

### Position Description: Action Committee Coordinator

#### Roles, Responsibilities, and Objectives

National committee and team chairs' roles encompass 3 key domains:

#### 1. Leadership

- Coordinators employ and develop skills in the areas of teamwork, communication skills, planning, professional self-assessment, and networking. In addition to supporting LPGs, coordinators collaborate with the BRDs to assist COs interested in specific programming (as needed).
- Coordinators represent AMSA's mission-driven work to the general membership, external partners, and the public.

#### 2. Programming

- Coordinators design and execute various elements of AMSA's programming portfolio:
- Aid in the development of content-area programming for AMSA's conferences, symposia, institutes, scholars programs and Convention.
- Assist with the promotion and marketing of AMSA's national programming and leadership developing opportunities including conferences, symposia, institutes, scholars programs and Convention.

#### 3. Content expertise

- Coordinators lend their knowledge around the area of content their committee or team covers. They further develop this expertise during their tenure through research and development of projects surrounding the work of both the committee and team on which the coordinators serve.
- Coordinators will employ and develop consulting skills as they serve as AMSA's resident experts for their respective issues.

#### Expectations & Accountability

1. The term of Coordinator is one year beginning on May 1 and ending April 30 of the following year, with a transition period from the close of National Convention in March through the beginning of the term in April.
2. Coordinators serve on a Committee and have oversight from their respective Chair. In addition, they work in collaboration with the Education Chair and Grassroots Chair who serve as consultants to coordinator programming. It is expected that the Coordinators communicate regularly with all Chairs who support them. They are secondarily supported by the VP for Leadership Development and the VP for Programming Development.
3. All leaders shall uphold the expectations and standards of conduct outlined in the National Leadership Handbook. Involvement in AMSA is a serious commitment, and should a leader be unable to fulfill the duties as outlined in this position description and the National Leadership Handbook, s/he may be asked to resign or be dismissed from her/his position.

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4. Deadlines will be provided with sufficient lead time for successful completion. It is expected that deadlines be met and extensions requested prior to lapse of a deadline in order to continue participating in AMSA.
5. Travel, hotel
6. Leaders can expect sufficient training and support to complete all duties and tasks asked of them. AMSA is a collaborative environment, and ideas and feedback are always encouraged and considered.
7. Coordinators, along with Chairs, will be expected to establish contact with incoming Chapter Officers following BoF (including an explanation of their role within AMSA and within the first three weeks of M1 attendance), assisting officers with chapter transition planning as needed, and an attempt to attend both the chapters' tabling events and initial recruitment meeting. Coordinators will also have the option of coordinating with the membership team to plan visits to neighboring chapters and to ideally cultivate those visits ahead of the M1 arrival on campus.

### Meetings for the 2013-2014 Leadership Year:

- **Monthly Health Policy Team webinars (self-scheduled, mandatory)**
- **Building on Foundations (All-Leadership Meeting), Sterling, VA, May 2-5, 2013(mandatory)**
- National Convention, New Orleans, LA, March 2014 (strongly encouraged)

## Health Policy

### Specific Skills Needed and Focus

The Health Policy Team engages with AMSA members in a wide variety of ways - we help to produce Health Policy and a Pint posts; we create and circulate action alerts for proposed legislation; we provide commentary and write articles & blogs about health policy; we coordinate with health policy leaders to organize advocacy experiences, webinars, and lectures; we produce educational material for pre-medical and medical students on policy topics that our members want to learn more about; and we help our members learn how to express their views and start to make change.

### Coordinator titles & responsibilities:

1. **National Policy and Advocacy Coordinator** - This position serves as a consultant for federal legislative sign-ons; helps to craft AMSA position statements to the press, governing bodies, and partner organizations; educates members on national policy issues and processes through various means including writing, webinars and other avenues; advocates for AMSA's legislative agenda and may assist in crafting the legislative agenda when appropriate; encourages and supports member advocacy at the federal level; participates in writing resolutions for the House of Delegates that keep the association's principles current and precise.
2. **Local Policy and Advocacy (encompassing chapter-level and state-based policy)** - This position serves as a consultant for state-based legislative sign-ons; helps to craft AMSA position statements to the press, governing bodies and partner organizations; educates members on state policy issues and processes through various means

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**3. Education and Outreach** - This position is responsible for setting up webinars, writing blogs, and updating social media with policy-related materials; facilitates rapid communication of ideas, including outreach with other AMSA action committees and teams, interest groups, campaigns (HCFA, AAN) and allied organizations to facilitate AMSA legislative goals and ensure that members are adequately informed on policy issues and advocacy experiences; helps to prepare and proof educational materials for health policy team projects, advocacy efforts, and other AMSA outreach; works to promote understanding of policy by AMSA members.