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Welcome from the President

Jacqueline L. Nguyen, Esq.
AMA Alliance President

Welcome to the 2023 AMA Alliance Annual Meeting!

I am thrilled to be here with you all in Nashville! The energy and enthusiasm that we have infused into our organization this year is invigorating—a testament to the dedication and commitment of each and every one of you

Last year, we celebrated a remarkable milestone, our Centennial, and used that momentous occasion to lay the foundation for our next 100 years of success.

While we have stayed connected throughout the year through virtual programming, regional or state visits, and various communication channels, there is something truly special about bringing our members together in person. By bifurcating our Annual Meeting into virtual and in-person sessions, we aimed to ensure that every member has a voice. The virtual session has allowed for greater participation, enabling members who couldn't attend the Nashville meeting to engage with council and committee leaders and have a voice in the vote for bylaws amendments. With some business already accomplished, we have more time to connect with one another in Nashville to create an even more meaningful experience.

I express my deepest gratitude to our incredible Annual Meeting chairs and committee members. They have taken on a herculean task of organizing this meeting in less than nine months, in a new city, at a new hotel, and on a new date. Their hard work and dedication have made this gathering possible, and I am immensely grateful for their tireless efforts. I also extend a special thank you to the host state Alliance, the Tennessee Medical Association Alliance, and all their members for their warm hospitality, generosity, and exceptional talents.

As we navigate this meeting, albeit in a slightly different format, I hope that you will find it fun and fulfilling. While some aspects may have changed, the bonds of friendship, camaraderie, and shared mission remain steadfast. Together, we will continue to make a difference in the lives of physician families nationwide.

Thank you for being here and for your unwavering dedication to the AMA Alliance. Let us make the most of this time together and continue to inspire and support one another.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline L. Nguyen, Esq.

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Co-Chair



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Co-Chair



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1. Technical support may be obtained to assist with all aspects of the virtual Annual Meeting if needed.
2. Voting members shall be entitled to the floor only when they seek recognition from the presiding officer as provided in a virtual meeting. Members will address the chair and give their name and state.
3. Seconds will be presumed for all motions.
4. No voting member shall speak more than twice or longer than two minutes on any one question on the same day.
5. Timekeepers, appointed by the Annual Meeting chair(s), shall signal when allotted time has expired.
6. The Annual Meeting Committee shall assist all voting members at the virtual Annual Meeting, deliver communications related to the business of the membership, ensure that no material is distributed to the members without the approval of the president, and perform such other duties as required by the president and the Annual Meeting chair(s).
7. Electronic voting shall be allowed for the virtual Annual Meeting.
8. The Election Committee chair shall be a voting member in attendance at the virtual Annual Meeting and appointed by the AMA Alliance president.
9. The Election Committee chair shall be in charge of coordinating the voting, ballots and assisting the technical support with electronic voting.
10. The president, in consultation with the Annual Meeting Committee chair(s), may adjust the approved agenda for the Annual Meeting to best accommodate scheduled meeting timing issues.

2023 Annual Meeting Standing Rules: In-person Session

1. Voting members shall be entitled to the floor only when they address the chair, and give their name and state.
2. Only voting members shall make motions, which shall be written, signed by the mover and the person who seconded the motion, and presented to the Secretary.
3. No voting member shall speak more than twice or longer than two minutes each time on any one question on the same day.
4. No voting member shall speak a second time to the same question if one who has not spoken requests the floor.
5. Electronic voting shall be allowed for the in-person Annual Meeting.
6. Timekeepers, appointed by the Annual Meeting chair(s), shall signal when allotted time has expired.
7. Presidential aides shall assist all voting members at the Annual Meeting, assist the president in restoring order, deliver communications related to the business of the membership, ensure that no material is distributed to the members without the approval of the president, and perform such other duties as required by the president and the Annual Meeting chair(s).
8. The president, in consultation with the Annual Meeting Committee chair(s), may adjust the approved agenda for the Annual Meeting to best accommodate scheduled meeting timing issues.
9. Cell phones should be muted during the Annual Meeting.

Virtual AGENDA

Tuesday
May 23
12-3 pm (ET)

DAY
1

Virtual Session

Noon | **WELCOME** | Overview Day 1

OPENING | Business Session I

Guest Speaker | **Sam Quinones**, author,
Dreamland, The Least of Us

- Call to Order
- Invocation, Martha Vijjeswarapu (TX)
- Pledge of Allegiance, Donna Rovito (PA)
- AMA Alliance Pledge, Debbi Ricks (CA)
- Recognition of Past Presidents
- Introduction of Councils, Committees,
& Task Forces
- Registration Report
- Adoption of Virtual Standing Rules
- Adoption of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
of 100th Annual Session
- Treasurer's Report

BREAK

- Reference Committee A—Finance
- Reference Committee B—Bylaws
- Announcements

3 pm EST or Completion of Business | **RECESS**



GUEST SPEAKER | **Sam Quinones**

*The Least of Us: True Tales of
America and Hope in the Time of
Fentanyl and Meth*

Sam Quinones is a Los Angeles-based freelance journalist, a reporter for 35 years, and author of four acclaimed books of narrative nonfiction. A veteran reporter on immigration, gangs, drug trafficking, and the border, he worked 10 years as a reporter with the LA Times. Before that he made a living as a freelance writer, residing in Mexico for a decade.

In his latest book, *The Least of Us*, Quinones chronicles the emergence of a drug-trafficking world producing massive supplies of synthetic drugs (fentanyl and meth) cheaper and deadlier than ever, marketing to the population of addicts created by the US opioid epidemic, as the backdrop to tales of Americans' quiet attempts to recover community through simple acts of helping the vulnerable.

The Least of Us follows his landmark *Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic*, which ignited awareness of the epidemic that has cost the nation hundreds of thousands of lives and become the deadliest drug scourge in the nation's history. *Dreamland* won a National Book Critics Circle award for the Best Nonfiction Book of 2015.

For Sam's complete bio, visit amaalliance.org.

Virtual AGENDA

Wednesday
May 24
12-3 pm (ET)

Virtual Session

DAY
2



GUEST SPEAKER | Zander Lurie

The Power of Corporate- Nonprofit Partnership

Zander is CEO of Momentive and has been on its board of directors since 2009. Previously, he was SVP of entertainment at GoPro and has served on its board since 2016. Prior to that, Zander was SVP of strategic development at CBS Corporation via its acquisition of CNET Networks, where he was CFO and head of corporate development.

He began his career in the technology investment banking group at JPMorgan. He has a JD and an MBA from Emory University and a BA in political science from the University of Washington.

Zander co-founded the nonprofit CoachArt, which serves chronically ill children and their siblings.



Noon | **WELCOME** | Overview of Day 2

OPENING | Opening of Business Session II

Guest Speaker | **Zander Lurie**, CEO
Momentive

*The Power of Corporate-Nonprofit
Partnership*

- Call to Order
- Registration Report
- Introduction of State Presidents
- Recognition of County Presidents
- Council Chair Reports
 - Jayme Shelton (OK), Communications
 - Mary Beth Ellison (OH), Events
 - Dave Street (GA), Finance
 - Karen Begrow (MI), Governance
 - Ron Jagers (SC), Membership
 - Beth Irish (OR), Programs
- President's Remarks
 - Jacqueline L. Nguyen (NV), AMAA President

BREAK

- Report, Reference Committee on Bylaws
(*voting*), Karen Begrow (MI), AMAA Secretary
- Announcements

3 pm or Completion of Business | **RECESS**



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AGENDA

Thursday, June 1

2-5 pm | **AFTERNOON REGISTRATION**
Harmonica

2-4 pm | **AMA Alliance BOD MEETING**
Banjo

5-7:30 pm | **AMA Alliance BOD DINNER**
By Invitation

7-9 pm | **EVENING REGISTRATION**
Harmonica

7:30-9 pm | **WELCOME RECEPTION**
Tambourine



**Nashville
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**DAY
1**

In-Person Session

Friday AM, June 2nd | 9 am-12 pm (CT)
Mandolin Ballroom and Pre-Function Area

8:30 AM | **OPENING** | Business Session III
(Coffee Service—Breakfast on your own)

9:00 AM | **WELCOME** | Overview of Day 1

- Welcoming Remarks
- Invocation
Sheridan Sheffield (UT)
- National Anthem
Tom Swan (OH)
- Pledge of Allegiance
Bonnie Ng (NV)
- AMA Alliance Pledge
Karen Schroeder (NV)
- Introduction of Presidential Aides
- Recognition of Past AMA Alliance Presidents
- Registration Report
- Adoption of In-person Standing Rules
Sarah Sanders (OH), Parliamentarian

SPEAKER | Jesse Ferrell

How You Leave Them Feeling

- Successful AMA Alliance Programs
Sue Ann Greco (MO), AMA Alliance Past President
- AMA Alliance Awards
Jacquelynn Prince (TN), AMA Alliance Awards Chair
- AMA Alliance Leadership Academy Certification Awards
Rula Ali (MI), Leadership Academy Chair

BREAK

- Recognition of State Presidents

12:00 PM | **LUNCHEON PROGRAM** | *Mandolin
State Sharing- Highlights and Lowlights*
Ron Jagers (SC)

(continued)

**Nashville
AGENDA**

**DAY
1**

In-Person Session

Friday, June 2nd | 1 pm-3 pm (CT)
Mandolin Ballroom and Pre-Function Area

Afternoon Session | *Business Session III continues*

- Report of Nominating Committee
Heather Rifkin (MS), Nominating Committee Chair
- Report of Nominating Committee for Officers
- Nominations from the Floor for Officers
- Report of Nominating Committee for Directors
- Nominations from the Floor for Directors
- Report of Nominating Committee for Bylaws
Committee Members
- Nominations from the Floor for Bylaws Committee
Members
- Report of Nominating Committee of Four Regional
Representatives
- Report of Nominating Committee for Two At-large
Nominating Committee Members
- Nominations from the Floor for Two At-large
Nominating Committee Members

BREAK

SPEAKER | Dr. Stephen Loyd

*Turtle on a Fencepost: Understanding
Recovery Ecosystems*

Announcements

RECESS

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AGENDA**

**DAY
1**

In-Person Session

Friday pm, June 2, 3-9 pm (CT)

3:00 pm | MEET THE CANDIDATES

Mandolin

4:00 pm | AHEI BOARD MEETING

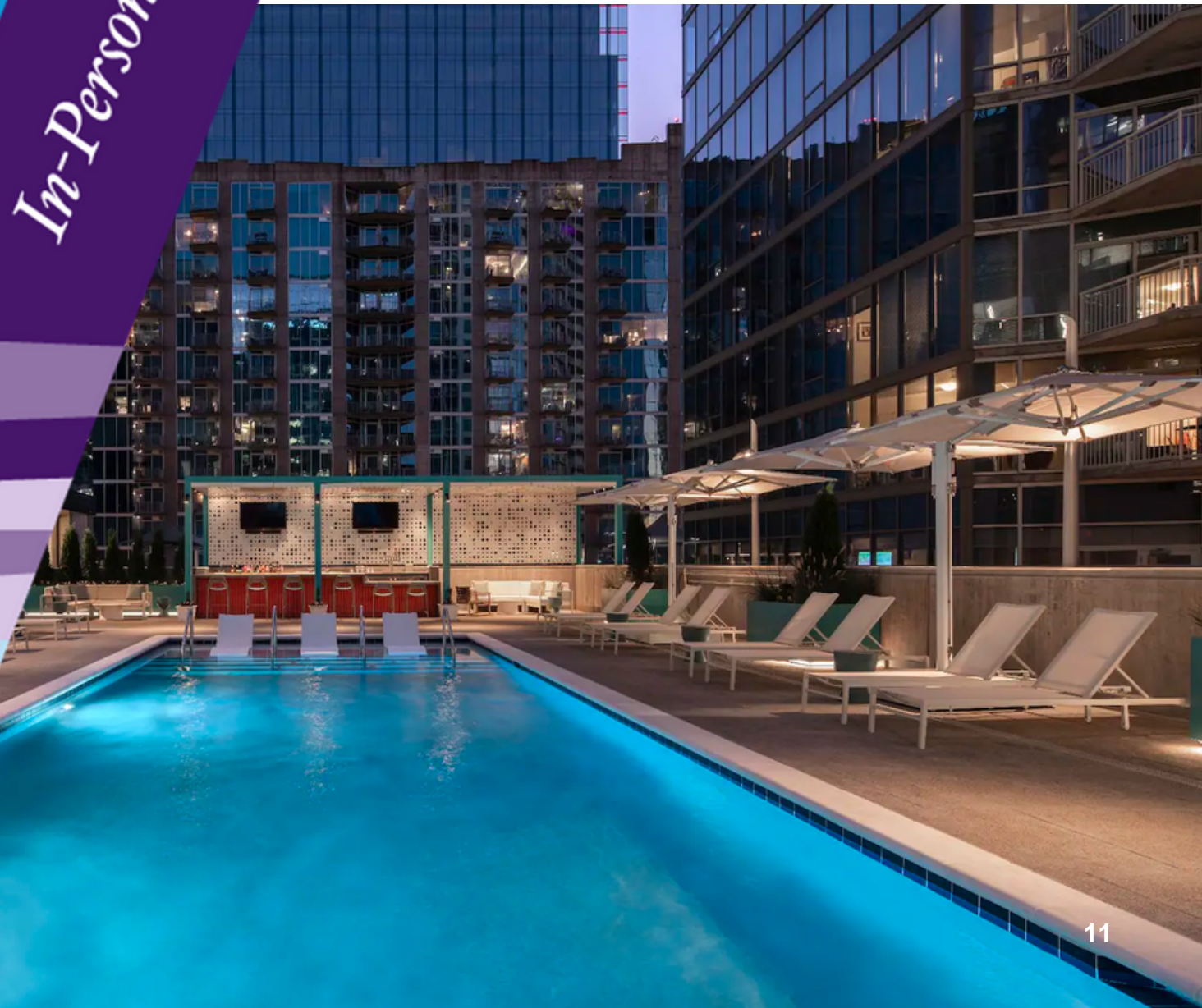
Banjo

5-6 pm | COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Rooftop Pool

6:30 pm | AMBASSADOR DINNERS

Various Locations



**Nashville
AGENDA**

**DAY
2**

In-Person Session

Saturday, June 3 | 9 am-3 pm (CT)

Mandolin Ballroom and Pre-Function Area

8:30 am | **RECONVENE** | *Business Session IV
(Coffee Service—Breakfast on your own)*

9:00 am | **WELCOME** | *Overview of Day 2 (In-Person)*

- Call to Order
- Registration Report
- In Memoriam
Kathy Weigand (MO)
- Introduction of 2023-2024 Appointments
Racheal Kunesh (NC), AMA Alliance President-elect
- Council Chair Reports
Jayme Shelton (OK), Communications Council Chair
Mary Beth Ellison (OH), Events Council Chair
Dave Street (GA), Finance Council Chair
Karen Begrow (MI), Governance Council Chair
Ron Jagers (SC), Membership Council Chair
Beth Irish (OR), Programs Council Chair
- Presidential Recognitions

SPEAKER | Dr. Wayne Sotile

AMAA Physician Family Experience Survey Results

- Voting/Election Results
Sherri Morrow (NV), Elections Committee Chair

11:30 AM | **LUNCHEON PROGRAM** | *Mandolin
That's What We Said! Lessons from the PFE Survey*
Kendra Harvey (TX) and Beverly Kerbow (TX)
Physician Family Experience Survey Co-Chairs

11:30 AM | **AMAA PAST PRESIDENTS LUNCH** | *By Invitation*

- Alliance Health Education Initiative (AHEI) Report
Nancy Schneider (CA), AHEI Chair
- President's Report
Jacqueline L. Nguyen (NV), AMA Alliance President

SPEAKER | Dr. Robert Wicks

The Simple Care of a Hopeful Heart

- Announcements

RECESS

**Nashville
AGENDA**

**DAY
2**

In-Person Session

Saturday, June 3 | 3 pm-7:30 pm (CT)

3-3:45 pm | REGIONAL MEETINGS

Mandolin

5:30-7:30 pm | NORTH CAROLINA STATE PARTY

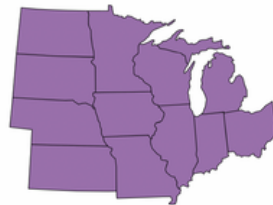
Blue Jeans & Barbeque

Mandolin



Western Region

Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Alaska, Hawaii



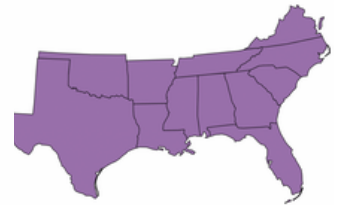
North Central Region

North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio



North Eastern Region

Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Delaware, Maryland



Southern Region

Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia

**Nashville
AGENDA**

**DAY
3**

In-Person Session

Sunday, June 4, 8 am-12 Noon (CT)

8:00 am | **INSTALLATION BREAKFAST** | *Mandolin*

8:45 am | **RECONVENE** | *Business Session V*

8:45 am | **WELCOME** | *Welcoming Remarks*

- Call to Order
- AMA Alliance Advocacy & Legislation Update
Beth Irish (OR), AMA Alliance Director of Programs
- American Medical Association Foundation Update
Sandi Smith, AMAF Executive Director
- American Medical Association Update
Dr. Jesse Ehrenfeld, AMA President-elect
- Oath of Office
Dr. Jesse Ehrenfeld, AMA President-elect
- Presentation of President's Pin
Jacqueline L. Nguyen (NV), AMA Alliance President
- Installation of Officers
Heather Rifkin (MS), AMA Alliance Immediate Past President
- Presentation of Past President's Pin
Heather Rifkin (MS), AMA Alliance Immediate Past President
- Inaugural Address
Racheal Kunesh (NC), AMA Alliance President-elect

BREAK

SPEAKER | **Barbara Churchill**

Ditch the Doubt: Claim Your Confidence

11:45 am | **CLOSING REMARKS**

12:00 pm | **ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE**

12:30 pm | **AMA ALLIANCE 2023-2024 BOD MEETING**
Banjo



GUEST SPEAKER | *JessTalk Speaking & Coaching, Founder and Author*

Jesse Ferrell

How You Leave Them Feeling

Jesse authored three books in their “How You Leave Them Feeling Series.” Book number three is newly released and is co-authored with his business partner and wife, Lisa Ferrell.

Jesse worked in the hospitality and gaming industry for over 36 years, ending his career as Executive Director of Casino Marketing before building and running JessTalk Speaking & Coaching Firm over the last 22 years. He has used his talents serving organizations like ours and Fortune 100 companies domestically and internationally as a Speaker and Master Success Coach. Energetic and inspiring, international keynote speaker, master coach, and founder of JessTalk Speaking & Coaching Firm brings more than 36 years expertise in speaking, coaching, strategic planning, and business development.

This dynamic coach and trainer transforms and inspires 600-member global teams from feeling disempowered in their personal and professional lives to experiencing outstanding sustainable results. A University of Nevada Las Vegas adjunct professor in Gaming and Hotel Administration, focusing in casino marketing, he served 16 years in executive-level casino marketing ranging from Caesars Entertainment to MGM Resorts International with a special assignment at Bellagio Resort and Casino. Jesse is an author, radio show host and podcast host.



**GUEST SPEAKER | Cedar Recovery,
Chief Medical Officer**

Stephen Loyd, MD

***Turtle on a Fencepost:
Understanding
Recovery Ecosystems***

Stephen Loyd currently serves as the Chief Medical Officer of Cedar Recovery, an addiction treatment company headquartered in Mount Juliet, TN, servicing patients across Middle Tennessee.

On top of his work for Cedar, he is currently a member of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners as well as serving as a federal expert witness. A nationally recognized thought leader and clinician, Dr. Loyd has decades of experience in internal medicine, mental health, and substance abuse services. His background includes serving as the Medical Director and Assistant Commissioner for Substance Abuse Services with the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

Dr. Loyd has been in recovery since 2004. Experiencing addiction firsthand has allowed him to develop a unique approach to patient care that is passionate, effective, and impactful. His daily goal is to help as many people receive the quality treatment they deserve in order for them to feel better, get better, and stay better.



**GUEST SPEAKER | Sotile Center
for Resilience, Founder**

Wayne Sotile

***Results of the AMA Alliance
Family Experience Survey***

Dr. Sotile is a pioneer in the fields of health psychology, resilience, and work/life balance for high performing people. He is one the world's most seasoned clinicians specializing in life coaching for physicians.

Dr. Sotile has delivered more than 9,000 invited addresses and workshops to audiences of health professionals across disciplines, including invited presentations to the American Medical Association Leadership Conference, American Association of Health System Pharmacists, VHA Chief Nursing Officers Conference, the American Medical Association Alliance, the International Conference on Physician Wellness, the American Academy of Medical Administrators, and numerous meetings of medical specialty societies and hospital communities.

Dr. Sotile's solution-focused life coaching process emphasizes practical applications of evidence-based findings from the combined fields of resilience, positive psychology, marriage/family systems, and adult developmental psychology.



GUEST SPEAKER | Author

Robert Wicks

*The Simple Care
of a Hopeful Heart*

Dr. Robert Wicks has spoken on his major areas of expertise—resilience, self-care, and the prevention of secondary stress—on Capitol Hill; has led a course in resilience in Beirut for relief workers brought there from Aleppo, Syria; and has spoken at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, the U.S. Air Force Academy, the Mayo Clinic, the U.S. Army Medical Command, Boston’s Children’s Hospital, Harvard Divinity School, Yale School of Nursing, Princeton Theological Seminary, and countless others. He has also spoken at the Boston Public Library’s commemoration of the Boston Marathon bombing, and has addressed caregivers in 20 different countries, including China, Vietnam, India, Thailand, Haiti, Hungary, Guatemala, Malta, New Zealand, Australia, France, England and South Africa.

For over 45 years, he has been called upon to speak calm into chaos by individuals and groups experiencing great stress, anxiety and confusion. In 1994, he was responsible for the psychological debriefing of NGOs/relief workers evacuated from Rwanda during their genocide. In 1993, and again in 2001, he worked in Cambodia with professionals from the English-speaking community who were present to help the Khmer people rebuild their nation following years of terror and torture.

Dr. Wicks has published over 60 books for both professionals and the general public, including the bestselling *Riding the Dragon* and *The Simple Care of a Hopeful Heart: Mentoring Yourself in Difficult Times*.



GUEST SPEAKER | AMA President-elect

Dr. Jesse Ehrenfeld

American Medical Association Update

Jesse M. Ehrenfeld, MD, MPH, divides his time among clinical practice, teaching, research and directing a \$560-million statewide health philanthropy.

He also has an appointment as an adjunct professor of anesthesiology and health policy at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN, and as an adjunct professor of surgery at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, MD. Dr. Ehrenfeld is a consultant to the World Health Organization Digital Health Technical Advisory Group and previously served as co-chair of the Navy Surgeon General’s Taskforce on Personalized and Digital Medicine and as a special advisor to the 20th U.S. Surgeon General.

Dr. Ehrenfeld’s research, which focuses on understanding how information technology can improve surgical safety and patient outcomes, has been funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Department of Defense, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation, and the Foundation for Anesthesia Education and Research. He serves on the National Academy of Medicine’s Health Policy Fellowships and Leadership Programs Advisory Committee.

For two decades, Dr. Ehrenfeld has advocated on behalf of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ+) individuals. In 2018, in recognition of his outstanding research contributions, he received the inaugural Sexual and Gender Minority Research Investigator Award from the director of the NIH.

Board-certified in both anesthesiology and clinical informatics, Dr. Ehrenfeld is a fellow of the American Society of Anesthesiologists and the American Medical Informatics Association.



**GUEST SPEAKER | AMA Foundation
Interim Executive Director**

Sandi Smith

***Update from the American Medical
Association Foundation***

Sandi currently serves as the interim executive director and director of development and principal gifts. In addition to overseeing day-to-day operations and serving as the primary board liaison, she manages individual giving, database operations, prospect research, communications, and stewardship and donor relations initiatives.

Prior to joining the AMA Foundation in 2016, she spent nearly 10 years at Northern Illinois University (NIU) serving in several prospect research and fundraising roles, and she was responsible for raising charitable dollars for NIU's seven colleges and more than 40 departments. Passionate about data analytics, Sandi is a frequent speaker on using data to drive decision-making and strategy.

Sandi has volunteered on several nonprofit boards, including the Association of Professional Researchers for Advancement, Illinois Chapter; the Association of Advancement Services Professionals; and the Association Fundraising Group.



GUEST SPEAKER | Master Certified Executive Coach

Barbara Churchill

***Ditch the Doubt:
Claim Your Confidence***

For over 25 years, Barbara Churchill has helped inspire thousands of people to find and reach their full potential. As a Master Certified Leadership & Life Coach for Executives, Teams and Small Business Owners, she uses her expertise in Imposter Syndrome, Relationship Building, Communication, Team Building and Leadership Development to teach, train and facilitate improved leadership performance. She is consistently recognized for creating powerful growth, performance and excellence for leaders, teams, and individuals. Her curriculum and coaching are designed to help teams build trust, strengthen confidence, and improve communication. Barbara not only brings out the best in individuals, she builds more confident and effective leaders.

Barbara is a frequent media guest in the Twin Cities market and can be found on many leadership podcasts. She is featured in the Star Tribune and Good Enough Mother and is a contributing author for the book *The World's Greatest Speakers: Insider Secrets on How to Engage and Move Your Audience to Action*.

Barbara's mission in life is to help people lead and live with connection, authenticity—and fun. Leading her own life practicing "what's possible?" helps Barbara explore new opportunities and continue to stretch herself.

Barbara is a lover of nature, music, dancing, pickleball, travel and all things dark chocolate.



Jacqueline L. Nguyen, Esq.

(NV)

2022-2023

AMA Alliance President

Jacqueline Nguyen is an attorney in Las Vegas, NV. She is barred in California, Texas and Nevada and has a legal emphasis on corporate and transactional law. She is a long-time community health advocate and philanthropist, dedicated to expanding patients' protections and access to quality health care. She also champions medical education and training and health care workforce growth. Jacqueline is proud to serve as the president for the American Medical Association Alliance, an affiliate of the American Medical Association. Established in 1922, the AMA Alliance is the nation's largest organization representing the physician family. Jacqueline is the first Nevadan and the first South East Asian to serve as president in the AMA Alliance's 100-year history.

Jacqueline is extensively involved in her community, having served on the boards or committees for Nevada MEDPAC, Southern Nevada Opioid Advisory Council, Touro Medical School, the Springs Preserve, Nevada Physician Wellness Coalition, St. Jude Children's Hospital and many others. She is certified by UNLV in Nonprofit Management and Nonprofit Fundraising. Her areas of expertise include strategic organizational growth, operational efficiency and leadership development.

She has been honored to receive the Russel J. DeReemer Award from Whitman College, and the Athena Minority Lifetime Achievement Award from the Women's Chamber of Commerce and to have been recognized for her philanthropy by the National Association for Women Business Owners-NV.

Jacqueline is married to Dr. Michael Lee, an orthopaedic hand surgeon, and they are proud parents of 13-year-old twin daughters and a 7-year-old son. Her recent passion is participating in the National Charity League with her daughters and starting them on their own journey of servant leadership and impactful change in their community.

Racheal Kunesh

(NC)

2022-2023

AMA Alliance President-elect



Racheal Kunesh hails from North Carolina but is Midwestern at heart, having grown up on an Iowa farm, the youngest of six children. She earned a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Iowa and an MBA from the University of St. Thomas. She has been an active Alliance member at all levels since 1994.

After completing her tenure as president of the North Carolina Medical Society Alliance, she has contributed her energy at the national level for the past twelve years, serving two one-year terms as Communications Council director and as secretary prior to her election as president-elect.

Racheal has served on boards and committees for the Cabarrus Public Health Interest, North Carolina Physician Health Program, Community Free Clinic, CMC Northeast Hospital Foundation, and multiple booster organizations in support of her children. She enjoys connecting with others to accomplish great things while having fun and building lifelong friendships in the process.

Her husband, Ben, is an internal medicine physician with Lake Norman Medical Group Internal Medicine. They are empty nesters, recently relocated to Lake Norman, where they are occasionally visited by their adult children Adam, Liz and Isaac.

Racheal has worked in process and product development for 3M, Transcontinental, and is currently employed as a product development engineer with Celgard, a manufacturer of separators used in lithium ion batteries. When not at work, she enjoys playing horn and playing in the dirt.

Racheal is looking forward to connecting with Alliance members from coast to coast.



Ruth Ryan

(KY)

*Virtual Session
Parliamentarian*

Ruth Ryan is credentialed as a Professional Registered Parliamentarian by the National Association of Parliamentarians and as a Certified Parliamentarian-Teacher by the American Institute of Parliamentarians.

She serves as chair of the National Association of Parliamentarians Educational Resources Committee and as an instructor for the American Institute of Parliamentarians Correspondence Course.

Ruth also serves as parliamentarian for the AMA Alliance and the Kentucky Medical Association Alliance as well as for other national and state organizations.

She presents workshops on parliamentary procedure and effective meeting management to legislative and nonlegislative societies.

Sarah Sanders

(OH)

*In-person Session
Parliamentarian*



Dr. Sarah Sanders, BS, PharmD, MA, has had a multifaceted career in volunteer leadership. She has served/serves the AMA Alliance in many capacities at the local, state and national level over her 35+ years of membership, including as the 2014-15 AMA Alliance president. She currently serves on the AMA Alliance President's Advisory Committee and chaired the Nominations Task Force. Sarah served on the Board of Directors of the AMA Foundation and was the 2019-20 AMAF Board president.

She is a member of the Purdue University Black Alumni Organization (PBAO) Board of Directors and chairs its Governance Committee. She has served in a leadership capacity on many nonprofit boards, churches, and committees in the various communities where she has lived and for her beloved Purdue University.

Sarah received her BS and PharmD degrees from Purdue University and her MA in Gerontology from Ball State University. She was the recipient of the Purdue University Pharmacy Women's Leadership Award in 2018 and recognized as a Distinguished Alumna in 2019. Sarah is married to fellow Purdue alum, Dr. Charles Sanders Jr., MD, a retired rheumatologist, and they are the proud parents of two daughters, both also Purdue alumni. They reside in Dublin, OH.

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2023-2024 Board of Directors Slate

The AMA Alliance Nominating Committee is proud to announce the following slate of candidates for the upcoming Board of Directors, 2023-2024:

For President-elect



Patricia Klettke (UT)

For Treasurer



Nancy Fody (MI)

For Secretary

There is no slated candidate for secretary. Nominations from the floor will be in order at the Annual Meeting.

For Director



Beth Irish (OR)

For Director



Kirby Sheridan (NC)

For Director



Rick Knapp (OK)

For Director



Ron Jagers (SC)

These candidates will be up for election at the Annual Meeting, and if elected, will serve alongside the already elected board members:

President



Racheal Kunesh (NC)

Immediate Past President



Jacqueline Nguyen (NV)

Nominations from the floor will be in order at the Annual Meeting for secretary, as for all incoming officers up for election (president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and directors).



Governance Council Slate

2023-2024 AMA Alliance Nominees for NOMINATING COMMITTEE



Dave Street (GA)



Sue Muallem (MI)

2023-2024 Nominee for BYLAWS COMMITTEE



Elizabeth "Libby" White
(TX)

**Additional Nominations from the floor
will be accepted at the Annual Meeting for
Nominating Committee and Bylaws Committee**



Regional Representatives to the AMA Alliance 2023-2024 NOMINATING COMMITTEE



Donna Rovito
Northeast



Gillian Waltman
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Elsbeth Chaney
Southern



Sheridan Sheffield
Western



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Racheal Kunesh (NC), Ex Officio: President-elect

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Cathy Chang (TN), Southern

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Donna Rovito (PA), PFM Editor
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Raelene Blocker (UT)
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Angela Ladner (MS)

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Barb Savage (NC)
Sharon Wai (IN)
Mindie Factor (AZ)

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Aroona Dave (KY)
Margaret Igne (MA)
Beth Junewick (MI)
Laura Pinto (NV)
Sana Saleh (KS)
Janice Stachowiak (TX)

Awards

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Jacquie Alford (IL)
Karen Begrow (MI)
Kathy Johns (FL)
Beth Peterson (TN)
Mary Schuman (MO)

EVENTS COUNCIL

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Board Retreat Planning

Jacqueline Nguyen (NV), Chair
Emily Smith (NV)

Book Club

Karen Begrow (MI), Chair



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Mary Beth Ellison (OH), Co-Chair
Barb Savage (NC), Co-Chair
Jo Terry (TN), Host State Chair
Jacqueline Nguyen (NV), Advisor
Ruth Ryan (KY), Advisor

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Jennifer Bruce (MI)
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Carolyn Cates (TN)
Catherine Chang (TN)
Cynthia Gash (TN)

Board Boot Camp

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Regina Stekevich (TX), Co-Chair
Jacqueline Nguyen (NV)

Annual Meeting Members (continued)

Dinah Goldenberg (NV)
Barbara Hanas (IA)
Michelle Tsu (TN)
Elizabeth Jeser (NV)
Kathy Johns (FL)
Racheal Kunesh (NC)
Carol Mastey (TN)
Kelly Maxwell (TN)
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Dave Street (GA)
Sue Vegors (TN)

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Jacqueline Nguyen (NV)

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Sibyl Noble (UT), Western Region
Lib Orr (SC), Southern Region
Caryl Schmitz (PA), North Eastern Region
Grace Wellman (SD), North Central Region
Jana Wolfe (MO), Elected

Bylaws Committee

Karen Begrow (MI), Chair, AMAA Secretary
Nancy Fody (MI), Elected
Dinah Goldenberg (NV), Appointed
Lucia Missall (NV), Elected
Ruth Ryan (KY), Parliamentarian
Clara Sumeghy (MI), Appointed
Jacqueline Nguyen (NV), President, Ex Officio
Racheal Kunesh (NC), President Elect, Ex Officio



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Racheal Kunesh (NC), President-elect
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Dave Street (GA), Treasurer
Beth Irish (OR), Director
Ron Jagers (SC), Director
Karen Begrow (MI), Secretary

Mary Beth Ellison (OH), Events Council Chair
Jayme Shelton (OK), Comm. Council Chair
Julie Newman (MD), AHEI Representative
Debbi Ricks (CA), President’s Advisory Comm

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS

President’s Advisory Committee

Debbi Ricks (CA)
Sarah Sanders (OH)
Rosemary Xavier (FL)

Presidential Correspondence Aid

Gloria Aberman (NV)

Parliamentarian

Ruth Ryan (KY)

AMA Council on Legislation

Merrilee Gober (GA)

AMA Foundation Board

Dave Street (GA)

Historian

Debbi Ricks (CA)

AHEI Representative

Ron Jagers (SC)

Annual Meeting

Reading Committee

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Racheal Kunesh (NC)
Heather Rifkin (MS)
Dave Street (GA)

Nominating Task Force

Sarah Sanders (OH), Chair
Gay Bowman (NC)
Anne Grenizt (FL)
Curtis Webster (NC)
Regina Stekevitch (TX)

Automatic Renewal and Automatic

Billing Task Force

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Ron Jagers (SC)
Pat Klettke (UT)
Rick Knapp (OK)
Dave Street (GA)
Martha Vijjeswarapu (TX)
Libby White (TX)

Presidential Recognition



I am in awe of the remarkable generosity and dedication displayed by all the members of our Alliance. The talents and time that each individual has contributed to further the mission of the AMA Alliance are truly admirable. Over the past year, I have been privileged to work alongside extraordinary leaders and volunteers who have made an indelible impact on our organization. Today I stand before you to applaud each and every one of them.

While we appreciate the efforts of all our members, it is important to recognize those individuals who have gone above and beyond their service. These exceptional individuals have worked tirelessly, without seeking titles or accolades, to advance our common goal. Their commitment, unwavering vision, and constant support of the team deserve our utmost admiration and gratitude.

I am thrilled to announce that we will be honoring these special leaders at our upcoming gathering in Nashville, TN. This event will provide us with the perfect opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks and recognize their outstanding contributions. I eagerly look forward to this occasion as we come together to celebrate the remarkable talent, dedication, and vision exhibited by these exceptional individuals.

Please join me in acknowledging and expressing our deepest gratitude to these deserving individuals. It is through their remarkable efforts that we continue to push the boundaries of what we can achieve and make a lasting impact on the mission of the AMA Alliance.

Appreciatively,
Jacqueline L. Nguyen, Esq.

2023 AMAA Alliance Awards

2023 HEALTH AWARENESS PROMOTION AWARDS

Community Service

Creativity Kits for Kids

Greenville Medical Society Alliance (SC)

National Initiatives

Community Narcan Harm Reduction Initiative

Fort Wayne Medical Society Alliance (IN)

Fundraising

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Clark County Medical Society Alliance (NV)

PHYSICIAN FAMILY DAY AWARDS

Physician Family Day at the Park

Washington-Unicoi-Johnson County Medical Alliance (TN)

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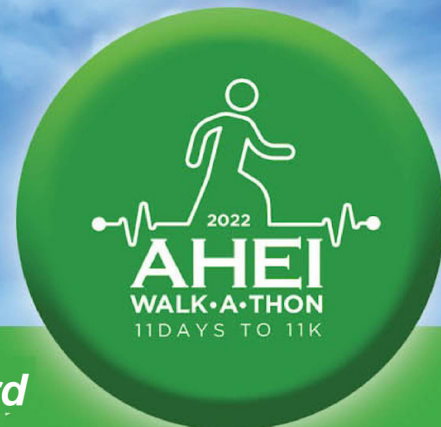


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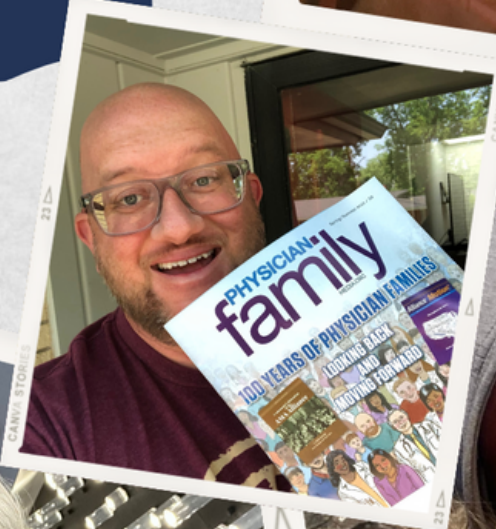


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Racheal Kunesh and the 2023-2024 board.*



***Congratulations to 2023-2024 TMAA President-elect
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Best Wishes!

**to the 2023-2024
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