



## AMA Women Physicians 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. 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:	Minali		Prasad
	<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:	
	<small>Daytime Phone</small>		
Email address:	[Redacted]		
Date of Birth:	[Redacted]	of Birth:	[Redacted]
	<small>(mm/dd/yyyy)</small>		<small>City and State</small>
Medical School:	Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine		
Graduated:	Will graduate in 2025	Medical Specialty:	N/A
Board Certification(s):	N/A		

Nominee is an AMA Member:  Yes  No

AMA Member Since: 08/2020

Nominee is an AMA Delegate:  Yes  No

Nominee has agreed to serve:  Yes  No

**Submitted By: Shahin Damji**

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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)

1. Research Fellow at the National Institutes of Health (Medical Research Scholars Program)
2. Medical Student at the Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine
3. Research Assistant at the Department of Ophthalmology of Boston Medical Center

### 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.)

- Community Service Chair, Medical Student Section Governing Council, Massachusetts Medical Society, 06/2023-06/2024
- Member, American Medical Women's Association, 11/2022-Present
- Publications Committee Member, Association of Women Surgeons, 08/2022-Present
- Clinical Governing Councilor, Massachusetts Medical Society Medical Student Section Governing Council, 07/01/2022-06/30/2022
- Member, American Academy of Ophthalmology, 04/2022-Present
- Member, Women in Ophthalmology, 11/2022-Present
- Member, Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, 01/2021-Present
- Member, American Medical Association, 08/2020-Present

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

(List Councils or Committees and dates of service.)

- Medical Student Section Representative, Women Physicians Section Governing Council, American Medical Association, 06/2023-06/2024
- Community Service Standing Committee, Medical Student Section, American Medical Association, 12/2022-06/2023

### 4. Sponsor's Narrative Statement

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

It is my distinct pleasure to sponsor Minali Prasad for the AMA WPS GC MSS Representative position. For seven years, we collaborated in a variety of contexts, including academics, extracurriculars, clinical rotations, and organized medicine, so I am confident that she is extremely well-suited to serve a second term on the GC. While excelling in a demanding research fellowship at the NIH, she continues to engage in extensive community work with underserved women in the local South Boston community. She remotely organizes monthly student-led vision screening sessions at local homeless shelters including the Woods-Mullen women's shelter. She teaches college and medical students how to conduct these screenings, provide hospital and MassHealth registration information, and disseminate at-home remedies for eye irritation in efforts to improve access to ophthalmic care. This is also her second year of teaching English to Syrian and Ukrainian refugees as well as unhoused women at Rosie's Place. Moreover, she continues to provide mentorship to female high school and pre-medical students from disadvantaged backgrounds through local and national organizations including the Association of Women Surgeons, the BUCASM Mentoring for Aspiring Physicians, the BUCASM Science Teaching Enrichment Program, and the Underrepresented in Medicine Ophthalmology Mentorship Program. These numerous community service efforts are recognized by the Massachusetts Medical Society through her elected position as the Community Service Chair of the Medical Student Section Governing Council. The depth of her community work underscores her commitment to addressing health disparities both in her community and abroad, particularly those that affect underserved women.

## 5. Candidate's Statement of Interest

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

Since June, I had the privilege of collaborating with AMA WPS GC members to achieve the objectives outlined in our Strategic Plan. Notably, I organized a virtual WPS member panel to share their professional journeys and insights, advocated for the Giambalvo Fund awardee, and participated in the WPS HOD Handbook review. Through these experiences, I found that my niche within the WPS is improving awareness of women's health issues and advancing career development for WIM. I would appreciate the opportunity to further immerse myself in WPS by spearheading new initiatives for these objectives, such as developing engaging and informative infographics for our monthly newsletter and organizing expert WPS speaker panels for each women's health month, as well as hosting virtual lunch talks to spotlight WPS member research and advocacy work.

In addition, I also plan to continue collaborating with WPS members on objectives involving policy, leadership development, and advocacy. Attendance at I-23, membership in the A-23 MSS Caucus, and participation in the WPS HOD Handbook review granted me thorough exposure to the grassroots policymaking process from initial resolution writing and editing to final review. During my second term, I will apply this new skillset to assume a more active role in the policymaking process by writing policies pertinent to the WPS mission, including reducing health disparities, discrimination, and barriers to healthcare. WPS is an inspiring group of physician activists, and I would be honored to return for a second term to help fulfill its objectives.

## 6. Endorsements

(Are welcome, but not required.)

Manju Subramanian, MD (attached to this application)

## 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 will bring diversity to the AMA Women Physicians Section Governing Council as a first-generation female medical student. My parents are immigrants from India, and I was the first in my family to pursue a college and graduate-level education in the United States. As a result of growing up in two separate cultures, I directly diunderstand the need for cultural competency to facilitate well-informed and productive discussions regarding health disparities between patients of various backgrounds.

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**\*\*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](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.

*Minali Prasad*

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Signature

12/15/2023

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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: Angela Jackson, MD

Mailing address: 72 E. Concord Street, Building A

Email address: hjackson@bu.edu







Boston University School of Medicine



EXCEPTIONAL CARE. WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

December 11, 2023

Dear AMA Women Physicians Section Governing Council,

It is my distinct pleasure to recommend Minali Prasad for re-appointment to the AMA Women Physicians Section Governing Council as the Medical Student Section Representative. I am the Vice-Chairman of Faculty Affairs and an Associate Professor in the Department of Ophthalmology at the Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine. I also serve on the Gender Equity Advisory Council of Boston University Medical Center. Since her last semester of college, I have mentored Minali in several contexts, including the majority of her research projects, her ophthalmology clinical rotation, and in community service activities.

Throughout our time together, Minali has consistently expressed an interest in examining health disparities affecting underserved populations. For example, she co-founded a student organization, Boston Sight Savers, that hosts free vision screenings at homeless shelters in South Boston, including women's shelters. While working remotely for her research fellowship at the National Institutes of Health, she continues to organize monthly sessions through regular communication with the on-site shelter directors. More recently, she spearheaded a research project investigating the association between central serous chorioretinopathy and socioeconomic determinants of health. She single-handedly led project administration, displaying exceptional verbal and written communication skills to guide a team of four college and medical students in data collection and statistical analysis. Beyond her excellent teamwork and leadership skills, she has demonstrated efficient time management by balancing her position on the WPS GC with a full-time research fellowship, board studying, volunteering, and numerous research projects with me. Despite her busy schedule, she continues to display persistence and motivation in producing high-quality work in all her pursuits. I enjoy learning about her work on the WPS GC, and I am confident that given her research and community service background, she will make a lasting impact in advancing the council's mission during her second term.

Minali's intention to serve on the WPS GC is driven by her pursuit to improve health disparities and advance the professional development of women in medicine. Her thoughtful approach, professionalism, research focus on health disparities, and teamwork skills position her well for success on the AMA WPS GC. It is for these numerous reasons that I enthusiastically support her application without any reservations.

Sincerely,

Manju Subramanian MD

Associate Professor

Vice-Chairman of Faculty Affairs

Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine

Boston University Medical Center

# Minali Prasad

## EDUCATION

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**Boston University Aram V. Chobanian & Edward Avedisian School of Medicine**, Boston, MA Aug 2020 - May 2025  
Doctor of Medicine

**Boston University**, Boston, MA Sep 2017 - May 2020  
Seven Year Liberal Arts/Medical Education Program, GPA: 3.96  
Major in Medical Science and Minor in Spanish & Psychology; Honors: summa cum laude

## COMMUNITY HEALTH EXPERIENCE

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**Boston Sight Savers**, Co-Founder Jun 2022 - Present  
Boston Medical Center

- Patient population: Unhoused individuals at homeless shelters and community engagement centers in South Boston.
- Clinical skills and responsibilities: Screen patients for risk factors for various ocular conditions and conduct physical exam for eye vitals including visual acuity, intraocular pressure, and visual fields.

**Ophthalmology Triage Clinic**, Assistant to the triage resident May 2022 - Jun 2022  
Boston Medical Center

- Patient population: Boston patients with emergent ocular complaints presenting to the resident-run triage clinic at BMC.
- Clinical skills and responsibilities: Complete preliminary history-taking and workup of patients. Obtain ocular vitals including visual acuity, intraocular pressure, extraocular movements, visual fields and pupil reactivity. Counsel patients with dry eye.

**Coalition for Adult Immunization**, Vaccinator Aug 2020 - Dec 2020  
Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine

- Patient population: Undergraduate and graduate students at the Boston University Charles River Undergraduate Campus and Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine.
- Clinical skills and responsibilities: Screened patients for adverse immunization reactions and administered influenza vaccines.

## MENTORSHIP

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**Mentorship Program**, Mentor Oct 2022 - Present  
Association of Women Surgeons at Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine

- Coach female-identifying pre-medical students who aspire for a surgical career in applying to medical school, networking with medical faculty in the Boston area, and setting goals for research and extracurriculars during one-on-one monthly meetings

**Mentoring for Aspiring Physician Students**, Mentor Sep 2022 - Present  
Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine

- Guide pre-medical students with the process of medical school applications, develop timelines for standardized testing, discuss mentees' academic interests, and evaluate mentees' curriculum vitae to identify areas of improvement

**Science Teaching Enrichment Program**, Mentor Aug 2020 - Present  
Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine

- Facilitate large-group and one-on-one meetings with underserved high school students in the Greater Boston area to help them explore a career in medicine and prepare educational materials to introduce students to various organ systems

## LEADERSHIP

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**Women Physicians Section**, Medical Student Section Representative June 2023-Present  
American Medical Association

- Collaborate with the Women in Medicine Committee to develop virtual panels and other programming sessions, lead social media campaigns regarding women's health months, develop material for #WomenofAMA media posts, review policy resolutions.

<b>Medical Student Section</b> , Community Service Chair Massachusetts Medical Society	June 2023-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and approve community service grant applications, develop and implement community service projects at regional schools, and provide critical edits for new policy resolutions.</li> </ul>	
<b>Medical Student Section</b> , Clinical Governing Councilor Massachusetts Medical Society	Jul 2022 – June 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approve administrative Governing Council items, provide critical edits for new policy resolutions, discuss future action items, and evaluate new grants and initiatives offered to regional medical students.</li> </ul>	
<b>Trauma Informed Care Task Force</b> , Co-Founder Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine	May 2021 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and update the preclinical doctoring curriculum according to trauma informed principles, plan and execute expert speaker sessions and informational documentary gatherings, foster a safe environment for students to learn about trauma informed care, and disseminate networking and scholarship opportunities for members.</li> </ul>	
<b>Patch Adams</b> , Student Leader Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine	Mar 2021 - Mar 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entertained pediatric inpatients with magic tricks, jokes, and stimulating conversations to lift spirits, arranged visits to the pediatric wards by collaborating with the BMC Child Life Team, and organized skills sessions with expert medical clowns.</li> </ul>	
<b>StreetCred</b> , Student Leader Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine	Mar 2021 - Mar 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepared free tax returns for low-income families of BMC pediatric patients, and instructed student members about federal tax preparation, communication with clients as well as various government initiatives for financial relief.</li> </ul>	
<b>Ultrasound is for Everyone</b> , Co-Founder Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine	Jan 2021 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developed a point-of-care ultrasound elective for preclinical students, drafted session guides including both anatomy and pathology, recruited radiologists and emergency medicine physicians, and organized hands-on sessions.</li> </ul>	
<b>The Daily Free Press</b> , Features Science Associate Editor Boston University	Sep 2018 - Dec 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generated story ideas for weekly issues, delegated interviewing and writing tasks, organized photography opportunities, scheduled source interviews, and edited articles for content, style and grammar.</li> </ul>	
<b>VOLUNTEERING</b>	
<b>Pediatric Eye Ambassador</b> Children’s Eye Foundation of the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus	Nov 2023- Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bring awareness of the All Children See program among pediatric ophthalmologists and patients using social media outreach.</li> </ul>	
<b>Community Service Committee</b> , Member Medical Student Section of the American Medical Association	Dec 2022 – June 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support medical students in implementing programs from the Project Idea Book and community service events aligning with the National Service Project, evaluate existing service opportunities, and support Region Community Service Chairs,</li> </ul>	
<b>Publications Committee</b> , Member Association of Women Surgeons	Dec 2022 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review manuscripts submitted to the <i>American Journal of Surgery</i>, co-author and edit manuscripts regarding the advancement of women in medicine, and lead advocacy or academic projects.</li> </ul>	
<b>ReSpectacle</b> , Volunteer Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine Ophthalmology Interest Group	Nov 2022 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Categorize, clean, and register donated prescription eyeglasses for redistribution to underserved communities worldwide.</li> </ul>	

**English for Speakers of Other Languages**, Teacher Jun 2022 – Present  
Rosie's Place Women's Shelter

- Prepare educational exhibits for beginner and intermediate English learners, teach English in a safe and interactive classroom environment for resident homeless women, and encourage the use of the English language across multiple settings.

**Setting your Sights: Eye and Vision Resources**, Member Mar 2022 - Present  
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology

- Design educational resources geared toward high school students considering a career in ophthalmology, organize scientific competitions and events, facilitate networking, and collaborate with faculty, and describe personal experiences in the field.

**English Program**, 1:1 Tutor Aug 2021 – Present  
Paper Airplanes

- Educate displaced Syrian and Ukrainian refugees about speaking, writing, reading, and listening in the English language during weekly meetings using validated materials, prepare students for the TOEFL exam, and grade midterm and final examinations.

**Parkinson's Partners**, Volunteer May 2022 – Dec 2022  
Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine

- Engage patients with Parkinson's Disease in patient-led conversations about their condition and life with chronic illness to prevent social and emotional isolation, and participate in interactive online games with patients.

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Prasad M**, Xu J, Agranat JS, Xia W, Daley S, Ness S, Chen X, Siegel NH, Stein TD, Chung J, Subramanian ML. Upregulation of Neuroinflammatory Protein Biomarkers in Acute Rhegmatogenous Retinal Detachments. *Life*. 2023; 13(1):118. PMID: 36676067.

**Prasad M**, Paracha M, Goodman D, Cabral HJ, Christiansen SP, Subramanian ML. The scholarly impact of student authorship in ophthalmology. *J. Acad. Ophthalmol*. 2023; 15(01): e41-e45. 10.1055/s-0043-1761277

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Landau-Taylor J, Cassidy B, Claus LA, **Prasad M**, Shi J, Barrett J, Shaffer K, Wisco JJ. Integration of clinical skills into preclinical medical curriculum via a low-cost femoral triangle ultrasound model. *Med Sci Educ*. 2022. PMID: 36276768.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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**Young MD Connect Live 2024 Scholarship Program** Nov 2023

**Rabb Venable Excellence in Ophthalmology Research Award**, Honorable Mention July 2023

**National Institutes of Health Medical Research Scholars Program** July 2023 – May 2024

**Young MD Connect Live 2023 Scholarship Program** Nov 2022

**Massachusetts Medical Society Community Service Grant** Oct 2022 - Dec 2022

**International Association of Medical Science Educators Curriculum Innovation Grant** Apr 2021 - Mar 2023

**BUCASM Medical Student Summer Research Scholarship** May 2021 - Jul 2021

**Boston University Student Research Award** Jan 2020 - May 2020

**Boston University Student Research Award** Sep 2019 - Dec 2019

**American Association of University Women Inspirational Women Writing Contest**, Second Place Mar 2016 - Mar 2016

## PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

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**American Medical Women's Association | Women in Ophthalmology | American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus | Association of Women Surgeons | American Academy of Ophthalmology | Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology | American Medical Association | Massachusetts Medical Society**