

Medical Student Section 2023 Section Survey Highlights

Of the 248 respondents to TMA's [2023 Section Survey](#), 28 (or 11% of the total) represented the Medical Student Section (MSS).

- 36% of MSS respondents cited **policy and advocacy** as their primary reason for section participation, followed by **networking and peer connections** (32%).
- When asked what type of **advocacy initiative** was most important, a majority of MSS respondents (70%) ranked public health/patient advocacy at the top.
- When the MSS members were asked to drill down on topics of most interest within policy and advocacy, their responses were:
 - Grassroots advocacy and relationship building (25%);
 - Legislative testimony training (18%); and
 - Resolution writing (17%).
- When MSS respondents were asked what type of **networking** is most interesting, they ranked highest, at 44%, informal meetups/networking in conjunction with section meetings. This was followed by educational speakers/CME components in conjunction with section meetings (22%) and organized group outings/activities in conjunction with TMA conferences (22%).