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Dear Mr President and Members of Council

It is my great pleasure to present to you the New South Wales 2013 Executive Bid Team.

A few nights ago I was up late, discussing with Steve Bartnik (our VP(I) candidate and true orange AMSA Ranger if there ever was one), how best to encourage you to elect us in Perth on June 30th. It didn’t take us long to realise that the answer is simple: we’ve put together a really, really great team.

So, the first section you’re going to see when you turn this page is the most important thing to see – our team. Between the pretty infographic and pithy sentences about each of our 15 members, what you’ll find is that we’re very experienced, very capable and very keen.

This experience is really important, because it means we know what we’re signing up for, and what value we can add to AMSA. We know about the structure of AMSA and the role of the Executive, we know how significant it is to have the chance to be elected with time for a six-month handover, we know that AMSA’s strategic plan is under development, and we know that 2013 is a Federal election year and how this will affect our advocacy.

We also know that we don’t know everything. Council plays a critical role in AMSA, and we’re committed to working effectively with you throughout our term. A member of our Executive will speak with you each fortnight to touch base, and all of us will be on call. We’ll add to Council meetings new opportunities to up-skill, and we’ll work out the details of how to introduce an annual National Policy Conference as recommended by the 2010 Organisational Health Review.

There’s lots more we want to tell you, and we’ve tried to put as much as we could in the next 10 pages. So please, have a read and feel free to give any of us a buzz. We’ll be in touch before Second Council, and really look forward to seeing you there, hoping for the chance to represent you and Australia’s other 17,000 amazing medical students in 2013.

Finally, to my team, thank you. I am extremely proud of you. We have had great fun putting together this bid, and I will be eternally grateful for your good humour, encouragement and support.

Benjamin Veness
19 May 2012
Meet the Team

Ben Veness
President

Ben is offering to defer fourth-year medicine to commit to leading AMSA in 2013. He has two years’ experience on the University of Sydney Senate and worked for six years in corporate accounting and strategy roles. He has a broad skill set, is very well networked and excels in representative and leadership positions.

Steve Bartnik
Vice President (Internal)

Steve was Convenor of the extremely successful Sydney 2011 National Convention and was a Director on the AMSA Board in 2010-2011. He will apply his wealth of AMSA and team leadership experience to make the Executive and Association run efficiently and to free the President, VP(E) and PRO to focus on maximising AMSA’s influence through effective external representation.

Richard Arnold
Vice President (External)

Richard worked at the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions before he moved to The Hague to work as a lawyer for the International Criminal Tribunal. He is fiercely intelligent and will be an especially strong asset in completing the AMSA policy review and driving AMSA’s campaigns agenda.
Alexander Murphy
Treasurer

Alexander is the current UNSW MedSoc President and co-led Logistics for last year’s National Convention. He is extremely hard working and reliable, with a particular interest in assisting AMSA to diversify its funding sources and cement a strong foundation for the future.

Steve Hurwitz
Public Relations Officer

Steve is another of our AMSA veterans. He has been an AMSA Rep, is the current Newcastle MedSoc President, and he co-led Academic for last year’s National Convention. Combined with this year’s media experience at his MedSoc, Steve is ideally placed to represent the Association as PRO.

Samantha Stott
National Coordinator

Sam is a former officer in the Royal Australian Air Force who has been involved with AMSA in every year of her medical student life. She is the current Newcastle AMSA Rep, knows exactly what makes a good NC and will bring her superb communication skills and usual standards of excellence to the role.

Victoria Forsdick
Engagement and Promotions Officer

Victoria has retained the work ethic she developed as a national tennis champion and now offers this same dedication to AMSA. Her extensive experience with the Australian Physiotherapy Association and her role now as Notre Dame Sydney’s AMSA Rep will combine with her passion for the Association to make her an exceptional EPO.

Eliza Wziontek
Events Coordinator

Eliza brings formidable experience of AMSA to this team. She has attended seven Councils, three Conventions, NLDS, co-organised the inaugural AMSA Charity Breakfast, and been both an AMSA Rep and MedSoc President. Her guidance will be valuable both within our team as well as for the Convention and GHC teams.

Martin Seneviratne
Community and Wellbeing Officer

Martin is a polymath with experience in building community involvement who brings his conscientiousness and intellect to everything he does. His generosity helps him to be such a great team member and Australia’s 17,000 medical students will benefit greatly from Martin’s commitment to continue building this important portfolio.
Meg Ryan
Rural and Indigenous Officer
Meg is a Registered Nurse who grew up in a rural area and has practiced in a small town in the Northern Territory whose population was 80% Indigenous. She knows first-hand the challenges within this portfolio’s scope of responsibility and will work collaboratively with other stakeholders to develop intelligent and sensitive policies, activities and strategies.

James Lawler
Global Health Officer
James is a considerate, hard worker who has moved from hospitality to hospital. His travel and AMSA Global Health experience have impassioned him to seek out the role of GHO. James will combine this experience with his maturity to develop effective strategies to support medical students’ strong and growing interest in global health.

Arran Schlosberg
Internal Communications Officer
Arran exhibits characteristics of a genius, with a formal education background in actuarial studies complemented by a natural instinct for business and an incredible aptitude for technology. He revels in solving problems and is committed to developing scalable and sustainable technology and communication solutions for AMSA and its members.

Arghya Gupta
Publications Officer
Arghya studied media and communications as well as psychology prior to starting medicine last year. He has worked as a journalist in Australia and abroad, is an improvisational comedian, and is eager to use his experience to develop AMSA’s publications as well as mentoring medical student contributors.

Georgia Carroll
Sponsorship Officer
Georgia is the current UNE MedSoc President, both representing and working for her MedSoc since starting medicine in 2010. She is professional beyond her years and her diligence will be an asset to the Sponsorship portfolio. She has further developed her people skills through her tutoring work and, with Eliza, receives a strong recommendation from their Dean.

Miranda Norquay
Sponsorship Officer
Miranda has proven she has many talents, with experience spanning medicine, scientific research, teaching and student representation. Recently, she has also become a Medical Officer in the Royal Australian Navy. Together with Georgia, Miranda will present a very professional face of AMSA when liaising with sponsors and has the drive to succeed in building this crucial portfolio.
Our Ideas
A Six Month Handover

For the first time the 2013 Executive-elect will have the benefit of a six month handover. This change was no accident: it was a key recommendation of the 2010 Organisational Health Review, and it will allow a greater retention of corporate knowledge, and a smoother transition between Executives.

The NSW 2013 Executive Bid Team recognises this is of paramount importance to the continued growth and development of our organisation, and the following sections describe how we are going to take full advantage of the change.

Student Driven

We are cognisant that the 17,000 medical students AMSA represents are also a huge asset to the Association, and so we want to involve them in setting the priority agenda for 2013. With the assistance of experienced Councillors, we will create a short survey to elicit the advocacy issues that are most important to Australia’s medical students. We will then use that information to work with Councillors at Third Council 2012 to develop our top advocacy priorities for 2013.

Filling the Gaps

Whilst the NSW 2013 Bid Team comprises members who already come with exceptional AMSA experience, we recognise that each role requires specific knowledge and a unique set of skills. As the Executive-elect we would conduct a review of the core competencies required of each Executive portfolio and develop individual learning plans to ensure that by the time we take office we have the necessary knowledge and skills to perform excellently in...
our roles. Examples of steps that we would take are: identifying and utilising industry mentors; using existing contacts within the private and public sectors to organise small group training sessions; and completing relevant online courses.

**Working it Out**

The AMSA Executive is a complex machine; there are portfolio specific projects, as well as team-wide projects that need to be completed over the year. In order to best prepare ourselves for this challenging work, we will develop work plans for all major projects of the Executive. Each of these plans will identify the core objectives, key organisational steps, and timelines, allowing us to be prepared, and to monitor our progress throughout the year. These work plans would also form the basis of our handover to the incoming 2014 Executive.

**Future Planning**

The long term success and growth of AMSA is dependent on having a cohesive, coherent and ambitious strategic plan. Having an overarching plan that addresses our short, medium and long term priorities and aspirations is critical to ensuring that the Association grows at the rate and in the direction that is best for the students we are all here to serve. Development of the AMSA Strategic Plan is well under way, led by the current Board, Executive and CEO.

The NSW 2013 Executive Bid Team is committed to assisting with the excellent work that is already underway, in the capacity desired by the current project leaders. We feel this would be of great benefit to us, and to the Association, as the insight will be useful for executing AMSA’s strategy in 2013.

**Money Matters**

Without reliable streams of income, and sufficient capital, AMSA would be unable to do all of the wonderful things it currently does for Australia’s 17,000 medical students. In recent times it has become evident that our reliance on sponsorship revenue poses a great risk to the future of our organisation, as it can be unreliable, and is subject to change at very short notice. While we would love to be able to provide all of the answers to AMSA’s financial questions, it is impossible to do so without an intimate inside understanding of the organisation’s current financial practices, strategy, and risks. Further to this, it is not the role of the Executive to make significant financial changes to AMSA, instead that is clearly the domain of the Board.

In order to be in the best position to assist the Board, we will review relevant internal documents and synthesise the information so that all members of our team gain the knowledge to contribute to Board-driven discussions about potential revenue and cost initiatives. Further, we will make ourselves available to the Board to participate in any financial review or consultation process that may be conducted from the time we are elected until the time our term expires.
Maximising Value

AMSA’s greatest asset is the volunteers who contribute for no reward other than to work alongside like-minded people, and to serve their fellow and future medical students. It is a key priority for the NSW 2013 Executive Bid Team to invest in, and support all of these wonderful volunteers through infrastructure support, skill development and knowledge acquisition.

Not only will this get the most out of our amazing supporters, it’s also a way to give back to our volunteers, ensuring that they gain as much from their time with AMSA as the organisation gains from them.

Skills are Key

AMSA relies on Councillors to develop policy, contribute to advocacy efforts, and be the face of AMSA at their respective medical school, and every year Councillors perform these roles exceptionally well.

We will develop a training program for all AMSA Councillors that would build on the skills taught briefly at Pre-Council Training. The emphasis would be on practical skills that would assist Councillors in their day-to-day work, allowing them to spend their time more productively, rather than having to first teach themselves the skills necessary for their role.

Specific areas of skill development would include advocacy campaigns, policy development and survey development. To make best use of our limited time at Council, the development of these practical skills will be supported with online resources. As well as enabling Councillors to contribute to AMSA more effectively, the skills would also be useful for future endeavours with their medical societies and other groups.
Go-to People

AMSA Councillors are the ‘go-to people’ for anything to do with AMSA, and thus are one of our most important connections with the medical students we serve. Recognising this importance, we will develop a program of expert speakers to provide important background information to Councillors on topics of interest.

In particular, at AMSA Council we will have guest speakers providing important information about the identified priority areas for our advocacy campaigns. Providing Councillors with this learning opportunity will ensure that they have the most up to date information, and are the local authority on the important issues that AMSA tackles.

We’re There for You

The core role of the AMSA Executive is to manage the day to day affairs of the Association. As Councillors are the most important connection we have to Australia’s medical students, it is a very important role of the Executive to support them and maintain regular communication.

We will reinstate the fortnightly phone call to AMSA Representatives from the Executive, and support each Representative in the local projects they are working on. Not only is this valuable for the AMSA Representatives, as it keeps them in the loop with important developments, but it’s great for us - we’re ‘people people’ and we would much rather have a nice conversation on the phone, than spend even more time in front of our email accounts.

IRG Online

The Internship and Residency Guide (IRG) is one of AMSA’s most valuable publications. We will convert the content from the PDF document into a dynamic website, enabling easier access, and encouraging more students to spend more time on the AMSA website. Advertising revenue impacts will be considered prior to any changes being implemented.

The Orange Book

The cornerstone of all of our advocacy efforts is our Council-approved public policy documents. These documents outline AMSA’s stance on the issues that are important to medical students, and form the agenda the Executive progress at the many meetings they attend around the country. Over the last three years, and particularly in 2012, the Executive has worked hard to review all policy on issue.

In 2013, we hope to bring the policy review to its culmination. As part of this we seek to create and issue a Comprehensive Policy Document (as mandated by the Constitution): “The Orange Book”. The Orange Book be a compendium of all current AMSA policy. It will serve as a manifesto – detailing all that AMSA stands for, and can be marketed to the public and AMSA stakeholders as such.

The Orange Book is as much a process as it is a product. A policy’s inclusion in The Orange Book is AMSA’s final indication that the policy has been reviewed and reflects AMSA’s current opinion. It will contain the background of the policy: its date of creation, amendment history and dates for review. Policies will be categorised by subject matter rather than date, making The Orange Book easy to use as well as providing a starting point for identifying any deficiencies in our policy on issue.
Election Year Advocacy

AMSA is a membership organisation that serves to promote the interests of the 17,000 medical students it represents. Being student run and representing every medical student in Australia grants us substantial influence in Canberra and around the country.

This is of particular importance in 2013, as a Federal Election will be held by 30 November. The Election makes 2013 a year of great opportunity, and offers a capable team the chance to significantly progress AMSA’s advocacy agenda.

A key finding of the 2010 Organisational Health Review was that as a representative organisation, we need to do everything we can to consult medical students in order to best represent them. This philosophy resonates with the NSW 2013 Executive Bid Team, and so a key priority for us is consulting and engaging medical students in our election year advocacy efforts.

Grassroots Campaigns

One of AMSA’s most valuable resources is the sheer number of students that we represent. This provides an exciting opportunity to follow in the steps of organisations like GetUp! and create advocacy campaigns that involve medical students. By mobilising the 17,000 strong AMSA Army, we will make our position on issues loud and clear in almost every seat.

In 2008, Michael Bonning’s Executive utilised this strategy to great success, running a letter writing campaign that resulted in thousands of letters being sent to MPs about the need for action on guaranteeing internships.
These grassroots campaigns will be built, with input from Council, around the priority areas of advocacy that are identified at Third Council 2012. This is a very practical way that we can convert the work we do in our six month handover into value for AMSA. We propose to execute one specific campaign in each quarter of the year, putting front and centre the issues that matter most to Australia’s medical students.

Election Priorities

It is crucial that we approach this election year with clear objectives and a robust strategy. Our nonpartisan team will table a ‘2013 Federal Election Priorities’ document at First Council 2013, that will outline AMSA’s position on important election issues and be supplemented with a ‘strategy road map’ for how we will advocate effectively for those outcomes. Expert external advisers will assist us pro bono. We will use the input of both Third Council 2012 and First Council 2013 to identify and develop the advocacy issues that comprise our finalised platform.

Consistent Message

Each year, AMSA puts on many brilliant events attracting thousands of medical students from across the country. We produce fantastic publications that are sent out to every medical school, and made available online. The NSW 2013 Executive Bid Team believes that there is an opportunity to embed AMSA’s key advocacy priorities within everything we do. The development of AMSA’s four core advocacy areas for 2013 at Third Council 2012 would give us the opportunity to utilise all of AMSA’s 2013 committees to participate in our campaigns, articulating our advocacy messages.

Simple examples of how we might do this include: ‘theming’ our publication, Panacea, with two main advocacy themes per issue; and targeting speakers to address key advocacy areas at the National Convention, Global Health Conference (GHC), National Leadership Development Seminar (NLDS) and National Rural Leadership Development Seminar (NRLDS). These small changes will make better use of the opportunities we already have to engage Australia’s medical students in the great advocacy work that we do.

National Policy Conference

The 2010 Organisational Health Review identified an important need for AMSA to engage students beyond Council in policy development, and to utilise the expertise of past Councillors once they have finished their terms. The proposed solution was to have a National Policy Conference, and we intend to implement this recommendation.

Our proposal is to run the inaugural National Policy Conference as a single day addition to Second or Third Council 2013. The mandate of the event would be to also engage students outside of Council, and to assist the 2014 Executive-elect in developing their advocacy priorities for 2014.

We will develop a National Policy Conference proposal that will be presented for consideration at First Council 2013. This will ensure that Council has plenty of time to contribute to the design of the event before it occurs.

It is exciting to think that at the inaugural National Policy Conference in 2013, all of you, the 2012 Councillors, will have another opportunity to apply your experience and help set the future direction of AMSA, even if your term has since ended.
Our Ideas in Depth

“For the sake of brevity, we have provided you with a summary of our proposed ideas.

Over the next couple of weeks, members of the NSW 2013 Bid Team will call each MedSoc, and discuss in greater detail the projects of interest to you.

Your feedback is exceptionally important to us.”
New South Wales
2013 AMSA Executive

Our Team
In 2013, there is nothing I’d rather do than lead this exceptional team from New South Wales to represent Australia’s 17,000 medical students. I will defer my MBBS to dedicate sufficient time to AMSA and to the part-time study of a Master of Public Health.

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Introduction

In 2010 I left the world of banking and corporate strategy to embark on my MBBS at the University of Sydney and haven’t looked back since. I love being a medical student and all the amazing opportunities, experiences and new friends that come with it.

So much of this has come from AMSA, beginning with my foray into National Convention in Hobart 2010, followed by NLDS 2010, National Convention in Sydney 2011, NRLDS 2011, Council meetings, writing policies and more besides. What better way to show my gratitude and express my enthusiasm than as AMSA President!

Making the Great, Greater AMSA

AMSA is an extraordinary, world-class student organisation. Unparalleled within Australia in its effectiveness and scope, AMSA is, simply and undeniably, great. Our job is to help make it even greater.

Together with Council and the Board, our team will work to implement the strategic plan due for sign-off at the end of 2012. If desired, I would be pleased to lend my corporate strategy experience to the plan’s development. The “Our Ideas” section of this document describes how our team will take best advantage of a six month handover, work to maximise value in the Association, and utilise the opportunities presented in a Federal Election year. This includes implementing the National Policy Conference as recommended in the 2010 Organisational Health Review.

My Team

If laughter is any guide, our talented team gets on exceptionally well together. Supported by my dream VP(I), Steve Bartnik, a priority will be to help each team member perform at their best whilst continuing to have lots of fun together. We will agree on individual performance objectives and development plans, facilitate mentoring and performance reviews, run effective meetings, and ensure efficient project management. My experience in the corporate world and on the University of Sydney Senate, and Steve’s experience in convening a National Convention, will prove to be excellent preparation for this very enjoyable task of making a great team even greater.

Please, Vote NSW 2013

With the support of a strong Council and Board, my team will maintain AMSA’s exceptional performance into 2013 and then lift it yet higher through the dedication and creativity of the passionate leaders we introduce on the following pages. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them publicly for their support and confidence in my leadership, their efforts in getting us to this point, and hopefully in advance for an unforgettable 2013.

Finally, thank you, Council, for your consideration of our team in this very important decision.
Ben’s Background

Ben is a personable, proactive third-year student with six years of corporate accounting and strategy experience. He is in his second term on the University of Sydney Senate and its Safety and Risk Management Committee, is an audit committee member and councillor of the AMA (NSW), and a graduate member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Curriculum Vitae

Education

2010-2014: MBBS, University of Sydney
2012-2014: MPH, University of Sydney
2011: Company Directors’ Course, Australian Institute of Company Directors
2005-2008: CPA Program, CPA Australia
2002-2004: BAcc, University of Technology, Sydney (UTS)

Relevant Employment

2010-2011: Research Officer, AMA (NSW)
2008-2009: Academic Tutor, UTS

Leadership and Representation

2010-present: Fellow of Senate, University of Sydney
2011-present: Member, Senate Safety and Risk Management Committee, University of Sydney
2011-present: Councillor and Member, Audit Committee, AMA (NSW)
2011-present: Member, Doctors-in-Training Committee, AMA (NSW)
2011: Student member of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Sydney
2011: Academic Sub-Committee Member, AMSA National Convention

Awards and Achievements

2010-present: Sharp Medical Scholarship, St Paul’s College
2008: Recognition for high distinctions in all six modules of the CPA Program

Community

2012: Delegate, AMA National Conference
2010-2012: Delegate, AMSA National Convention
2011-2012: Co-convenor, Medicine and Science Dinner, St Paul’s College
2011: Delegate, AMSA/NRHSN National Rural Leadership Development Seminar and the Mental Health Rural Appreciation Weekend
2010: Delegate, AMSA National Leadership Development Seminar
2010: Delegate, GPET Conference, Alice Springs and GP10 Conference, Cairns

Referees

Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO
Chancellor, University of Sydney

Fiona Davies
Chief Executive Officer, AMA (NSW)
My experience with AMSA has defined my time at medical school. Not only did I meet the love of my life at Second Council in 2009, but I’ve made countless friends from all over the country, been personally and professionally challenged and even signed multiple contracts worth over $300,000!

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The role of the VP(I) is to keep the internal components of AMSA running smoothly. To do this effectively, it is vitally important to have extensive knowledge about all of the components of the organisation.

I know AMSA like few others. I have successfully run our riskiest and most expensive event, the National Convention, I have attended eight Councils, and was a Director on the Board for a year. I have also been involved in numerous committees and attended many AMSA Events. You can be confident that in my hands, the inner workings of AMSA will be well tended to. I want to use my knowledge about AMSA to achieve three specific goals:

**Reduced Human Capital Stress**

Office bearers within AMSA work tirelessly with little or no support. There are many examples of this burdensome workload leading to burn out. I will bring in a program that offers support to all office bearers across the organisation.

I believe these goals are of crucial importance to the long-term success of AMSA. By providing clear and efficient project direction and establishing a mechanism to monitor and support the executive, we allow being an AMSA office bearer to be the rewarding experience that it should be.

**Recyclable Project Management Plans**

Project management is a skill that I have developed and refined as Convention Convenor, and would like to see the strategies and benefits spread to all projects of AMSA.

**Increased Organisational Efficiency**

AMSA expands every year. I will review our current operations, and tweak them to ensure that our message is conveyed clearly and purposefully with everything that we do.
Curriculum Vitae

Education

2009-2013: MBBS, University of Sydney
2006-2008: BSc, with Distinction, Curtin University of Technology

Relevant Employment

2011: Specialist, Apple Retail
2008-2012: Bar Staff, Moonlight Cinema
2007-2009: MRI Technician Assistant, Perth Radiological Clinic
2006-2009: Bar Staff / Night Manager, Perth Hockey Stadium

Leadership and Representation

2012: Committee Member, Risk Directors Committee, AMSA
2011: Committee Member, Human Resources Directors Committee, AMSA
2011: Student Member of the Faculty of Medicine, Sydney Medical School
2010: Presenter, UNSW Leadership Development Seminar
2010: Presenter, NSWMSC MedSoc Meet
2010-2011: Board Director, Australian Medical Students’ Association
2009-2011: Committee Chair and Presenter, AMSA National Council
2009-2011: Convenor, AMSA National Convention, Australian Medical Students’ Association

Community

2011: Delegate, World Medical Association Leadership Development Seminar
2011: Delegate, NZMSA Conference
2009-2010: Delegate, Australian Medical Students’ Association National Convention
2009-2010: Delegate, SUMS Leadership Development Seminar
2009: Delegate, AMSA National Leadership Development Seminar

Interests

Sport, Politics, Friends, Family, Life

Referees

Dr Robert Marshall
Immediate Past President, Australian Medical Students’ Association

Thomas Crowhurst
Director, Australian Medical Students’ Association

Steve’s Background

Steve’s background has prepared him to be an excellent VP(I). He has leadership experience on the hockey field, as the President of the Curtin University Radiography Club, and more recently as the Convenor of the 2011 AMSA National Convention, and a Director on the AMSA Board.
The VP(E) is a chameleon: a facilitator, a researcher, an organiser, a writer and a salesman. It requires diligence and passion in equal measure. And so, if the stars align in 2013, I’ll relish the opportunity to tackle this role with fury.

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My time as a lawyer, particularly when working overseas for the United Nations, has given me an intimate understanding of the legal, social and political implications of such advocacy.

I feel that such experience has been assisted greatly by my current work in medicine, where I sit on a variety of University and Medical boards, each requiring a different set of skills - but in every case a set which is transferable to the VP(E) role.

The Projects

The New South Wales team has worked hard to develop a set of projects to strengthen AMSA’s advocacy in 2013. All of these projects have three characteristics at their core:

- They seek to build upon the current executive’s work. More relevant to my role, the projects seek to build on the work of the current VP(E), Catherine Pendrey, and the encouraging progress she has made on AMSA’s policy review.

- They are more than just “plans”. They are projects in which progress can be tracked and failure or success attained.

- They are created with a view of complementing each other.

The Orange Book

The Orange Book will represent the end-point of AMSA’s policy review. It will serve as our Comprehensive Policy Document (as mandated by our Constitution), represent a brandable precis of what AMSA stands for, and also a working document in which further review can be facilitated.

The Campaign for Campaigns

Separating the current Advocacy working group into Policy and Campaign groups will allow us to offer more dedicated approaches to both areas. We have been blessed with a great deal of new policy over the past few years, and I seek to push for a stronger campaign presence so it has the impact it deserves on AMSA stakeholders and the public.

Policy

The facilitation of creation of new policy, and the revision of old policy remains at the core of the VP(E) role. Part of this involves recognising that AMSA Council has responsibility for such creation and the role of the VP(E) is to support and assist the Council in any way they can.

Nevertheless, the VP(E) has an obligation to bring to the attention of Council areas of development and deficiency in current policy. The proposed National Policy Conference and the examination of comparative policy in international equivalent organisations will place us in good stead to ensure that AMSA’s policy remains comprehensive and relevant.
Richard’s Background

Before reaching enlightenment in the medical profession, Richard worked for the dark side as a lawyer. Policy was his thing, and his work as a federal prosecutor and for the United Nations gave him his drafting and logistics skills.

Curriculum Vitae

Education

2011-2014: MBBS, University of Sydney
2010: GradDip, Legal Practice, Law Society of South Australia
2004-2009: LLB, 1st Class Honours, University of Adelaide
2004-2009: BCom, University of Adelaide

Relevant Employment

2008-present: Legal Researcher, The University of Adelaide
2006-present: Law Tutor, St. Mark’s College and Wesley College
2010: Lawyer, International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, United Nations
2009: Lawyer, Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions

Awards and Achievements

2011-present: Frank Simpson Scholarship, Wesley College
2011-present: University of Sydney Equity Scholarship
2004-2009: 6 Academic Prizes from the University of Adelaide
2009: Winner, University of Adelaide Negotiations Competition
2008: Winner, University of Adelaide Paper Presentation Competition
2008: Assistant Editor, University of Adelaide Law Review

2007: Winner, University of Adelaide eChallenge
2007-2009: 4 College Colours, St. Mark’s College

Leadership and Representation

2012: Member, Academic Board, University of Sydney
2012: Member, Academic Standards and Policy Subcommittee, University of Sydney
2012: Stage 2 Representative, University of Sydney Medical School
2012: Logistics and Publications Officer, Wesley College Student’s Club Incorporated
2011-present: Assistant Director of Publications, The University of Sydney MedSoc

Community

2012: Student Delegate, University Sydney Faculty Retreat
2012: Captain of Debating, Wesley College
2011-present: Delegate, AMSA National Convention
2011: Assistant Director and Lead, “Beauty and Deceased”, University of Sydney Medicine Revue

Referees

Professor John Williams
Dean, Adelaide Law School

Ms Cornelia Koch
Senior Lecturer, Adelaide Law School
In 2013 the Treasury role is about making smart, sensible financial decisions backed by a business approach. This will ensure fair and rational resource distribution to maximise benefits to members and strengthen AMSA’s financial security.

Understanding both sides of the coin is essential to maximising the effective running of AMSA whilst balancing its scarce financial resources. Coming from the position of AMSA’s biggest spender as Logistics Officer in the Sydney 2011 AMSA National Convention, I experienced the need to balance costs against value and benefit to students.

Thus, I am uniquely placed to best understand the operational requirements of AMSA and to work closely with all end-users of the budget in order to make smart financial decisions. Various benefits accrue from the broad range of activities and initiatives that AMSA supports, and budgetary decisions must reflect the need to maintain and enhance all worthwhile aspects of AMSA.

A Plan for Financial Security

In this time of global economic strain AMSA ideally needs to operate without undue reliance on fluctuating sponsorship income. Alternative areas of funding and income are required, as is an emphasis on financial security to see AMSA through tough economic climates and guarantee operational certainty into the future. External grants and income-generating activities such as stores have been visited by past executives. While I will re-evaluate their usefulness in 2013, I will also explore other avenues of raising income.

A Business Approach

As an organisation AMSA needs to adopt a business approach to its finances, with all Australian medical students as its customers but also its shareholders. Like any business, AMSA needs to ensure its resources are being maximised to create the greatest benefit for customers, through advocacy, initiatives and events.

However, for shareholders AMSA needs to measure and demonstrate adequate performance for the funds used. By measuring the performance of AMSA’s activities and putting a figure on the benefit gained by students, the value returned by funding used can be quantified and justified. By doing this, the most cost-effective initiatives can be identified, and similarly poorly-performing initiatives can be re-examined to increase the end benefit to students.

I look forward to the challenge of strengthening the state of AMSA’s finances in 2013.

Internal Fiscal Policy

Deciding where and how to allocate funding is a tricky challenge when trying to maintain fair and transparent decisions across many sub-budgets. In 2013 I envision the development of clear internal spending policies which dictate where funds go and how allocation is decided, so that users of AMSA’s budget clearly understand reasons for allocations.
Alexander’s Background

Spreading his interests far and wide, Alexander has a flexible skill set and range of experiences, from publishing journals to tech directing theatre shows. As the Sydney 2011 Convention Logistics Officer and 2012 UNSW MedSoc President, Alexander comes with a multitude of AMSA corporate knowledge and leadership experience ready to deploy.

Curriculum Vitae

Education
2008-2013: MBBS, University of New South Wales
2008-2013: BSci (Medicine) Honours, University of New South Wales

Leadership and Representation
2012: President, University of New South Wales Medical Society
2011-2012: Executive Director, Australian Medical Student Journal Board
2011: Delegate, AMSA National Leadership Development Seminar, Canberra
2010: Australian Delegate, August General Assembly, International Federation of Medical Student Associations, Canada
2010: IT Officer, University of New South Wales Medical Society
2010: Online Publications Officer, Australian Medical Student Journal
2009: Publications Officer, NSW/ACT 2010 AMSA Executive Bid Team
2009-2011: Logistics Officer, AMSA National Convention Organising Committee, Sydney
2009-2010: Delegate, AMSA National Convention
2008-2011: Technical Director & Stage Manager, UNSW MedShow
2007: Representative, 8th Asian Physics Olympiad, Shanghai, China

Community
2009-2011: Volunteer, Meals on Wheels, Blacktown
2009-2010: Layout Designer, AMSA Global Health Network’s Vector Magazine
2009-2010: Website Designer & Moderator, AMSA Global Health Network
2009-2010: Volunteer School Group Guide, Museum of Human Disease, UNSW

Awards and Achievements
2012: UNSW Medicine Class of ’77 Award for all-round contribution
2011: Blacktown City Council Tertiary Scholarships Award
2007: ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award
2007: Cadet Under Officer, James Ruse AHS ACU, Australian Army Cadet Corps

Referees
Associate Professor Robert Smee
Department of Radiation Oncology, Prince of Wales Hospital

Associate Professor Anthony O’Sullivan
St George Clinical School, UNSW
I’m absolutely thrilled to be a candidate for AMSA’s Public Relations Officer. Having been involved with AMSA consistently since 2009 I’ve come to know the organisation intimately and believe I will be PROper, apPROpriate and PROactive as PRO.

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A Strong Voice
PRO is the primary media contact for all media organisations regarding AMSA, whether it be its events, initiatives or policies. It’s important we have an efficient, well spoken and confident individual in the PRO role, who is knowledgeable about all things AMSA to help support and project our students’ voices.

Support for MedSocs
In 2013 I shall support the medical student voice not just at a national level, but at the local level. Having received great support from the PRO in my MedSoc President role, I will be available to the Medical Societies on an as needed basis to support them with their interactions with local media outlets.

The Pres and Pro
A Dynamic Duo
The PRO has to work closely with the President, including writing the President’s press releases. This requires the PRO and President to have a good working relationship, and be able to respond quickly to media requests as they develop in the 24 hour news cycle.

Ben and I have had the privilege of working together on the Academic Sub-Committee for the 2011 Convention and also in putting together the Student Services and Amenities Fee Policy passed by AMSA Council this year.

We will be a highly functional and effective duo within the NSW 2013 team.

An Expanding Mandate
I’ve written policy that’s been passed by Council, assisted the development of other policies and debated many more at Council. The last few years have seen AMSA pass policies that extend outside of Medical Education. Council, with advice from the Board and Executive should clarify the extent to which we wish to pursue an opportunity to raise our profile and try to make a positive difference through public health advocacy. As PRO I will drive this discussion in 2013.

AMSA has provided me with some of the best days of my life at Medical school and I’d be honoured to be given the opportunity to contribute further to AMSA through the role of Public Relations Officer in 2013.

Steve Hurwitz
Public Relations Officer
Steve has had a wealth of experience as AMSA Representative, Medsoc President and National Convention Academic Co-Convenor. This year Steve has been his MedSoc’s primary media contact. This experience combined with his knowledge of AMSA makes him well placed to be AMSA’s PRO.

**Curriculum Vitae**

**Education**
- 2007-2013: BMed, University of Newcastle
- 2011: Bachelor of Medical Science (Honours Class I), University of Newcastle

**Leadership and Representation**
- 2012: President, UNMS
- 2012: Member, Joint Medical Program Curriculum Renewal Steering Committee
- 2011: National Convention Academic Co-Convenor, AMSA
- 2011: Treasurer, UNMS
- 2010: AMSA Representative, UNMS
- 2009: Marketing and Sponsorship Officer Candidate, NSW/ACT AMSA Executive Bid Team
- 2009: AMA Representative UNMS
- 2009: Faculty of Health Representative, Newcastle University Students’ Association
- 2009: Convenor, Inaugural UNMS Medical Leadership Seminar
- 2009: UNMS Representative IMET Forum-Towards the Future
- 2008: First Year Representative, UNMS
- 2008: Communications Officer, Wake Up! (Newcastle Global Health Group)

**Community**
- 2009-10: Delegate and Debater, AMSA National Convention
- 2009: Delegate, AMSA National Leadership Development Seminar

**Relevant Employment**
- 2008-2009: Community Care Worker, Just Better Care
- 2007: Assistant Sports Teacher and Border House Supervisor, St David’s College (UK)

**Awards and Achievements**
- 2008-2011: John Flynn Placement Program
- 2009: Most Original Costume AMSA Convention Social Night
- 2005-2006: Australian Rugby Union Referee School Student Scholarship
- 2006: School Medal for Outstanding Contribution Canberra Grammar School

**Referees**

Dr Nayankumar Shah
Tutor and Lecturer, University of Newcastle

Professor Brian Kelly
Honours Supervisor; Deputy Dean & Professor of Psychiatry - Joint Medical Program
The National Coordinator is the bridge between AMSA’s initiatives and the medical students for whom they are run. The role demands a passion for AMSA, coupled with strong organisational and communication skills.

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My Motivation

I have been lucky enough to be involved with AMSA every year of my medical student life and am very excited to be a part of the NSW 2013 Bid Team! I am even more excited by the prospect of holding the NC role, a job I feel epitomises what it is to be involved in AMSA: the opportunity to meet dedicated medical students in combination with the challenge of tackling student issues at a grassroots level.

Support for AMSA Representatives

As National Coordinator, I will be the primary liaison between the Executive and the Representatives. I am thrilled by the prospect of working alongside so many dedicated medical students, and aware that this position comes with significant responsibility to ensure effective communication between our Executive, the Representatives and consequently Australian medical students nationwide.

My Priorities

It will be my utmost priority to ensure the continuation of clear dialogue between the AMSA Executive and the Representatives. I look forward to addressing the logistics of Council and will derive great satisfaction from aiding the collaboration of medical student ideas from across the nation.

Having had such a positive experience as AMSA Representative, I am passionate about the prospect of supporting the next generation of Representatives through email, telephone, Skype and face-to-face conversations.

Our Team

I feel very privileged to be working with such a dedicated and talented NSW 2013 Executive Bid team. Preparing alongside this team has been a lot of fun and I am confident that our passion and drive will ensure the continuing prosperity of AMSA as an organisation. I encourage you to approach us with any questions you may have and look forward to seeing you all again at Council.

Samantha Stott
National Coordinator
Samantha’s Background

After graduating as an officer in the Royal Australian Air Force, Samantha began her medical degree. Through the course of her degree she has been afforded the privilege of being heavily involved in student representation holding roles including AMSA Representative, AMSA Global Health Representative and Debating Convenor for the Sydney 2011 AMSA National Convention.

Curriculum Vitae

Education
2010-2015e: BMed, University of Newcastle

Relevant Employment
2010-2011: Supervisor, Strike Bowling Bar
2009: OFFCDT, Royal Australian Air Force

Leadership and Representation
2012: AMSA Representative, UNMS
2012: AMSA Global Health Representative, University of Newcastle
2012: Member, Joint Medical Program Curriculum Renewal Steering Committee
2012: Executive Member, UNMS
2012: Member, UNMS Academic Committee
2012: Member, UNMS Charity Committee
2011-2012: Member, Wake Up! Global Health Group
2010-2011: Member, UNMS Committee
2011: National Convention Debating Convenor, AMSA
2011: Junior AMSA Representative, UNMS
2011: Member, AMSA National Convention Academic Sub-Committee
2009: Secretary of the Mess, RAAF Base Point Cook
2008: Vice Captain, Newcastle Grammar School

Community
2012: Member UNMS Charity Sub-Committee
2011: Delegate, AMSA National Convention
2011: Delegate, AMSA National Leadership Development Seminar
2010: Delegate, AMSA National Convention

Awards and Achievements
2009: Officer’s Commission in the Royal Australian Air Force
2009: Leadership & Teamwork Award, First Place in RAAF Officer Training School
2009: Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award
2008: Caltex Award for Best All-Rounder Girl, Newcastle Grammar School
2007: Australian Defence Force Long Tan Award for Leadership & Teamwork

Interests
Fitness, the Beach, Travel.

Referees
Dr Nayankumar Shah
Tutor and Lecturer, University of Newcastle

Mrs Shirley King
Personal Tutor
Engagement of medical students and promotion of the AMSA brand is fundamental to achieving AMSA’s core objectives of Connect, Inform and Represent. As EPO I will provide the tools necessary to involve all medical students and ensure that it is OUR AMSA.

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Introduction

Those of us who have been involved in AMSA know that AMSA isn’t just convention, but how many medical students do? As AMSA Representative this year, I understand how difficult it is to alter medical students’ perceptions. While I would be overly optimistic if I said I could revolutionise perceptions in one year, I’ll definitely work on filling in the gaps. As Engagement and Promotions Officer (EPO), I aim to further develop the AMSA brand, take advantage of technology and develop innovative campaigns to engage medical students in all facets of AMSA, making way for the future.

The EPO is required to have exceptional skills in organisation, communication and promotion. With my previous and current experiences with AMSA, the Australian Physiotherapy Association and student societies, I have developed the necessary skills to fulfill the role to the expectations of the Councillors, the Board and medical students.

The AMSA Brand

In order to maintain AMSA’s influence and importance in the community, a professional image must be continually promoted to both students and the public. Further development of the AMSA brand, combined with effective engagement of medical students in all aspects of AMSA will provide the basis for altering student and public perceptions of what AMSA does. As EPO I will continue to build upon the foundations laid by past Executive teams, ensuring AMSA is recognised as a professional, representative, student-led organisation accessible to all Australian medical students. Continuity is the key to AMSA’s branding success.

Communication

I will continue to progress AMSA’s current methods of communication including the AMSA website, Embolus, social media and publications. As EPO, my goal is to engage all medical students on a regular basis. I will initiate the inclusion of a short survey or national poll on the BIG issues in each edition of Embolus to supplement the information gathered at the three Council meetings. This is an easy task and will provide Councillors and the AMSA Executive with necessary information to guide policy development and campaigns throughout the year.

Campaigns

Another important method of involving medical students in AMSA is the implementation of effective and innovative campaigns throughout the year. As EPO, I will support the AMSA Representatives in successfully running AMSA stalls during orientation week, further developing the ‘What’s an AMSA?’ campaign and running other campaigns throughout the year in consultation with AMSA Councillors.
Victoria’s Background

Victoria practises in the health system as a Physiotherapist while studying Medicine at Notre Dame Sydney. Her involvement with the Australian Physiotherapy Association has given her the experience and skills to continue the success of AMSA into the future.

**Curriculum Vitae**

**Education**

2011-2014: MBBS, University of Notre Dame, Sydney
2007-2010: Bachelor of Applied Science (Physiotherapy) Honours Class I, University of Sydney

**Employment**

2011-current: Physiotherapist, St Vincent’s Hospital, Sydney

**Leadership and Representation**

2012: AMSA Representative, Medical Association Notre Dame University Sydney (MANDUS)
2010: Events Coordinator, 2010 Annual Physiotherapy Ball, University of Sydney
2009-2010: Student Representative, Australian Physiotherapy Association (APA)
2009: National Student Group Committee Member, APA
2009: Convenor, APA/PBA Practice Commerce Course, APA
2008-2010: Student Representative, Physiotherapy Sydney Students Association, University of Sydney
2006: House Captain, MLC School
2006: School and House Prefect, MLC School

**Awards and Achievements**

2010: Honours Class I, University of Sydney

**Community**

2012: Student Mentor, MANDUS Mentoring Program, University of Notre Dame Sydney
2011-2012: Delegate, AMSA National Convention
2011-2012: Member, Australian Medical Students’ Association
2011-2012: Member, Medical Association Notre Dame University Sydney
2011-2012: Member, Rural Organisation University of Notre Dame Sydney
2011: Volunteer, Mai Anh Shelter, Dalat, Vietnam
2011: Volunteer, Pasteur Institution, Dalat, Vietnam
2009-2010: Camp Leader and Mentor, Camp Footloose for children with Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis

**Referees**

Professor David Celermajer
Scandrett Professor of Cardiology, University of Sydney

Associate Professor Michael Wan
Head of Assessment and MED1000 Tutor, School of Medicine, University of Notre Dame

*New South Wales* 2013 AMSA Bid
Eliza Wziontek
Events Coordinator

AMSA’s events are the centrepiece of our organisation, presenting the greatest risks but also prime opportunities for engaging, inspiring and developing our student membership. I have been involved with AMSA every year of medical school and would be delighted to use my AMSA experience, management and communication skills to continue to serve as the Events Coordinator.

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The success of AMSA’s events relies on three main areas:

• effective continuity of institutional knowledge;
• streamlined communication between the branches of AMSA; and
• highly organised and motivated students.

Institutional Memory

Over the past 53 years, AMSA’s events have developed dramatically into the world-class events we now enjoy. This development has come through the hard work of many of our predecessors with the crucial handing over of wisdom from year to year. I will aim to foster the transition of knowledge and mentoring between event organisers.

With six members of our team involved with the running of Convention last year, we are well aware of the intricate details of AMSA Events and associated areas under development such as cohesive sponsorship and risk management strategies. Our team is poised to be the best support for Gold Coast and incoming convention teams.

Effective communication

For events to run smoothly and responsibly, the events team need to be well supported by the AMSA Executive with a functional relationship between the arms of AMSA that work simultaneously. Working as AMSA representative and President of UNEMSA I have proven to be an effective communicator and project manager, particularly working in advocacy and events despite distance across the JMP sites.

Engaging Students

AMSA events, including NLDS and the recently added NRLDS, continue to be the highlight of many students’ medical school days. These events are not only an opportunity for student inspiration and development but could provide a greater platform for students to experience and participate in the many facets of AMSA.

I would like to continue to harness the AMSA enthusiasm in these events to allow greater student involvement in AMSA’s projects, campaigns and policies.

AMSA has been a core part of all my years in medical school and I believe I would be highly effective in this role of Events Coordinator. I hope in 2013 AMSA events will continue to be a vehicle through which students across the country can be connected and linked into a community of friends and colleagues.
Eliza’s Background

AMSA has been a focus during all of Eliza’s years of medical school, attending 7 AMSA Councils, 3 Conventions, NLDS and serving as AMSA Representative and then President of UNEMSA. She has proven to be an effective communicator and project manager of many events including the inaugural AMSA Charity Breakfast.

Curriculum Vitae

Education

2009-2013: BMed, Joint Medical Program

Leadership and Representation

2011: President, University of New England Medical Students Association (UNEMSA)
2011: Co-Convenor, Inaugural AMSA Convention Charity Breakfast
2010-2011: UNEMSA spokesperson, ABC Radio New England North West
2011: Member, JMP Faculty Committee
2009-2011: Councillor, AMSA
2009-2011: Councillor, NSW Medical Student Council
2009-2010: AMSA representative, UNEMSA
2010: NSW MSC representative, UNEMSA
2010: Delegate, New Zealand Medical Student Association Conference
2009: NSW MSC representative, UNEMSA
2009: AMA (NSW) representative, UNEMSA
2009: Delegate, AMSA NLDS
2008: 1st Year Physics and Chemistry Student Representative, Sydney University

Community

2009-2011: Delegate, AMSA National Convention

2010: Volunteer for Iris Orphanage, Mozambique
2010: Mosman to Mozambique Charity Dinner fundraising organiser- raising $40,000
2009: UNEMSA Charity Ball Fundraising coordinator, raising $10,000
2008: Volunteer Newtown Mission Drop-in Centre

Awards and Achievements

2008: John Flynn Placement Program Scholar
2007: Caltex Award Best All-Rounder, Chemistry and French Extension Prize, Wenona School
2007: Premiers Award for Outstanding Achievement

Interests

Travel, Tea, Theatre, Sunshine

Referees

Professor Peter Philip McKeown
Head of School, University of New England
School of Rural Medicine

Dr Michelle Guppy
Senior Lecturer University of New England
The Community and Wellbeing Officer seeks to achieve two main goals: firstly, getting medical students involved in community work and secondly promoting the health and wellbeing of students themselves.

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AMSA already does a terrific job of addressing these goals with initiatives like the Vampire Cup, National Charity Drive and Get-a-GP campaign. I intend to consolidate AMSA’s Community portfolio by focusing on the six initiatives that follow.

**Community Involvement**

**Building the Volunteer Database**

In collaboration with the AMSA Representatives, I would assemble a listing of charity/health organisations in each city which are suited to volunteer work for medical students. Examples include: the Aboriginal Medical Service, St John’s Ambulance and Controlled Injecting Centres. This database is currently advertised on the AMSA website, however is not available at present.

**Advertising Community Electives**

Each year hundreds of students complete amazing community health placements, however this knowledge is not effectively shared across medical schools. I plan to lead the compilation of a centralised listing of placement opportunities in rural and developing world settings. The aim will be to develop direct partnerships between AMSA and Community Health Organisations, moving towards an “AMSA Community Health Elective”.

**Partnering with Campus Organisations**

Campus outreach groups, such as Global Health clubs, already have an excellent calendar of events relevant to community health, e.g. Médecins Sans Frontières speaker nights and birthing kit workshops. In 2013, I will work towards AMSA partnering with these groups to help to promote each other’s events.

**AMSA Community Award**

The award seeks to recognise outstanding contributions of a medical student to charities and organisations. This would broaden students’ perceptions of AMSA outside of National Convention in addition to encouraging students to participate in community events.

**Student Health**

**Publicity for AMSA Wellbeing Services**

The ‘Keeping Your Grass Greener’ publication and Get-a-GP campaign are the core of AMSA’s student wellbeing services. I will strive to increase their publicity, especially amongst international students. A recent AMSA Health and Wellbeing Survey found that compared with 70% of domestic students, only 45% of international students saw a GP regularly.

**Mental Health Services**

A 2002 US survey found that 24% of medical students were depressed, and of those only 1 in 5 sought professional assistance. I plan to ensure that mental health services such as beyondblue and headspace are well advertised on the AMSA website and in relevant publications. In addition, I would like to organise partnerships with Mental Health First Aid course providers to offer inexpensive training to AMSA members.
Martin’s Background

In 2009 Martin set up an “Outreach Syndicate” at his residential college, helping students get involved with community and volunteer work. 20% of college residents are now involved and they have raised $14 000 for AIME, the White Ribbon Foundation and a community centre in Papua New Guinea. Martin has also participated in extensive community outreach himself, including free tutoring, youth work and paramedics volunteering.

Curriculum Vitae

Education

2011-2014: MBBS, University of Sydney
2007-2010: BSc(Adv), First Class Honours, University Medal, University of Sydney
2008-2009: Exchange, The University of California, Los Angeles

Awards and Achievements

2012: Lehane Medal - 3 years distinguished contribution to St Paul’s College
2010: University Medal in Biochemistry
2010: Charlie Bell Scholarship for Future Leaders
2008: Chancellor’s Committee Exchange Scholarship
2008: Dean of Science Undergraduate Exchange Scholarship
2008-present: St Paul’s College Foundation Scholarship
2007-present: University of Sydney Outstanding Achievement Scholarship
7 undergraduate University prizes

Leadership and Representation

2012: Ambassador, White Ribbon Foundation
2011-present: Assistant IT Director, Sydney University Medical Society
2011-present: Treasurer: St Paul’s Senior Common Room
2011-present: Tutor, St Andrew’s College
2010: Elected student representative, Faculty of Science Academic Board
2009-present: Tutor, St Paul’s College
2009-present: President, St Paul’s College Outreach Syndicate
2009: Treasurer, USyd French Society
2008: Organising Committee, Sydney African Film Festival

Community

2009-2010: Supervisor, Glebe Youth Service
2009: Volunteer, Paramedics, Mexico
2008: Volunteer, High School Tutoring

Referees

Professor Robyn Overall
Head of Biology, University of Sydney

Emeritus Professor Alan Atkinson
Senior Tutor, St Paul’s College
My sister was born, profoundly disabled, in a town of 1500 people, 480km from specialist services. Twenty years later I worked as a nurse in a little NT town with an 80% Indigenous population, with no MRI and no ICU but plenty of take away and lots of pubs. I have lived and worked on the front lines of Rural and Indigenous health and I care about the experience of Rural and Indigenous students.

**Advocacy**

In 2013 I will strengthen the work of AMSA in advocating for Rural and Indigenous students including: asking students their opinions, involving them in decision making through surveys and petitions, representing their interests through policy, and communicating their needs to AMSA stakeholders. My specific priorities will be helping to meet 25% and 2.5% quotas for Rural and Indigenous students, improving student rural experiences and advocating for a fair deal for current and future BMP and MRBS students.

**Events**

The next National Rural Leadership Development Seminar (NRLDS) is due for 2013 and after the conference’s huge success in 2011, I will work closely with the National Rural Health Students’ Network (NRHSN) to ensure that once again it is an inspiring, educational, social and promotional event. A focus for 2013 will be making NRLDS as accessible to as many students around the country as possible, both in person and on the AMSA website. Previous AMSA Indigenous Health campaigns will also be continued in 2013, and I will strive to uphold the time and passion committed to initiatives such as the Close the Gap campaign and NAIDOC week events.

**Partnerships**

Sustaining and enhancing current relationships with NRHSN, AIDA, ACRRM and other key rural and Indigenous health organisations will be a priority in 2013. I will liaise to communicate AMSA policies and we will collaborate to effect change on agenda issues. In addition, I will ensure that relevant health bodies and the public are aware of AMSA’s positions and policies through regular media releases and position statements on topical subjects.

**The Plan**

By 2014 we aim to give every interested Australian medical student a clear understanding of AMSA’s Rural and Indigenous Health policies and their implementation. A highly successful NRLDS 2013 will be web-accessible to every medical student in Australia. Finally, every medical student will have the opportunity to contribute and implement ideas on improving Rural and Indigenous Health and experiences for students.
Meg’s Background

Meg is a Registered Nurse who grew up in Tumbarumba and Wagga Wagga, NSW. She has a passion for Rural and Indigenous Health shown through her nursing work in Rural NSW and Indigenous communities in the NT, as well as her commitment to rural placements, conferences and scholarship schemes.

Curriculum Vitae

Education

2010 – 2013: MBBS Honours, University of Sydney
2005 – 2007: BNurs, University of Canberra

Relevant Employment

2010–present: Research and Education Assistant, Workforce Education and Development Group, Sydney Medical Faculty
2009–2010: Casual Registered Nurse, Mediserve Nursing Agency, Sydney Division
2009: Registered Nurse, NT, Mediserve Nursing Agency, Rural Division
2008: Graduate Registered Nurse, Wollongong Hospital, NSW

Leadership and Representation

2011: Delegate, CRANC/NRHSN Mental Health Rural Appreciation Weekend
2010–present: Member, MIRAGE Rural Health Club, University of Sydney
2010–present: Member, Global Home, Global Health Club, University of Sydney
2010: Delegate, NRHSN/RHWA National University Rural Health Conference
2010: Delegate, AMSA/NRHSN National Rural Leadership Development Seminar
2010: Delegate, Sydney University Medical Society Medical Leadership Seminar

Awards and Achievements

2010-present: John Flynn Placement Program Scholarship
2010: Best Student Presentation at the National University Rural Health Conference
2005-2007: University of Canberra Chancellors Scholarship for Academic Excellence
2005: NSW Nursing Rural Undergraduate Scholarship

Community

2012: Student Member, Doctors for the Environment Australia
2011: Participant, Mental Health First Aid workshop
2010: Member, AMSA think tank, Rural Health Solutions
2010: Participant, Child Protection Workshop
2008-2010: NSW Nurses Association Member
2006: Volunteer, International Student Volunteers, Thailand

Referees

Professor Craig Anderson
Senior Director, Neurological & Mental Health Division, the George Institute for Global Health

Associate Professor Tim Shaw
Director, Workforce Education and Development Group, Faculty of Medicine, USyd
AMSA’s Global Health actions are more than just the strange hippie cousin of the AMSA family. There is an enormous interest in Global Health Groups around the country, and it is up to AMSA to channel this energy into a cohesive movement which can engage a wide variety of medical students, as well as promote health equity to the broader community.

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The State of Play

No matter where you are in Australia, medical students have more opportunities than ever before to get involved with AMSA’s great Global Health enterprises, whether it be assembling Birthing Kits, attending a Global Health Conference or writing policy. And yet so much is changing – the AGH has been working under its current structure for less than a year, and in a few months the GHC will have completed its separation from Convention in time and place.

If AMSA is to capitalise on this enthusiasm for Global Health displayed by medical students around the country, then we must further integrate our activities so that like-minded students have a chance to network and create meaningful change.

AMSA Global Health Committee

I was lucky enough to get exposed to AMSA Global Health “back in the day” when it was known as the GHN. I watched some very committed individuals put a lot of time into a new governance structure, and we’ve spent the last 9 months working more effectively and putting together great policies.

However in 2013 the focus for AGH needs to be on projects and campaigns, and the goals of these portfolios should drive policy development. As GHO, I hope to bring the broader aims of the AGH and AMSA’s other Global Health portfolios into line with its initial policy discussion to ensure we explore issues which we can turn into action.

The IFMSA and the AsMSA

It is important that our relations with the IFMSA and AsMSA continue to be strong; however the real value of this relationship must be measured by the breadth and depth of opportunities for interaction with these organisations for medical students in Australia. The current Executive have made significant headway in this regard and I’m excited about developing more innovative ways to get students engaging with professional exchanges, as well as promoting opportunities for conferences and professional development.

How Does it All Come Together?

Over the last 50 years, AMSA has developed a wonderful model for advocacy. Medical students have had the opportunity to get involved in their MedSoc, attend a National Convention, learn skills via a NLDS, or attend an AMSA council. These students have paved the way for AMSA’s success. The key for AMSA Global Health, and my main role as the GHO in 2013, is to align the activities of the GHGs, GHC, the Training Committee and the AGH to ensure that AMSA’s Global Health motions move in concert and strengthen AMSA’s engagement with medical students.
James’s Background

After travelling through Africa and building toilets in Ecuador, James began a medical degree excited about the prospect of improving health in the developing world. His experiences as a GHG president, AGH Representative and as an AGH Executive member have given him an in-depth understanding of what drives AMSA’s Global Health Activities.

Curriculum Vitae

Education

2010-2015e: BMed/BMedSc, University of Newcastle

Employment

2008-2009: Head Waiter and Shift Supervisor, Terroir Restaurant, Hunter Valley
2009-2012: Waiter, Muse Restaurant, Hunter Valley

Awards and Achievements

2011: John McPhee Prize for Medical Ethics
2007: Long Tan Leadership Award

Leadership and Representation

2012: AMSA Global Health Campaigns Officer
2012: President, Wake Up! University of Newcastle Global Health Group
2010-2011: AMSA Global Health Representative, Wake Up! University of Newcastle Global Health Group
2010-2011: Vice-President, Wake Up! University of Newcastle Global Health Group
2007: School Leader All Saints College St. Mary’s Campus Maitland

Community

2011-2012: Great Debate, University of Newcastle Medical Society
2012: Speaker, Sydney FutureMed
2011-2012: Student Member, Doctors for the Environment Australia
2011: Delegate, AMSA Global Health Conference
2011: Delegate, AMSA National Leadership Development Seminar
2011: Student Representative, UoN Medical Education Forum for the Patan Academy of Health Sciences
2011: Volunteer, ASC St. Peter’s Retreat Group Leader
2009: Volunteer Eco Students Abroad Community Development and English Teaching, Misahualli, Ecuador

Referees

Emeritus Professor Peter Dunkley
Research Supervisor, School of Biomedical Sciences and Pharmacy, University of Newcastle; Former Pro-Vice Chancellor of Health, University of Newcastle

Dr Trung Nghia Ton
Global Health Network Chair, 2009-2010
The foundation of all successful organisations is a reliable framework for communications. The stability of such an infrastructure is paramount to the continued progress of AMSA. As a key role in a private commercial venture I am solely responsible for the management of such systems for 47 enterprises across Australia, ensuring their availability, security and scalability.

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No Custom Code

In keeping with the policy of the current ICO I will enforce a strict principle of not producing any custom software for AMSA’s regular functioning. This decision was made in the interest of continuity as Executives change annually.

Although in-house programming is an attractive prospect from the point of view of customisation, it is unique and consequently difficult to handover. As the original developer of any code has the most intimate knowledge of its workings, we wish to avoid having to rebuild our IT corporate knowledge each year.

The myriad of software available online, which is often free and open-source, allows us to find a solution to all of our communication needs; each with an active developer community for continued support.

My knowledge of both IT and commerce will allow me to stringently assess both the technical and financial pros and cons of solutions we consider implementing.

Mobile

A core goal of an Executive team is connecting with the 17,000 medical students across the country; the common thread is communication. In an age of mobile internet access, holding a digital audience’s attention is a difficult task.

Consumers of media want their information now, whenever and wherever that “now” may be.

I will strive to enhance the work being undertaken to produce a mobile communications platform for AMSA. Only with such an easily accessible medium will AMSA be able to effectively serve its students.

Convention

No ICO bid is complete without reference to registration. In conjunction with the Convention Executive I will work to ensure the availability of a solution that meets the needs of both technical scalability and fiscal responsibility. The union of IT and commercial requirements gives rise to needs which are met perfectly by my experience in development of high-demand web applications and my commercial training in the actuarial field.

It is my sincere belief that my knowledge and experience will allow me to reliably provide our team and AMSA as a whole with the secure and stable communications infrastructure that it needs.
**Curriculum Vitae**

**Education**

2010-2013: MBBS, University of Sydney
2013: Bioinformatics elective, Metabolic Research Laboratories, University of Cambridge
2005-2007: BCom (Actuarial Studies), Macquarie University

**Employment**

2011-present: Bioinformatics research and software development; Kolling Institute of Medical Research, University of Sydney
2010-present: Owner / Director, Oonix Pty Ltd
2009: Lead Developer, Munky.com.au
2008: Technical Director, Wispa Group Pty Ltd
2007-2008: Actuarial Studies Tutor, Macquarie University

**Leadership and Representation**

2010-present: IT Director, Sydney University Medical Society
2012: Assisting current ICO with development of IT how-to guide
2011: Delegate, AMSA National Convention

**Technical Skills**

Web: PHP, SQL, JavaScript (jQuery & node.js),
HTML, CSS, WordPress, security
Linux: shell scripting, DNS, web server admin (Apache & nginx), mail server admin, database management (MySQL)
Mobile: PhoneGap
Desktop: C#, Cuda

**Referees**

Associate Professor Roderick Clifton-Bligh
Head(locum), Cancer Genetics Unit, Kolling Institute

Dr Andrew Kuper
President and Founder, LeapFrog Investments

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**Arran’s Background**

Hello AMSA World! (It’s a programming joke). On the rare occasion that Arran isn’t writing code or attempting to break someone else’s he’s most likely lost in thought, pondering whatever peculiar topic has his attention for the moment; flavours of the week include computational complexity theory, boogie-woogie piano and economics of poverty.

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Communication allows the world to move forward. It allows people to express, to engage, to understand, and to implement. As Publications Officer, I hope to bring students together by getting the best out of each and every person that wants to contribute, and publish the most poignant material in the most convenient format possible.

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While AMSA publications have always been an enjoyable read, the logistics of releases have made them something of a mess for students to access. These difficulties can be resolved with improvements to the portable document format only system. This will also broaden the readership potential from that limited by the number of hard copies of the publications that are produced.

**Easy to Read**

AMSA's flagship publication, The Internship and Residency Guide, is one of the biggest, if not most useful, releases of the year. However, it can also be the 'biggest' in terms of size, data, and information clutter.

I hope, with the AMSA team, in addition to providing the usual full document, to deliver the IRG in a navigable website version so that time-pressed final year students do not have to flick through irrelevant pages to reach their desired destination. This gives the opportunity for new sponsorship options and an additional revenue stream, with existing sponsorship opportunities still viable in the original format.

A longer term goal is to develop a version that can be read on a mobile web browser as a reference point for those who have read the full guide and want to consult details on the go.

**Bringing Students Together**

Australia is a big piece of land, and at a time when the number of students may well increase, what the student populace needs is unity. While the National Convention and GHC aim to facilitate this, moments and connections may be fleeting, if not forgotten. Words in print, however, have a different effect. They can be read many times, by many people, and last for many years. I hope to work together with AMSA Representatives to get the best material out of their cohorts to ensure that the issues affecting students in every university can be understood and appreciated by peers around the country.

**Providing a Platform**

I believe the stories of our extended cohort need to be told, and that we need to give every budding Nobel potentia their own platform for doing so. I trust that with my experience with University publications and with the media industry in general, as publications officer I will provide students with a space to express their journey through medicine.
Arghya’s Background

When Arghya isn’t busy trying to figure out the differences between femurs and tibiae, he is probably cycling or watching comedy. In the past, he has spent his time as a broadcast reporter both in Australia and abroad, and can often be found in Januaries at 5000 metres above sea level.

Curriculum Vitae

Education

2011-2014: MBBS, University of Sydney
2007-2010: BA, (Media and Communications, Psychology, Cultural Studies, Gender Studies), University of Sydney
2006: Distinction in Cosmology, Charles Sturt University

Relevant Employment

2009-2010: Reporter, ABC, Radio Current Affairs
2007-2010: Presenter, Sydney University Radio Group
2010: Reporter, TBS FM, ‘This Morning’ News, Seoul, Korea
2009: Reporter, TVS, ‘Red Carpet’
2009: Intern, Channel Ten News

Leadership and Representation

2008-2010: Mentor, Sydney Arts Student Network
2010: Presidential Candidate, SRC, University of Sydney
2008-2009: PR Officer, Sydney University Radio Group
2007-2009: Contributor, Vertigo (UTS)

2008: Publicity Officer, Sydney Uni OzTag Society

Awards and Achievements

2010: Australia-Korea Foundation Fellow
2006: Michael Goodwin Prize, for ‘Success in times of adversity’, Sydney Boys High School

Community

2011: Delegate, AMSA National Convention
2010: Delegate, Australia-Korea Foundation Dialogue
2006: Co-ordinator, Youth Off the Streets Muck Up Day campaign

Interests

All variety of sports, poems with palindromes, armchair general relativity, improvisational comedy

Referees

Associate Professor Roger Pamphlet
Associate Professor, Pathology, University of Sydney

Mr Michael Koziol
Columnist, Sydney Morning Herald
We are committed to building on the work of previous AMSA Sponsorship Officers, strengthening and building new relationships with industry partners. Our experience in stakeholder management, teamwork and leadership will be applied to this crucial, enabling portfolio.

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Current Partnerships
Strengthening and building on AMSA’s existing sponsorship relationships is crucial both for enabling current activities and for the future development of AMSA. Our work will include ensuring that AMSA’s current partnerships are delivering tangible benefits for both AMSA and sponsors, with a focus on the long-term sustainability of relationships. We plan to accomplish this by critically evaluating the sponsorship packages offered to individual partners to ensure they are tailored directly to the specific interests of our partners. Ultimately, we look to improve long term outcomes and sustainability by encouraging multi-year contracts, maximising future financial security for AMSA.

New Partnerships
In addition to developing AMSA’s current sponsorship relationships, we will actively recruit new sponsors from more varied sectors of business and medicine. This would ensure that AMSA does not rely on one stream of business for financial stability, and result in diversification and deepening of our funding base.

Collaboration with Partners
As part of the NSW Executive, we will work closely with our colleagues to support their projects and events by encouraging sponsor engagement in the broad range of AMSA initiatives. In close collaboration with our Treasurer, Convention and GHC teams, we shall conduct preliminary investigations into the costs and benefits of centralising the sourcing and management of revenue for all AMSA activities for more effective financial management.

Continuing the work of the Sponsorship Officers in 2012, we will also strengthen the Membership Benefits Program and collaborate with the ICO to make these benefits clear on a mobile AMSA site.

Sponsorship Team Values
We are looking forward to developing positive, professional relationships with our sponsors and will work closely with each other and CEO Helen Jentz, to ensure a seamless sponsorship experience. We will utilise our varied experiences and skills sets to fulfil our aims and responsibilities of ensuring sponsorship success in 2013.

We keenly await meeting the challenges set out for us in the year ahead as part of AMSA Executive.
Georgia’s Background

After graduating High School, Georgia packed up her bags and moved to Armidale to study Medicine at UNE. Since then, she has been involved in all facets of MedSoc life and medical student issues, ultimately becoming President of UNEMSA in late 2011.

Curriculum Vitae

Education

2010-2014e: BMed, University of New England

Employment

2011-2012: Anatomy Tutor, Prosector and Dissection Supervisor, UNE SRM.
2011: Peer Assisted Study Session Tutor, UNE SRM

Leadership and Representation

2011-2012: President, University of New England Medical Students’ Association (UNESMA)
2012: Councillor, NSW Medical Student Council
2011-2012: JMP Faculty Committees Member
2011-2012: UNE SRM Executive Member
2012: JMP Curriculum Renewal Steering Group Member
2011-2012: Councillor, Australian Medical Students’ Association
2012: Student Member, AMA(NSW)
2011: UNEMSA Spokesperson for Prime Television Tamworth and ABC Radio New England
2011: PASS Leader, UNE School of Rural Medicine
2010-2011: Social Convenor, UNEMSA
2010: UNEMSA Charity Ball Subcommittee

Awards and Achievements

2012: JMP O’Camp ‘Leading by Example’ Award
2011: UNEMSA Miss Medicine Award
2009: HSC Premier’s Award
2007-2009: Academic Excellence Award, Merewether High School

Community

2012: Ultrasound Tutor, UNE SRM
2011: Volunteer Table Tutor, Dissection Course for Pre-SET, SET and AST Surgical and Radiological Trainee Candidates
2011: Volunteer UNE SRM Representative at AGQUIP
2011-2012: Peer Study Volunteer, UNEMSA
2011: Student Mentor, UNEMSA
2011: Delegate, AMSA National Convention
2010: Volunteer Assistant, Dissection Course for Pre-SET, SET and AST Surgical and Radiological Trainee Candidates

Referees

Professor Peter McKeown
Deputy Dean of the Joint Medical Program
UNE Head of School of Rural Medicine

Dr Vicki Howell
Supervisor and Senior Lecturer, UNE SRM

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Miranda’s Background

Juggling medicine, research, anatomy lecturing and signing up to become a Medical Officer for the Royal Australian Navy, Miranda has the all-rounded background and skills to network with sponsors to create a brighter, more lucrative future for AMSA.

Curriculum Vitae

Education

2011-2014e: MBBS, UND (Sydney)
2006-2013e: MSc/PhD (Forensic Science) (P/T), University of Western Australia
2005-2006: GradDip (Forensic Science), UWA
2001-2004: BSc (Human Biology), Curtin University

Recent Employment

2012-current: Medical Officer, Graduate Medical Scheme, Royal Australian Navy
2011-current: Anatomy Lecturer & Tutor, University of Technology Sydney
2010: Research Scientist, School of Anatomy & Human Biology, University of Western Australia
2007-2010: Research Scientist, Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, Princess Margaret Hospital for Children
2006-2011: Anatomy Lecturer, Curtin University

Leadership and Representation

2012: Academic Representative, Medical Association Notre Dame Sydney (MANDUS)
2012: Student Representative on Curriculum Council Board, School of Medicine, UND (Sydney)
2012: Workshop Facilitator & Student Representative, AMSA FutureMed Conference
2008-2010: Research Supervisor, Curtin University

Awards and Achievements

2011: Volunteer Scholarship, Kickstart Kids International’s Global Excursion to Kenya
2010: Australian and New Zealand Forensic Science Society (ANZFSS) Travel Award
2009: Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange Scholarship to São Paulo Brazil
2009: Poster Prize, Research & Advances Conference Princess Margaret Hospital for Children

Community (Past 2 years)

2012: Delegate, iDEA Conference, Doctors for the Environment
2012: Delegate, EmCore Conference, Resus Group
2012: Committee Member, MANDUS Surgical Group
2011-2012: Student Member, Rural Organisation University of Notre Dame Sydney
2011: Volunteer, Arrow Web Hospital and Urafiki Medical Clinic, Kenya, Kickstart Kids International

Referees:

Dr Benjamin Ticehurst
Senior Lecturer & Med2000 Tutor, School of Medicine University of Notre Dame Sydney

Dr Jan Meyer
Senior Lecturer & Masters Supervisor, School of Anatomy and Human Biology, UWA
New South Wales
2013 AMSA Executive

Letters of Support
Professor Bruce Robinson MD MSc FRACP
Dean, Sydney Medical School

Members of Council
Australian Medical Students’ Association
c/- Mr James Churchill, President
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Dear Members of Council

Sydney Medical School’s support for the NSW 2013 bid team

I write to express my support for the bid team led by one of Sydney Medical School’s students, Beniamin Veness, to form the Executive of the Australian Medical Students’ Association (AMSA) in 2013. In addition to Ben, there are six other very impressive Sydney Medical School students involved: Richard Arnold, Steve Bartnik, Arghya Gupta, Megan Ryan, Anran Schlosberg and Martin Seneviratne. I am pleased to note that it is a diverse team, with remaining members coming from the universities of New South Wales, Notre Dame, Newcastle and New England.

One of the strengths of a graduate-entry medical program such as ours is the breadth of our students’ backgrounds. The Sydney Medical School students on this team offer AMSA a variety of skills that would be extremely helpful in achieving its objectives, including financial, strategic, legal, media and information technology. Members of this group also offer their experience on boards, convening an AMSA National Convention, in nursing and in practicing health care in rural and remote settings, and in performing research alongside their medical studies. They represent Sydney Medical School very well and I affirm that we would support their participation in all AMSA activities during the handover period and throughout their term in office.

I have faith in Ben’s judgement that this is an exceptional team, having come to know him increasingly well since late 2009. We have worked together on various strategic initiatives for Sydney Medical School in which I have valued his commitment, creativity and forthrightness. Ben continues to provide support and advice on many other matters concerning Sydney Medical School and has demonstrated diligence and professionalism in his role as a Fellow of the Senate of the University, elected by and from the 32,000 undergraduate students. He was elected to this role in 2010 (the first medical student since 1994) and re-elected in 2011, a rare occurrence, and is also a member of the Senate’s Safety and Risk Management Committee. Ben has consistently applied his talents and background in corporate strategy and finance to the University’s benefit, further extending himself through completion of the Australian Institute of Company Directors’ course last year.
We have discussed Ben’s plans for 2013 and I support his intention, if you elect his team, to enrol in the Master of Public Health and defer his final year of medicine. Studying public health will be helpful in informing AMSA’s advocacy planning, and because the clinical years of all graduate medical programs are extremely busy, this plan offers the time and flexibility required to properly perform the role of president.

I commend this team to you and wish them every success on 30 June. Please contact me if I can provide any further information that would assist your deliberations.

Yours faithfully

Bruce Robinson
Dean
7 May 2012
THE JOINT MEDICAL PROGRAM

Professor Ian Symonds,
Dean of Medicine - JMP
The University of Newcastle
School of Medicine and Public Health
CALLAGHAN NSW 2308

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8 May 2012

Dear AMSA Executive and Council

Re: 2013 AMSA Executive Bid from NSW Medical Schools

I am writing to support the team of medical students from the Universities of NSW, Sydney, Notre Dame, Newcastle & New England (Joint Medical Program) in their bid to become the 2013 Executive team of the Australian Medical Students Association (AMSA).

The JMP students bring to the team extensive involvement in local medical student organisations where they have demonstrated a strong commitment to teamwork. I welcome the opportunity for them to further develop their leadership skills and to interact with other medical schools. Location of the AMSA Executive in NSW will assist the further development of lines of communication between medical student representatives and those involved in training and workforce planning.

I am conscious of the time commitment required for our students to be involved and undertake to provide support if required during this period of additional responsibility.

I am fully supportive of this bid and am confident the JMP students will do an excellent job if successful.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

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8th May 2012

Dear AMSA Executive and Council

Re: 2013 AMSA Executive Bid from NSW Medical Schools

On behalf of the School of Medicine, Sydney at the University of Notre Dame, I write in support of the Bid Team for this year’s AMSA Executive. We take pride in the leadership and initiative shown by our students and the positive contributions that have been made to the Executive by Notre Dame students in the past.

We hope to see this continue into the future. I therefore strongly recommend Miranda Norquay and Victoria Forsdick and lend my full support to their candidacy.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Christine Bennett
Dean, School of Medicine, Sydney
15 May 2012

AMSA Executive and Council
Australian Medical Students Association
41 Macquarie Street
BARTON ACT 2600

Dear AMSA Executive and Councillors

I am writing to express my very strong support for the bid of the team from New South Wales to form the Australian Medical Students Association (AMSA) Executive in 2013. I am confident that this group of dynamic and dedicated people will lead AMSA in a positive and progressive direction, and that they have developed innovative approaches to effectively meet AMSA’s concerns in the coming year.

I am very proud of the students on this bid. Each of them has been highly active within student societies, and I am certain the group would do an excellent job.

I am sure that they will be in a good position to achieve good things in 2013.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Peter J. Smith
Dean, UNSW Medicine
7th May 2012

To whom it may concern

RE: AMSA BID 2012 - Ms Georgia Carroll and Ms Eliza Wziontek

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to take this opportunity to write this strong letter of support for two of our medical students, Ms Georgia Carroll and Ms Eliza Wziontek. Ms Carroll and Ms Wziontek are both currently seeking a position on the AMSA National Executive, as part of a New South Wales Bid team.

Ms Carroll and Ms Wziontek have both been outstanding students and also outstanding student leaders. The pair will bring a degree of professional maturity and experience seldom seen this early in a career. I believe they will both do a tremendous job, not only representing the interests of the University of New England and the Joint Medical program, but more importantly the interests of all 17,000 Australian medical students.

Ms Carroll and Ms Wziontek both have my unqualified support in their quest to more fully express their passion for medical education and the interests of medical students nationwide.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Peter Philip McKeown
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From the President’s Office
Dr Michael Steiner
MB, BS, DO (Syd), FRANZCO, FRCOphth, FAMA

In reply please quote:
MS-35412/ck

11 May 2012

Mr Benjamin Veness
St Paul’s College
9 City Road
CAMPBELLTON NSW 2050

Dear Ben,

AMA (NSW) support of the NSW 2013 AMSA executive bid team

On behalf of the AMA (NSW) and the Board of Directors I congratulate you on forming an Australian Medical Students’ Association (AMSA) executive bid team for 2013 and wish you and your team every success in Perth on 30 June. We are very excited that NSW may host the 2013 AMSA Executive and believe that you are very well placed to take on some of the major issues that will be facing medical students nationally in the coming years.

May I also take this opportunity to add my personal endorsement of your candidacy for the role of president. Your contributions to the AMA (NSW) Council since your election in the student member class in May 2011 have been conspicuous and greatly appreciated. Your approach is progressive, constructive and well considered, and especially in your role as a member of the Audit Committee, you have exceeded all expectations for our student representative. Our Chief Executive Officer, Fiona Davies, and I have every confidence that you would bring these traits to AMSA and that the Association would benefit greatly as a result.

We urge AMSA’s Council to elect the NSW bid team in order to employ such a capable and promising executive in 2013.

As per our supporting documents, we will provide your team with the following:-

- Fitted out office space – this will be located on the Ground Floor of AMA House, in the Conference Centre. I understand plans for this have already been requested from our designers and should require only small alterations to the space that currently exists, thus they will be completed in a fairly short timeframe. The AMSA office will be locked and only accessible by yourselves. Access to the ground floor will be provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and once the office space has been completed, we will organise a full briefing to be set up for the Executive team (or key members at your discretion) to discuss security measures. Attached to the office space is the Conference Room and Kitchen both of which may be utilised by AMSA.
• Office equipment – the space on the Ground Floor will be provided with a fax, photocopier, printer and two phones with direct line access and voicemail. Please advise as soon as practicable if you require further equipment or fixed computers.

• Postal address – AMSA can utilise AMA (NSW)’s existing postal address, PO Box 121, St Leonards NSW 1590 and our Level 6 reception for office hours deliveries. Mail will be delivered to your office unopened for further action.

• Meeting facilities – As above, the AMA Conference Room will be available for use of AMSA during most times. A meeting booking service is provided by Michelle Mino at AMA (NSW) and she can provide you with monthly meeting bookings via email so that you are aware of when other persons will be in the general meeting space. When meetings are held, we would appreciate if you are in the area, to minimise noise. At all other times the general space may be used by AMSA and formal meetings should be booked through Michelle to ensure no other bookings are taken.

• Several parking spaces will be made available after 6pm Mondays to Fridays and all day on weekends. Further details will be provided along with the security processes in due course.

AMA (NSW) will also dedicate Michelle Mino as your liaison (outside of meeting room bookings as above) and she will look after any particular additional needs you may have from time to time.

If you require any advice, direction or assistance from myself or any of the Board of Directors please contact us at any time. We look forward to hearing good news from you on 30 June.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Michael Steiner
President, AMA (NSW)
New South Wales 2013 Executive Bid Team
Mr Benjamin Veness
Via E-Mail: bven5712@uni.sydney.edu.au

08 May 2012

Dear Ben

As per the requirements of the Australian Medical Students' Association Executive Bid process, this letter is to confirm that the New South Wales 2013 Executive Bid Team have actively liaised with me, as the AMSA Chief Executive Officer.

Over the course of the preparation of the New South Wales bid documents, the NSW team have engaged with me in discussions around AMSA's activities, their vision for the organisation and the actions they are proposing to take should their bid be successful.

I wish you the best of luck in the bid process.

Regards

Helen Jentz
Chief Executive Officer
Final Notes

Referees
For reasons of confidentiality, the contact details of the referees have not been supplied in this document. Please contact the relevant candidate to obtain their referees’ contact details.

Keep Updated
On 26 May 2012, the New South Wales Bid Team will launch www.nsw2013.com, which will contain a copy of this document, as well as any errata and further information regarding our bid.

Picture Credits
The NSW 2013 Bid Team would like to extend their thanks to Rob Jones for his generous and professional assistance taking our portrait and group photographs. Rob’s work can be found at www.facebook.com/robmuchphoto.

Thank You
The NSW 2013 Bid Team would also like to thank all of those who assisted our team in preparing our bid. In particular, we would like to thank the current, 2011 and 2010 Executive team members for their counsel, as well as the variety of AMSA Representatives and MedSoc Presidents throughout Australia who shared their ideas and experience with us.