

Name: L. Carlos Zapata, MD, FACEP

Candidate for: Speaker

Prior positions/experience:

MSSNY

2023-present Vice Speaker
2022-2023 Councilor, Organized Medical Staff Section
2015-2021 Councilor, Young Physician Section
2018-present Assistant Commissioner, In-House Administrative Committees
2013-2014 Councilor, Resident & Fellow Section
2011-2013 Chair, Resident & Fellow Section
2009-present Delegate, Representing OMSS/YPS/RFS/MSS/Queens/Manhattan
2008 Alternate Delegate, Representing the Medical Student Section
2007-2008 Co-President, AMA/MSSNY Medical Student Section Chapter at NYU
Current Committees: State Candidate Evaluation, Legislative & Physician Advocacy, Emergency Preparedness and Disaster/Terrorism Response, Physician Wellness and Resilience, Health Insurance, Workers' Compensation and No Fault Insurance, Long Term Planning

American Medical Association

2024-present Delegate, Representing MSSNY
2019-2023 Speaker, Young Physician Section
2019, 2021-2023 Alternate Delegate, Representing MSSNY
2014-2019 Young Physician Section Assembly Representing MSSNY
2011-2013 Alternate Delegate, NY Delegation/RFS Sectional
2010-2014 Resident and Fellow Section Assembly Representing MSSNY
2010-2011 Chair, Region VII of the Resident and Fellow Section
2006-2009 Medical Student Section Assembly Representing MSSNY/NYU SoM

American College of Emergency Physicians

2018-present Councilor, Representing NY Chapter
2013-present NY Chapter Government Affairs Committee Member

Medical Society of the County of Queens

2021-present Member, Board of Trustees
2018-2019 Immediate Past President
2017-2018 President
2016-2017 President-Elect
2015-2016 Treasurer
2014-2015 Assistant Treasurer

New York County Medical Society

2007-2010 Medical Student Member of the Board of Directors

Nassau University Medical Center

2021-2022 At-Large Member of the Medical Board
2015-2022 Member, Graduate Medical Education Committee
2020-2022 Member, Residency Program Directors Committee
2014-2017 Member, Institutional Review Board

Medical School: New York University Grossman School of Medicine 2010

Residency: Hofstra/Northwell School of Medicine 2014

Specialty: Emergency Medicine

Hospital Affiliations: Long Island Jewish Medical Center, LIJ Forest Hills, LIJ Valley Stream, Nassau University Medical Center

Practice Type: Employed

Professional Society Memberships: Medical Society of the State of New York, Medical Society of the County of Queens, American Medical Association, American College of Emergency Physicians, National Hispanic Medical Association, American Institute of Parliamentarians, National Association of Parliamentarians

Candidate Statement: I am honored to have been selected by the MSSNY Nominating Committee and endorsed by Queens County and the Young Physician Section to be your next Speaker. I will continue to bring a unique perspective to MSSNY Leadership as I am one of the few Latino physicians and one of the youngest physicians to have served as an Officer the history of MSSNY.

Experience. I have been a member of MSSNY since my first week of medical school and a voting member of the MSSNY House of Delegates every year since 2009. I have also had the privilege to be elected by our colleagues to serve as Councilor representing the RFS, YPS, and OMSS and President of my county medical society. During my time at the MSSNY House of Delegates I served on the Reference Committee of Reports of Officers and Administrative Matters, Tellers Committee, and Chair of the House Committee on Rules, Credentials, and Order of Business. I have the pleasure of being the Speaker of the AMA Young Physician Section Assembly from 2019-2023 and Vice Speaker of the MSSNY House of Delegates since 2023.

Qualifications. In addition to my experience, I am also a trained parliamentarian. In early 2019 I took courses on parliamentary procedure which allowed me to pass the exam to become a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians. I am also a member of the American Institute of Parliamentarians, the organization that authors MSSNY's parliamentary authority. I am currently working toward becoming a Registered Parliamentarian.

Vision. I believe that the Speaker does not just serve as the deputy presiding officer, but also, along with the Speaker, is the voice of the House. I pledge to run a transparent, efficient, and fair House of Delegates where the will of the majority is carried out, while respecting the viewpoints of the minority. My mission will be to modernize the MSSNY House of Delegates. I envision leveraging technology to further production value to the House to keep delegates engaged and entertained, implement electronic voting on all questions before the house to increase efficiency, study providing childcare at the House to enhance engagement of younger members, and take the first steps to allow the House to be broadcast online so our entire membership can see the great work we do at the House.

I have the experience, qualifications, and vision required to lead MSSNY into the future as your next Speaker to ensure our Society can serve our patients, our profession, and each other.