

Organized Medical Staff Section (AMA-OMSS)

Member At-large

Name

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Credentials

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Pronouns

He/Him



Statement of interest

The Organized Medical Staff is an under-appreciated and under-utilized part of our healthcare system. As Chief of Staff of a mid-size community hospital I've been surprised to observe how few doctors understand how their medical staff is governed and what kind of impact and control they can have on their own practice environment through their medical staff governance structure. I am interested in raising the profile of this resource for the good of our practices!

Medical staff governance is a two-edged sword. I've seen how staff bylaws can be used to temper scope-of-practice creep at my own institution. I've unfortunately also seen how at other organizations an unmoderated medical staff organization can be a burden on its members by enacting surprisingly anti-physician policies such as thousand-dollar fines for being a day late on documentation!

I've participated in the AMA since my first year of medical school, and I find great satisfaction finding a place where I can use my experience and skills to contribute to our collective success. With my current role locally in medical executive leadership along with my two decades as an AMA delegate, roles on the YPS GC, and as a member of the Council on Science and Public Health twice, the Governing Council of the OMSS is a great fit for me to serve and contribute. Please support my candidacy for Member-at-large of the OMSS Governing Council. Thank you!

Diversity statement

Formative experiences that have influenced my worldview include being from a rural background, having a highly religious minority upbringing, and being a member of a sexual minority. I acknowledge that life experiences vary greatly among those in our organization as well as those our organization serves, and that there is great value in understanding and using that diversity. I therefore will be conscious of my own biases while seeking to mindfully represent those other than myself to my best ability as I work within organized medicine.