

Dear Fellow ISMA Members,

My name is J. Elizabeth Struble, MD, and I am running for the position of Delegate to the American Medical Association (AMA). I am a rural family physician in Northern Indiana, completed my family medicine residency in Fort Wayne, and have been in practice for more than 15 years. Over the past year, I have had the honor of serving as an AMA Alternate Delegate, faithfully attending meetings and participating in the AMA House of Delegates as one of your representatives.

My involvement with the AMA spans many years, and I have greatly valued the opportunity to represent Indiana on the national stage. I began my AMA involvement as a Young Physician Delegate and have participated in numerous National Advocacy Conferences throughout my career. These experiences have helped me grow as a physician leader and have strengthened my understanding of how state and national advocacy can work together to advance the interests of physicians and our patients.

At the ISMA, I have served as Chair of the Board and President, and I currently serve as Chair of the Commission on Legislation. At the AMA, I currently serve on the Council on Legislation. Through these roles, I have gained experience working with physicians across specialties, states, and perspectives to build consensus and advocate for issues important to our profession.

As your voice at the AMA, I will work to advocate for the issues that matter to Indiana physicians, build coalitions with other states and specialty societies, and communicate important programs and initiatives developed by the AMA. I also believe it is important to maintain a strong connection between our work at the state and national levels. ISMA helps us care for our patients and supports our practices at the state and local levels, while the AMA provides a collective voice on the national stage.

That national voice is important as we address challenges such as physician reimbursement, scope of practice, physician well-being, and other issues that extend beyond the ability of any one state to address independently. My experience in advocacy at both the state and federal levels has reinforced for me the importance of bringing Indiana's perspective to these conversations while also working collaboratively to find solutions.

I would be honored to continue serving you in this new role as an AMA Delegate. I welcome your questions and look forward to speaking with many of you at our upcoming convention about how I can best represent Indiana physicians.

In service,

J. Elizabeth Struble, MD, FAAFP