

Organized Medical Staff Section (AMA-OMSS)

Member At-large

Name

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Credentials

MD

Pronouns

He/Him



Statement of interest

My first involvement with OMSS occurred when I needed bylaws information. I had just been selected as a member of my hospital's Bylaws Committee and while I had significant state level experience as Speaker, I needed education on best practices and national context. The OMSS provided me with knowledge, perspective, and counsel to better represent my medical staff. Through the OMSS, I learned that medical staffs had many other issues rather than just interacting with their hospital administrations. Scope of practice, corporate practice of medicine and insurance abuses are all issues that I gained significant insight through my engagement with the OMSS. For many years now I have watched as the Governing Council helped educate and guide our AMA on issues particular to those physicians who belong to medical staffs. My desire to be a Member at Large of the Governing Council of the OMSS is based on my desire to help organize and enhance our effectiveness within the AMA. I believe that we need physicians who will commit themselves to work at highlighting the concerns of physicians working in and with hospital administrations. Physicians are suffering from burnout, declining re-imbursement, and onerous bureaucracy. I have the energy and experience to help guide our section through the process of analyzing and writing resolutions that will enhance our profession and improve patient care. I hope that you will support me in my endeavor to be a member of the OMSS Governing Council. Thank you for your consideration.

Diversity statement

My commitment to diversity is strong and long standing. For the past four decades, I have sought to bring people to the table, and used my expertise in policymaking to educate and include new delegation members. Since 1983, I have been involved with resident selection of an Internal Medicine residency program. When I joined the program, I advocated the need for diversity in both resident selection and its teaching faculty. I maintained that addressing either one would naturally help the other. Over the past four decades, that philosophy of diversity has been actualized. This was a true team effort and I was proud to be a part. Realistically it takes many individuals and certain circumstances to develop diversity where it is lacking. My commitment to diversity continued when I served Pennsylvania as vice speaker and then speaker. With remarkable mentoring, I was vice speaker under Andy Gurman MD who has a profound dedication to diversity. This reaffirmed my commitment to and understanding of inclusion. However, diversity can only occur with active recruitment of divergent individuals. Since this section requires more members anyway, the obvious answer is to focus on recruitment with diversity in mind and mentor specifically on diverse employed medical staffs. We need to educate and orient new members to the policymaking process. This allows new members to use their voice confidently and furthers the work of our AMA. Having more unique voices at the table always makes the AMA stronger.