

# AMSA Board of Officers 2013-2014 Application



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

I became a member of National AMSA in high school, and upon coming to Cal, immediately joined the AMSA chapter here. I have been a part of this organization ever since. I served on the CEH/Global Health Committee my freshman year and then served as an Officer on the Officer Board and as the Webmaster my sophomore year. I would like to continue my involvement in AMSA as President. In addition to my knowledge gained from serving on the Board, I believe that I have the organizational, time management, and most importantly, the leadership skills to be successful as President and am able to handle the responsibilities and duties this position requires. I would very much enjoy serving the premedical community in this manner, as this position will further enable me to spread and carry out the mission of AMSA to the vast majority.

## **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.**

Having served as member of the Board of Directors of the Junior Auxiliary at El Camino Hospital, I offer the strength of leadership. I have demonstrated capability in directing board meetings, seeking the input of all interested parties, respectfully resolving differences, facilitating discussions, focusing the team on the agenda at hand, and recording and communicating decisions and actions in a timely manner. Likewise, I have exercised many of my skills as part of the many AMSA Community and Environmental/Global Health presentations that I have presented or helped present during my time served on the committee and as an officer on the officer board through directing and facilitating workshops at our annual Pre-Health Conference.

Another strength that I offer is my involvement and understanding of AMSA. I have served as the webmaster and an officer of the board. From attending board meetings, I have learned how important the board is in keeping AMSA a successful establishment in the premedical community. I have also learned about the inner functions and little details of this organization, which will help me take on the role of President to the best of my ability. I have been dedicated to our AMSA chapter ever since I arrived to Cal and would love to continue spreading my passion for AMSA.

## **3. Describe your experience in previous leadership roles.**

Two of my previous leadership roles include:

Member of the Board of Directors of the Junior Auxiliary at El Camino Hospital: I collaborated with other members under direction of hospital administration to plan and drive events including fundraisers for purchase of toys for children and new mothers. I coordinated socials recruiting volunteers. I reviewed policies and procedures, solicited input, and proposed changes for patient service and general hospital improvement. I recommended and hosted outside guest speakers on healthcare careers to enhance service benefits for volunteers. I led monthly board meetings, managed the agenda, led discussions and debates on issues, and ensured recording and distribution of meeting minutes.

Head Aide at the Community School of Music and Arts: I managed and coordinated a team of Teacher Aides in supporting the Teaching Staff to provide programs to instill in children an awareness of art and its processes through active participation in low cost community arts literacy programs for pre-K to 8th grade elementary school children. I instructed my team on policies and procedures. I was the teacher of Morning Care. I developed, facilitated play and supervised recess activities. I ensured the safety of students. I represented the School at volunteer recruiting events, advised high school students, evangelized programs and benefits, and distributed materials. I developed and published the policy

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manual that is in current use by Head Aides that succeeded me in this role.

**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 President, I can suggest several goals. First, I envision improving the infrastructure of AMSA. This includes revamping specific committee duties, creating a more cohesive organization by cross collaboration among committees, increasing membership turnout at our general meetings and organization events, and soliciting member input on preferred general meeting topics. Second, I would specifically like to work with board members to promote membership unity among our board members, committee members, and general members within our chapter. In addition, I would like to improve membership communication by sending out notifications as soon as possible so that members can plan ahead to attend our special AMSA events. Finally, I would like to assist our VPP in planning and organizing our Pre-Health Conference to make it even more successful than this past year's.

