AMSSNY will again this year be governed by a tri-annual presidency. Joan Cincotta (Onondaga) will serve her term from May 1, 2015 to August 31. Lynn Pyke (Onondaga/Jefferson) will follow from September 1 to December 31. And Beth Perenyi (Broome) will follow from January 1, 2016 to April 30. This method of leadership worked well last year so it is being implemented for another year.

Two representatives from New York State — Beth Perenyi (Broome) and Joan Cincotta (Onondaga) — attended the AMA Annual Meeting in Chicago June 6-9. This is always very informative and inspirational as members exchange ideas and information. Still a priority for all levels of the Alliance is increasing membership and, it is felt, that social media must be incorporated in this endeavor.

The AMAA and the AMA will be celebrating the 20th Anniversary of SAVE this year set for Wednesday, October 14. Many state and county events are being planned including "showers" for abused women’s shelters, posters, possibly billboards, letters to schools/businesses/organizations, reaching out to celebrities, using social media all to bring awareness of domestic violence and bullying. AMAA has created a 20th Anniversary SAVE pin which can be ordered through AMAA.

The Alliance held its Long Range Planning meeting via teleconference on July 28, 2015. Plans for Fall Conference which will be held at the Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia, NY on October 18-19 were discussed. Speakers on such topics as personal finances, social media, domestic violence and legislative issues are being scheduled for the Sunday afternoon/evening Monday morning meeting. Raffles will be on display during the meeting with proceeds going to AMA Foundation, the Belle Tanenhaus Memorial Fund and to Physicians’ Home. Dr. John Kennedy will also be in attendance to accept recognition from the Alliance for his support of legislation for the use of head gear in girls’ lacrosse. The Nominating Committee and the Board of Directors will meet on the 18th. A budget task force meeting will be held at the completion of the Conference on Monday, October 19.

All Alliance members are being encouraged to participate in Legislation Day in Albany on March 8, 2016. Transportation for the day can usually be arranged through their local county medical societies.

AMSSNY’s Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with MSSNY’s Annual Meeting April 14-15 in Tarrytown, NY. All physician spouses are encouraged to attend this very important meeting as we plan for the future of the Alliance.

The AMA Alliance national president, Julie Newman, initiated a monthly call to state and county leaders upon beginning her term as president. These calls are very informative and helpful to those in leadership roles at both levels.

AMSSNY continues to work on its annual spring project Think! Don’t Drink or Text! through its distribution of cards by florists during school prom time.

Respectfully submitted,
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