

Name * Chris Paprzycki

Position(s) Delegate (2-year term)

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Personal Statement *

Over the past eleven years, I have been an active member of our OSMA, serving both on the medical student delegation and the resident fellow delegation. I had the honor of being involved in the executive leadership of both sections during my tenure, serving as Vice-Chair of the MSS and Chair of the RFS. I have also previously served on Council in 2015 representing the RFS. More recently, I have had the honor of representing District One as delegate, and I have also served on the reference committee several times, acting as Chair this past year.

I have been in practice as a vascular surgeon in Cincinnati for the past three years, specializing in endovascular and open surgical repairs of both arterial and venous disease. One of my passions is the treatment of critical limb ischemia, the most advanced form of peripheral arterial disease. Treatment of these complicated patients requires a multidisciplinary approach to minimize limb loss and prevent death. Interventions continue to evolve, pushing boundaries of care, with ever-emerging technologies and innovative approaches to care. Management of these patients is challenging yet rewarding and requires a team-based approach to promote outcomes. Together, we have created one of the first comprehensive CLI programs in the state, providing state of the art care to complex patients.

In a similar fashion, the challenge of organized medicine is the persistent requisite to evolve with the needs of physicians. Most physicians are quite active in their specialty organizations, for research, collaboration, and education. The OSMA needs to take a different approach. My vision for the OSMA is to create unique resources that target all physicians, starting with medical students and residents. Our strength is political advocacy and policy creation. However, my reason for initially joining the OSMA as a medical student was for leadership growth and mentorship. Thus, I believe we should dedicate more resources to leadership training for physicians, such as with creation of a leadership seminar. This seminar could include programs such as public speaking, motivational training, communication, team-

building, etc. This would create the potential to drive future leadership for Ohio physicians, keeping them engaged and active in the OSMA. This program also has the potential to drive interest in physician involvement in state and local politics. We also need to continue to develop our resources to assist physicians in managing burnout, including dissemination of local resources to provide assistance, mentoring, and professional help. My vision for the OSMA is innovation, leadership, and engagement. Members should feel like they have instant access to the OSMA and the Council to address their concerns and ask pressing questions. I believe I can assist the OSMA in realizing our future potential, and I thank you for your consideration.