



AMA Minority Affairs Section Governing Council Nomination Form – Medical Student

The AMA is committed to promoting diversity and inclusion in every facet of organized medicine and encourages you to consider nominating diverse candidates such as historically underrepresented minorities, women, and international medical graduates for positions on AMA councils/committees.

Term: One-year term, commencing June 2024. You must be a medical student and a member of the AMA throughout the term of service.

Time commitment: AMA Governing Councils typically meet three times each year, usually in June and November, with one other meeting date TBA. Governing Council members may also participate in regular conference calls.

Application deadline: 1:59 a.m. CT on December 17, 2023.

AMA’s Conflict of Interest Policy: Please review carefully the information provided at the end of this form.

Nominee Information

Name:	Alec	J.	Calac
	<small>First</small>	<small>Middle Initial</small>	<small>Last</small>
Address:	[REDACTED]		
	<small>Street Address</small>		
City/State:	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	<small>City</small>	<small>State</small>	<small>Zip Code</small>
Telephone:	[REDACTED]	Fax: N/A	
	<small>Daytime Phone</small>		
Email address:	[REDACTED]		
Date of Birth:	[REDACTED]	Place of Birth:	[REDACTED]
	<small>(mm/dd/yyyy)</small>	<small>City and State</small>	
Medical School:	UC San Diego of Medicine Medical Scientist Training Program		
Graduated:	Expected 2026 (MD/PhD)	Medical Specialty:	N/A
Board Certification(s):	N/A		

Nominee is an AMA Member: Yes No

AMA Member Since: 2019

Nominee is an AMA Delegate: Yes No

Nominee has agreed to serve: Yes No

Submitted By: Sudarshan Krishnamurthy, AMA Medical Student Section Member

Name of person/organization

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Email address of person submitting the nomination

Supporting Information

1. Current Professional Position and Responsibilities

(i.e. practice, administrative, research, academic)

- Doctoral Researcher, Global Health Policy and Data Institute, San Diego, CA, USA
- Member, National Minority Quality Forum Scientific Advisory Board, Washington, DC, USA
- Member, Indian Health Council Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program Community Advisory Board, Rincon Indian Reservation, CA, USA
- Member, American Medical Association Medical Student Section Committee on American Indian Affairs, Chicago, IL, USA
- Associate Director, Clinical Problem Solvers Anti-Racism in Medicine Podcast
- Member, American Medical Association Minority Affairs Section Advocacy and Engagement Committees, Chicago, IL, USA
- Immediate Past President, Association of Native American Medical Students, Oklahoma City, OK, USA
- Vice President for Internal and External Affairs, Alliance for Clinicians Equity, Baltimore, MD, USA
- Co-Chair for Policy, World Federation of Public Health Associations, Geneva, Switzerland

2. Current/Prior State and Specialty Medical Society Memberships and Affiliations, and Faculty Appointments

(List current and past roles and positions held and dates of service.)

- Member, California Medical Association Medical Student Section
- Member, San Diego County Medical Society Health Equity and Justice Committee
- Member, San Diego County Medical Society

3. Current/Prior Membership on AMA Councils/Committees:

(List Councils or Committees and dates of service.)

- AMA Medical Student Section: Minority Issues Committee (2019-2020), Committee on Global and Public Health (2020-2021), Committee on American Indian Affairs (2021-2023)
- AMA Reference Committee C, Annual Meeting (2022)

4. Sponsor's Narrative Statement

(Describe nominee's accomplishments and contributions using not less than 50, nor more than 250 words.)

I first met Alec as a Team Member on the Clinical Problem Solvers Anti-Racism in Medicine Podcast in 2021. He is now the Associate Director of the Podcast and has recorded, edited, and produced numerous episodes with national thought leaders highlighting the health impacts of structural racism in the United States.

I quickly became familiar with Alec's involvement in the AMA and his steadfast commitment to advancing health equity. I have seen him earn the respect of his peers, even those that disagree with him, all while leading a national medical student organization, managing one of the newest standing committees within the MSS, and regularly being involved with programming and initiatives led by MAS and the Center for Health Equity. His leadership and impact directly led to two dozen medical students becoming active members of the MSS, many of whom are now writing their own resolutions, publishing articles, and more. He is also an active member of his Region and helps members with novel policy resolutions on his own time.

It is abundantly clear that Alec is in organized medicine not for his own interests, but to be a voice for change for the communities he partners with, especially American Indian and Alaska Native communities. I know few medical students as confident and well-spoken as Alec and believe he will be a strong voice for the MSS as a member of the MAS GC. In my opinion, he is incredibly qualified for this opportunity, and I recommend him without reservation.

5. Candidate's Statement of Interest

(Not less than 50, nor more than 250 words.)

I have dedicated my life to service. This very much aligns with my values and beliefs as a member of the Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians. Some may know that the word Pauma translates to the "place where there is water." No matter how we carry the water or how much we carry, our community has always worked to advance health and wellness for all. While I had little interest in organized medicine before starting medical school, my time in the AMA has been since an integral part of my training and connected with me with a national network of medical student and physician leaders since I joined in 2019. As I transition back into medical school and finish my PhD, I have learned much about the history of the AMA and the importance of diverse representation in organized medicine. I believe my time in the MSS, as a mentor, committee leader, and liaison, has prepared me to interface between the MSS and MAS on issues of mutual importance and collaboration. It would be an honor to represent the MSS on the MAS GC and strengthen our fractured relationships in the House. If you choose me for this position, you will get my full commitment and the benefit of my existing relationships with the MAS as a leader in the Association of Native American Medical Students and member of their Advocacy and Engagement Committees.

6. Endorsements

(Are welcome, but not required.)

- Indian Health Council, Inc.
- Antoinette Martinez, MD, California Medical Association Member
& AMA-MSS CAIA Members

****Optional Release to External Organization Positions** – For AMA nomination opportunities for external leadership positions: To further our mission of ensuring diverse representation, the AMA asks nominees if they would like to share the diversity statement and optional demographic information they have provided to us with the external organization for the position for which they have applied.

Please indicate your decision below:

No. I choose NOT to authorize the AMA to share this diversity statement and optional demographic information on this form to any external organization.

Yes. I authorize the AMA to share the diversity statement and optional demographic information I have provided in this application with the external organization to which I am applying for a position. I understand that the AMA will only include this optional diversity information if I am selected as a nominee.

9. AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy

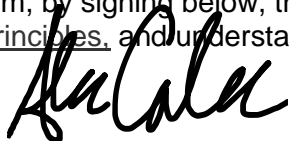
Please review carefully the [AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy](#).

All Council nominees must complete a conflict of interest disclosure form by **January 3, 2024**. Upon the AMA's receipt of your nomination submission, an email with details on how to access the disclosure form will be forthcoming. Your nomination materials will not be considered complete until your disclosure form has been completed and returned.

If you are seeking nomination/appointment to a leadership position in another organization, please also review carefully that organization's conflict of interest policy to determine that you will be able to comply. Please also familiarize yourself with the other organization's requirements/instructions for completion of any disclosure form.

If you have questions about the AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy, the AMA's Office of General Counsel (ogc@ama-assn.org) is available to provide guidance.

Please confirm, by signing below, that you have reviewed the [AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy and Principles](#), and understand the guidance provided above.



Signature

12/12/2023

Date

10. AMA Medical Student Section Nomination Addendum

The following additional materials are **required**:

- a. Dean/Advisor Signature (see next page)
Please acknowledge that you have discussed this time commitment and made appropriate arrangements with your Dean or Advisor by signing the document attached below. Signature also confirms medical student is in good standing at their medical school.
- b. CV
Please attached candidate's executive curriculum vitae (no more than 3 pages).

The following additional materials are **optional**:

- c. Endorsements / Letters of Recommendation
You may include additional letters of recommendation. For example, you may include a letter of endorsement from a leader in organized medicine (i.e. your local or state medical society, specialty society, or AMA delegation who is familiar with your prior activities) or a supervisor or faculty member who can evaluate your professional aptitude.
- d. Notification of Dean
In the case of my appointment, I would like my Dean to receive a congratulatory letter, informing them of my selection.

Yes

No

If yes, please include your Dean's name, mailing address, and email address below:

Name:



Mailing address:

Email address:

Dean/Advisor Signature – Required

Candidates for AMA Governing Council positions must be medical students for the duration of their one-year terms, which commence June 2023. AMA Governing Councils typically meet three times each year, usually in June and November, with one other meeting date TBA. Governing Council members may also participate in regular conference calls.

Please acknowledge that you have discussed this time commitment and made appropriate arrangements with your Dean or Advisor by signing below. The signature of your Dean or Advisor is required (1) to verify that your medical school is supportive of your application, (2) to acknowledge the time commitment involved in an AMA Governing Council position and that you will be permitted to attend all required Governing Council meetings, (3) to verify that you are a student in good-standing with your medical school, and (4) to verify that you will be a medical student (or on approved leave from medical school) throughout your term as a Governing Council member.

Candidate signature:		12/12/2023
	_____ Signature	_____ Date
Dean/Advisor signature:		12/13/23
	_____ Signature	_____ Date

Submit all application materials to mss@ama-assn.org by 1:59 a.m. CT on December 17, 2023.