entire AMA, to the extent that I can help.