

Dear medical staff association member;

I am currently vice president of the medical staff association (MSA) and I would appreciate your vote for president in this election so that I may continue to serve your needs.

I am a pathologist at the Juravinski site, as well as faculty within the Department of Pathology and Molecular medicine, and have several years of experience in areas of education and leadership. I have also been very engaged in OMA activities, as well as President of the national specialty organization for pathologists.

I have worked on the medical staff association executive for 4 years, and have participated in the physician hospital partnership program, which has given me an opportunity to study the issues of physician engagement, and to interact with a broad spectrum of HHS people including senior leadership. As secretary and then vice president of the MSA, I have been involved in many of the discussions regarding changes that are happening within our hospital.

The MSA represents the physicians of HHS and acts as a voice for physician issues. The MSA role is to enable strong two-way communication with hospital administration/senior leadership to ensure that there is opportunity for physicians to have meaningful input into decision making for our hospitals, which is so critical in these turbulent times. I am committed to participating in a way that will facilitate your engagement so that the changes take your views into account before decisions are and acted upon.

The MSA supports physicians who find themselves in difficult situations, a fundamental mandate of the MSA, and can do so without significant conflicting accountabilities to the organization.

I look forward to increasingly robust involvement of other physicians in the MSA. As president, I envision an active, engaged and nimble MSA executive with the ability to reach out to physicians frequently for advice and discussion on important hospital issues, and to be responsive to the needs of our HHS physicians.

Thanks for your support.

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