
Women Physicians Section (AMA-WPS)

Member At-large

Name

Tyeese Gaines

Credentials

DO, MBA, MA

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Statement of interest

I am eager to express my candidacy for the Member-at-Large position in the Women Physician Section (WPS). As a practicing emergency medicine physician and healthcare executive at Humana, I feel that my unique background, spanning patient care, practice management, health news, public relations, hospital administration and now corporate medicine, equips me with a multifaceted understanding of healthcare dynamics. With degrees in business and journalism, I bring a comprehensive skill set to contribute to the varied facets of this position.

Having previously served on the MAS GC (2013-2020), and currently on the AMA Professional Satisfaction & Practice Sustainability (PS2) Advisory Board, I'm no stranger to representing the interests of physicians. As a woman physician who has been in leadership roles for much of the past 2 decades, and who also had a child in medical school, I'm very familiar with the spectrum of unique challenges that women physicians can often face.

After spending the past 3 years focusing on my son's transition into college as a scholar-athlete,

and pivoting into a career in corporate medicine, I am ready to refocus energy back to organized medicine, policy and advocacy. Thus, I'm enthusiastic about the possibility to actively engage and advocate for the diverse needs and concerns of women physicians and students within our professional community. I hope I am fortunate enough to get that opportunity.

Diversity statement

No matter how far I have ascended in medicine or corporate America, I continue to pull from the first half of my life – which included a range of experiences colored by humble inner city beginnings – bringing those stories and lessons of vulnerable communities into my work and my studies.

At each level since, whatever I have learned, I have pulled into the tapestry that is now my professional career, leadership style and my advocacy. Advocacy, in fact, is at the core thread of my career so far. Journalistically, I use my writings and video stories as a means of educating the public. Clinically, I advocate for my ER and urgent care patients, case-by-case, to help connect them to the physicians, services and medications that they need. I spent 7 years doing advocating in AMA. And now, I have continued in the corporate health insurance arena.

I bring my same wide variety of experiences, both professionally and personally, to any role I hold, and would proudly do so in the role of member-at-large for the Women Physicians Section.