

Dear members of the AMA-RFS:

It is my distinct pleasure to recommend Helene Nepomuceno as the RFS member of the AMA Council on Constitution and Bylaws.

I have had the pleasure of getting to know Helene over the past seven years through my work with her in the AMA as a leader in both the Medical Student Section and now Resident and Fellow Section, as well as in the PacWest Conference. Over this time, I have seen her evolve from an enthusiastic medical student into a skilled, passionate leader and advocate. During my time as a councilor on CCB, I have witnessed her take on complex challenges in section governance headfirst during revisions of the section IOPs that have made its way into CCB deliberations. Over the years, I have been impressed with her adept navigation of the political process and her ability to understand the perspectives of the various stakeholders in facilitating an amicable end point.

Helene's dedication to her peers in the AMA readily comes across, as does her passion for improving processes and ensuring that justice and equity are built into them. She is curious and empathetic by nature, which makes her eager to gain others' perspectives and try to understand every angle of an issue. She communicates clearly and graciously, and is exceptional at building coalitions and brokering compromises.

Because of Helene's leadership and skill set, I believe she would be a superb addition to the AMA Council on Constitution and Bylaws. Her combination of content and process expertise in the organization, along with her deep experience in the nuances of running two sections of the AMA as Chair make her an exceptional candidate for this role. I hope to have the privilege of working with Helene in this new capacity on CCB.

Respectfully,

Mark Bair, MD, Vice Chair, AMA Council on Constitution and Bylaws