



**AMA Minority Affairs Section Governing Council Nomination Form –  
Medical Student Section Representative candidates only.**

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:	Andrea	S	Cuamatzi-Castelan
	<small>First</small>	<small>Middle Initial</small>	<small>Last</small>
Address:	<small>Street Address</small>		
City/State:			
	<small>City</small>	<small>State</small>	<small>Zip Code</small>
Telephone:		Fax: N/A	
	<small>Daytime Phone</small>		
Email address:			
Date of Birth:		Place of Birth:	
	<small>(mm/dd/yyyy)</small>		<small>City and State</small>
Medical School:	Rush Medical College		
Graduated:	Graduation year 2025	Medical Specialty:	N/A
Board Certification(s):	N/A		

Nominee is an AMA Member:  Yes  No

AMA Member Since: <sup>2023</sup>

Nominee is an AMA Delegate:  Yes  No

Nominee has agreed to serve:  Yes  No

**Submitted By:**

Andrea Cuamatzi Castelan / Rush Medical College

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Name of person/organization submitting the nomination

Email Address:

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Email address of person submitting the nomination

## Supporting Information

### 1. Current Professional Position and Responsibilities

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

Third year medical student

Board member at the Latino Medical Student Association at Rush Medical College

Committee member, National Publications Chair, the Latino Medical Student Association National

### 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.)

American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO), medical student member

The association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO), medical student member

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

(List Councils or Committees and dates of service.)

N/A

### 4. Sponsor's Narrative Statement

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

Andrea is a third-year medical student at Rush University Medical College. Prior to medical school, she attended The University of Michigan where she received a Bachelor of Science in Biopsychology, Cognition and Neuroscience. Upon graduation, Andrea was part of the research team at the Henry Ford Sleep Disorders Center in Detroit, MI for a few years. Andrea was also involved in pro-immigration organizations in the Detroit area supporting the unDACAmented youth. At Rush, she is an active member at the Latino Medical Student Association and currently participates in the Communications Committee at the National Medical Student Association. Andrea is passionate about supporting students that are underrepresented in medicine by identifying and addressing inequities.

### 5. Candidate's Statement of Interest

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

I am convinced that to support our medical students of color, we must continue to invest in platforms that allow them to amplify their voices. The percentage of physicians who identify as minorities continues to be painfully low. While we continue to find ways to increase this representation, it is also important to focus our efforts on the current medical student body, particularly our students of color, who continue to face inequities that can hinder their professional development.

As part of the MAS committee, I want to continue strengthening these platforms in order to better recognize and address inequities in medical education system and ultimately provide health care that is comprehensive, holistic and culturally appropriate to such a diverse patient population as the one we have the privilege to serve here in the United States

### 6. Endorsements

(Are welcome, but not required.)

N/A

## Diversity and Demographics

In order to attract the most diverse pool of candidates possible, we request the following self-reported diversity statement and optional demographic information. This information will be used in the internal deliberation of candidates and may be reported in aggregate form only. For applicants to organizations outside the AMA: this information will only be released to the organization to which you are seeking appointment (1) if you are the AMA's selected nominee and (2) if you provide permission to do so.\*\*

**7. Candidate's Diversity Statement.** Please describe how you will bring diversity to the position for which you are applying. I find my multiple social identities to be one of my biggest strengths. As a woman who grew up in Mexico, I have learned how to smoothly navigate different cultural spaces. Medical school has been particularly eye-opening, as I realize that among my peers, residents and attendings I am perceived as a minority, and often seen as the token classmate. However, the opportunity to serve the Latinx patient population in Chicago has allowed me to better understand the healthcare needs of this community, while cultivating relationships that have made me feel at home. As a non-traditional student, I also have 6 years of experience in the working field. I have witnessed the many obstacles the Black and Latinx youth face when pursuing higher education, as well as the mistrust many of these communities of color hold against our healthcare system. I want to continue the work of the current medical student serving this counsel, and provide insight and ideas to better support the students of color in the medical field and ultimately better target the needs of our diverse patient populations.

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[REDACTED]

**\*\*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.

X

## 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](mailto: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.

*Andrea Cuamatzi*  
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Signature

12/17/2023  
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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:

