

Sample Statement of Candidacy

December 15, 2007

Maya Babu, Chair
ACP Council of Student Members
c/o Amy Allen Collins

Dear Council of Student Members:

I am very interested in serving as the _____ Region Representative on the American College of Physicians (ACP) Council of Student Members (CSM). I believe that the ACP and especially the CSM can have a strong impact on medical students in the careers they chose and the interests that they pursue.

I am a second year medical student at _____ Medical School, and I am especially interested in serving on the CSM since I have been involved in ACP activities for some time. In my previous work as a public health practitioner, I was always aware of the ability of internists to have both the credibility and the ability to be involved in health care on the prevention and treatment side. As the current chair of the Internal Medicine Interest Group at _____ Medical School, I have had the wonderful opportunity to gain even more insight about the field of internal medicine and about how rewarding it can be to share this information with other medical students. I have been involved in restarting the Internal Medicine Interest Group in the last year, and I have enjoyed the leadership opportunities and the chance to form new relationships with both students and internists. While in this position, I have been surprised to learn that not many students at my medical school are aware of the opportunities to participate as student members of the ACP. I hope that by expanding my participation in the ACP to a national level I will be able to help recruit even more new members and use my experience to help other schools that are struggling to start their own interest groups. I have also attended the local and national ACP meetings and found them extremely educational and enjoyable and I look forward to recruiting other students to attend these meetings as well.

Many of the CSM's projects that I have learned about in researching this position are promising and important. E-learning is a wave of the future. Understanding electronic tools is an increasing part of medical education, as well as evaluating what is useful and what is not on the Internet. The National Leadership Day, too, is important, since medical students are not always taught the power of advocacy. With my public health background, I am especially interested in public policy issues and how they relate to students. I also look forward to being a part of deciding what issues are the most important to next address in the CSM.

After talking with the previous CSM representative and the governor about this position, I feel that the ACP is trying to create more student opportunities and connections. I want to continue to expand the positive influence that the ACP can have over medical students, and the relationships between students involved in ACP at different schools. I believe that I have the dedication, perseverance, and enthusiasm necessary to succeed at this position.

Thank you for considering me for this position.

Sincerely,
Signature

Enclosures: *Curriculum Vitae*
Letter of Recommendation