

I am Regina R. Whitfield Kekessi, and I would like to continue to represent you and other Ohio colleagues at the AMA as an alternate delegate.

In 2012 after becoming board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology, I immersed myself in the business of medicine at my practicing institution and in the city of Cincinnati.

As an employed practitioner with TriHealth for more than 12 years, I served on committees that worked to assure equitable compensation within the various specialties after the system acquired a RECORD number of private practices in the city. I have also worked in various capacities under the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion umbrella with objectives to 1) reflect a more diverse health care Team employed by TriHealth; to 2) train a diverse group of physicians who are sensitive to the various cultures of the world in which we live; and to 3) help create system-wide training programs for all employees that help one recognize implicit and explicit bias, understand how they impact patient care, and to identify creative solutions.

While a Councilor with our local AMA chapter, the Academy of Medicine, I heard & understood the broader concerns of our Cincinnati colleagues, and I represented those concerns during our annual meetings as a delegate for District 1. I advocated on reference committees as a Young Physicians Section delegate and was elected to the AMA delegation as an alternate delegate in 2015.

Although only peripherally active in the AMA as a medical student and Resident, I have sincerely appreciated representing each of you as Ohio's alternate delegate to the AMA while learning the inner workings of organized medicine and how things get accomplished on a local, state and national level. As an alternate delegate, I have helped to craft resolutions our delegation has put before the AMA House of Delegates. I have also offered testimony on the floor in various reference committees in support or against a particular resolution on behalf of the State of Ohio. Finally, I have attended either the annual and/or the interim AMA meeting or both each year I have served in this capacity.

As we each continue to weather the pandemic of our century, I stand firmly and committed to continue to represent each of you, my fellow colleagues, at the AMA as Ohio's Alternate Delegate as we continue to create health policy that will help to make this nation a healthier, more equitable union for its physicians and the patients we serve.

I ASK FOR YOUR VOTE FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE AMA DELEGATION