

**Carol Fischer, MD**  
**2021 WMS Trustee At Large – Personal Statement**

I had not been actively involved in the medical society other than membership until the last year when I attended the Physician Leadership Academy. Not that I didn't want to, but doing both inpatient and outpatient medicine for over 30 years and raising four children seemed to consume every waking moment. Now that they are successful in their own right, I feel I have the time to be more involved on a state level to ensure a good future for Wyoming physicians and physicians' assistants and have a better understanding of their roles. I have had experience in the private sector, with federal government programs such as the VA and Ryan White programs, the county health clinic and as a board member of an insurance company.

I have been involved in medicine since high school when I became an ENT and helped start the volunteer ambulance service in Green River. I worked summers at the mines outside Green River to pay for college. I have 6 younger siblings who are college educated and living and working in Wyoming. After residency, we started seeing our first AIDS patients and many of the physician would not care for them so I became more involved in caring for this community and this involvement was a life changing event to open my heart to the disparities of health care.

I feel honored to care for and be a part of my patients lives in a very intimate way and can not think of a profession that would've given me more satisfaction in life. Wyoming has been a great state to grow up in, raise my children and be a part of and I feel taking a more active role in our future is a way of giving back to our Wyoming community.