



MINORITY AFFAIRS SECTION (MAS)

REPORT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

January – June 2024

Governing Council Members (2023 – 2024)

Rachel Villanueva, MD, Vice Chair and National Medical Association Representative

Judith Flores, MD, National Hispanic Medical Association Representative

Jasmin Eatman, AMA Medical Student Section Representative

Josephine Fowler, MD, At-Large Representative

LeeAnna Muzquiz, MD, Association of American Indian Physicians Representative

Luis Seija, MD, Delegate to the AMA House of Delegates

Theresa Rohr-Kirchgraber, MD, At-Large Representative

Siobhan Wescott, MD, MPH, Immediate Past Chair

(NOTE: Young Physicians Section and Resident & Fellow Section Representative seats are vacant as of 5/29/24)

Staff: Craig W. Johnson, MAS Group Manager

Liaisons from AMA Board of Trustees

Madelyn Butler, MD; Bobby Mukkamala, MD; Willie Underwood, MD, MSc, MPH

Committee Leadership

Advocacy Committee

- **Luis Seija, MD**, Chair
- **Jasmin Eatman**, Co-Chair

Engagement Committee

- **Elizabeth Valencia, MD, JD**, Chair

Strategic Priorities

- To improve diversity in medicine among underrepresented physicians and medical students.
- To develop and activate impactful policies on issues of relevance to minority patients and physicians who are underrepresented in medicine.
- To improve engagement and communications with AMA members and external audiences.

Report on MAS Activities: January – June 2024

SPRING 2024 HIGHLIGHTS



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- Several MAS members, as well as Medical Student Section members, attended the annual meetings of the Student National Medical Association, the National Hispanic Medical Association, and the National Minority Quality Forum. AMA trustee Dr. Bobby Mukkamala was a featured plenary panelist at the latter conference.
- Following its Spring election, the MAS Governing Council welcomes Dr. Joshua Carrasco who will serve as the Resident & Fellow Section Representative. His term will begin in June at the conclusion of the AMA House of Delegates meeting in Chicago.

2024 AMA ANNUAL MEETING (Chicago, IL)

The MAS Advocacy Committee chairs submitted the following resolutions to the AMA House of Delegates (HOD):

AMA Diversity Mentorship Program

AMA Support for Pathway Programs

Cancer Care in Indian Health Services Facilities

Disaggregation of Demographic Data for Individuals of Federally Recognized Tribes

Graduate Medical Education Opportunities for American Indian and Alaska Native Commu

Health and Racial Equity in Medical Education to Combat Workforce Disparities

Improving Healthcare of Rural Minority Populations

Opposition to Capital Punishment

Supporting the Health of Our Democracy

Voter Protections During and After Incarceration

MAS also co-sponsored a resolution introduced by the Resident & Fellow Section entitled, “End Attacks on Health and Human Rights in Israel and Palestine.” Visit the [meeting web page](#) of the AMA House of Delegates to view all resolutions and reports that will be considered in June. Also visit the [AMA Sections Meetings web page](#) to view the agendas of all 12 AMA member groups.

Below is the itinerary for MAS during the 2024 AMA Annual Meeting. All sessions, including day, time and room assignment at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, will appear in the meeting app and the [online MAS meeting agenda](#).

Friday, June 7

- Speed Mentoring (co-sponsored by Medical Student Section)
- MAS Business Meeting
- Equity & Advocacy Briefing (co-sponsored by Medical Student Section and LGBTQ Advisory Committee)



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- “Approaches to Indigenous Health Equity” (co-sponsored by Medical Student Section and LGBTQ Advisory Committee)
- Joint Reception (co-sponsored by Center for Health Equity, Medical Student Section and LGBTQ Advisory Committee)

Saturday, June 8

- MAS Council of Past Chairs & Delegates Breakfast Meeting (by invitation only)
- American Indian / Alaska Native Work-Group Meeting
- MAS Governing Council Meeting (closed meeting)
- HOD Reference Committee Hearings



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Sunday, June 11

- HOD Reference Committee Hearings and Health Equity-Themed Education Sessions

Monday, June 12

- Health Equity-Themed Education Sessions
- MAS Delegates Caucus
- MAS / IMGS Caucus

Also, during the Annual Meeting in June, the MAS Governing Council will elect the next chair and vice chair of the section. The one-year terms for both roles will begin on June 12, immediately after the House of Delegates proceedings.

SUMMER / FALL 2024

A special election will be held in the weeks following AMA Annual Meeting to fill the Young Physicians Section Representative (YPS) position. MAS will post a 30-day call for nominees in July. All nominations will be reviewed by the YPS Governing Council, which will determine whether to endorse a particular candidate. All candidates will appear on the election ballot, which is expected to be launched electronically in early August.

Representatives from MAS will attend the following meetings over the next six months:

- National Medical Association (New York City, early August)
- AMA Section Leadership Retreat (Chicago, early August)
- Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) and the Association of Native American Medical Students (Salt Lake City, early September)
- Latino Medical Student Association (Los Angeles, mid-September)
- AMA Interim Meeting (Orlando, early November)