

Resident and Fellow Section (AMA-RFS)

Chair-elect

Name

Reilly Alexis Bealer

Credentials

MD

Pronouns

She/Her



Statement of interest

Dear Colleagues,

As your Chair Elect, I will proactively incorporate RFS members in improving our methods for governance. I will continue to advance the issues that our section prioritizes and work to build partnerships to accomplish this across and outside of the AMA.

Throughout medical school and residency, I have actively engaged in advocacy, governance, and policy creation within organized medicine at a state and national level. My experience as as an advocacy staff member for the AMA has equipped me with an intimate knowledge of the complex relationships that our sections face in this organization.

Serving as a previous AMA MSS Chair, I was embedded in the unique challenges that sections face as self-governing entities. In these roles, I successfully balanced ensuring the policy priorities of those I was responsible for representing were heard and acted upon, while also maintaining amicable relationships across the larger institution. This included protecting the ability for students to fully participate in organized medicine without intimidation or undue influence from outside persons.

The foundation of a dynamic institution lies in a passionate membership and healthy, ethical governance. I believe I possess the experience, skills and passion necessary to effectively lead our section, placing the voice and values set by our members at the forefront. For these reasons, I am running to be your next American Medical Association (AMA) Resident and Fellows Section

Chair Elect.

Thank you, friends, for considering me for this role. If elected, I will lead with open communication, integrity, and honesty.

Diversity statement

My journey in organized medicine has been profoundly shaped by my experience with housing insecurity. As a young adult with chronic medical conditions, I struggled to access care while working 2-3 jobs without stable transportation and finding somewhere new to stay every few weeks. Unfortunately, this is a shared experience that many in our society face.

During this time, I met numerous people who also had to put caring for their person health on the backburner while other, more pressing issues awaiting such as finding a next meal, finding childcare to be able to work, or meeting daily needs just to survive. Many of which not only faced with these social determinants, but also dealt with additional layered components racism, gender discrimination, and ablism.

As I navigated the medical profession and organized medicine, this perspective was unknown and necessary for change. In my academic and professional pursuits, I have worked to collaborate on teams that work on an intersectional approach to issues of health equity and racial justice work utilizing my own experiences and the lived experiences of others. From learning in these spaces, I utilized my leadership roles to create inclusive environments where diverse perspectives are not only valued in this work, but utilized to create action.

In all aspects of my life. I am committed to leveraging my experiences to advocate for systemic changes that demand justice and promote those who have historically been and continue to be oppressed into positions of power within our organization.