

AMSA Board of Officers 2012-2013 Application



1. Explain your interest in serving as this board position. If you are applying for multiple positions, briefly describe your interest in each.

AMSA is a student organization that does a large amount of programming such as presentations during general meetings, outside events, and the annual pre-health conference. The combination of these programs contributes to the success and professionalism of our UC Berkeley pre-medical chapter. I hope to serve as Vice President of Programming to help ensure that the numerous programs planned and executed by AMSA are done at the highest standard to reinforce the reputation AMSA has as a strong student organization for pre-health students.

2. Explain your strengths and how they will contribute to your performance as a board member. If you are applying for multiple positions, be specific about how your strengths support each position you are applying for.

I believe many of my strengths coincide with required skills for the Vice President of Programming position due to the leadership positions I've held. Through planning and executing numerous programs, I have developed an understanding of the logistics behind implementing programs. In addition to understanding the nuances when planning a program, I am a strong collaborator. This will help me assist committee chairs in planning general meetings. I am also able to provide and incorporate feedback in a constructive manner, which is necessary to maintain relationships within board while moving forward. My organization and communication skills will also help me with the Vice President of Programming position when having to keep track of the many events AMSA is planning and working with the 11 other board members. Most importantly, my passion and dedication to AMSA is one of my strongest strengths for this position. I joined AMSA during my freshman year and I believe it is a strong organization for pre-health students due to the resources we can provide and the national network AMSA has. My belief in our AMSA chapter will help inspire me to continuously work on improving the events that our pre-medical chapter implements.

3. Describe your experience in previous leadership roles.

I have an extensive background in planning and leading programs as well as working with others to execute programs. For the past academic year and summer I have served as a resident assistant in the Unit 2 residence halls. As an RA I have conducted programs on a small scale for my residents as well as larger scale programs for the entire unit. This programming experience has been invaluable and I have learned the intricacies of programming as well as developed a network of connections. Prior to the RA position I worked as a health worker in the dorms where I also had to plan programs to educate residents about relevant health issues. The combination of these experiences has provided me with an understanding of how to target certain student population, what is required to make a program successful, and most importantly how to troubleshoot when unexpected problems arise. Within AMSA I have served on the community service committee and as community service committee chair. These two positions provided me with opportunities to contact outside organizations and represent AMSA as a professional organization. In addition, serving on AMSA's board for a year has helped me understand how AMSA functions as I've worked with my peers on board and lead my committee members. I believe these positions as well as other leadership positions I've held have provided me with a large amount of experience that I can call upon in the Vice President of Programming position.

4. Describe the goals you have for this position, and how you plan to achieve them. If applying for multiple positions, go into detail about your goals for each position.

As Vice President of Programming I have three main goals: to reach out to outside groups and invite them to contribute to AMSA's meetings, to increase involvement and engagement of members during general meetings, and to increase the scope of the annual Pre-Health Conference. For general meetings, I hope to see members becoming more involved. I plan to work with action committee chairs

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to create more interactive presentations. In addition, I hope to invite more outside presenters to AMSA's meetings to increase the amount that members can learn. Physician panels, medical student panels, and career center presentations on the application process are examples of what I hope to implement more in AMSA meetings to bring more resources to members. Lastly, as Vice President of Programming I hope to increase the scale of the Pre-Health Conference to reach more AMSA members and other pre-health students.

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