

# 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.

I would like to serve as the CEH/ Global Health committee chair because I would like to raise awareness on the challenges of global health that we are facing today and hopefully find ways that our student body can participate and contribute to improve these conditions. I am really interested in the topics that are covered in this committee, such as health care and environmental impacts on medicine. I would like to investigate further on these topics, especially the developing countries. Global healthcare is also closely connected with a country's economic status. In order to improve healthcare and possibly fight poverty, it is important to find the balance point to distribute the resources into different institutions to help solve the healthcare problems in different parts of the world. By investigating further into the healthcare for the minority and the effects of environment on medicine, it will broaden our perspectives into the needs of people in different social economic standing, thus help us become well-informed future physicians who will be able to help and improve the community in need.

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.

Some of my strengths that will contribute to my performance as a board member are my activity planning skills, organizational skills and creative thinking. I have experiences in coordinating and planning events for club activities that I have done in the past. I also have many experiences in fundraising, which will be helpful for AMSA's long-term humanitarian cause and budget for activities and banquets. I am also very easy to work with and very understanding of other's viewpoints. Because of this, I am especially good at uniting everyone's ideas to get a satisfying result. I am very devoted to the work I am committed to, and I always do my best for the task that I am responsible for. On top of these qualities, I am passionate about the topics that are dealt with in the Community & Environmental Health/ Global Health committee. I would love to explore and discuss more on the different healthcare topics for the minority, and bring awareness to AMSA members about these different topics and their impacts on medicine.

3. Describe your experience in previous leadership roles.

In summer 2010, I started a summer camp for underprivileged children in Jiulonghu, China. I designed the curriculum for the children such as teaching English through American holidays and greeting cards making. On top of the planning skills that I learned through initiating the summer camp, I also learned to be proactive in contacting people such as the local government people and my sponsor. In high school, I founded and was the president of the Greeting Card

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Club. I worked with my officer team and planned out activities such as fundraisings through selling handmade greeting cards for disaster reliefs, and sending holiday cards to children's hospital. My experience of running a club in high school taught me skills such as organizational skills, interpersonal skills and leadership skills. I am very devoted to the work I am committed to, and I always do my best for the task that I am responsible for, no matter how small the task is. I am also very understanding of other's viewpoints and am really easy to work with. Because of this, I am especially good at extracting the essence of everyone's ideas and put them together to get the best results that satisfy everyone.

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.

The goal I have for being the chair of the Community & Environmental Health/ Global Health Committee is to broaden committee member's horizons on community and environmental impacts on health and medicine, and to share these knowledge and information to the rest of the Berkeley AMSA community. I plan on having discussions on readings regarding these healthcare topics to broaden our committee's views on different aspects of global health. I would also like to focus on learning and investigating the underprivileged groups in our community. While it is important to be aware of the global challenges in healthcare, it is also important to acknowledge the health problems in our community. We can visit local institutions, convalescent homes or homeless shelters and understand their needs. The insights that we will gain will help us understand more about our community, give us ideas on how to improve these conditions, and could possibly be AMSA's next long-term humanitarian cause. Another goal that I have for being the chair of the Community & Environmental Health/ Global Health Committee is to invite a professor to share his/her insights and/or experiences on community and environmental health. I believe this event will be very informing and interesting. It will also provide AMSA members the chance to get to know and learn about the professor's interest and general knowledge.

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