The SCMS has had ongoing discussions with the leadership at Huntington Hospital regarding an institutional membership initiative. William Spencer, MD, SCMS President, made a presentation to the medical staff which was received very favorably. At the conclusion of his remarks, the Executive Director of the Medical Staff/Hospital, a Northwell employee, echoed what Dr. Spencer had said and encouraged everyone to seriously consider his recommendation. The outgoing and incoming Presidents of the medical staff support the concept of an institutional membership and have indicated that they would vote in support of it.

The next step is to carefully review the roster of physicians to see how many are currently SCMS/MSSNY members and to calculate an acceptable discount to be presented for final approval. We wish to thank Eunice Skelly for taking the time out of her busy schedule to attend the medical staff meeting. Dr. Spencer is hoping to finalize everything before his term as SCMS President is over in June.

The SCMS has entered into active discussions with the IPA of Nassau/Suffolk Counties (IPANS) to explore a group membership for their approximate 270 non-members. IPANS boasts a membership in excess of 800 physicians, many of whom are already MSSNY members through institutional membership initiatives in place at many Suffolk hospitals. Their CEO is extremely interested in trying to put something in place within the next few months. Eunice Skelly has been very active in putting together the appropriate database for their review and consideration.

With the assistance and support of Thomas Donoghue, Dr. Mike Myers will be presenting a grand rounds lecture on Physician Burnout to various departments at Huntington Hospital on May 5, 2016. We thank Phil Schuh for agreeing to absorb the cost of Dr. Myers’ honorarium and travel expenses.

The SCMS will be hosting another legislative breakfast on April 29, 2016. This event is normally attended by most Suffolk County Assembly and Senate representatives. We are hoping that Dr. Reid will be able to join us on the 29th.

Frank G. Dowling, MD, presented grand rounds at both Southampton and Brookhaven Memorial Hospitals on the subject of PTSD and TBI in Returning Veterans. It was emphasized at these well attended events that such presentations are one of the benefits of medical staff membership. Dr. Dowling will be presenting on PTSD/TBI at a one day symposium collaborative event by MSSNY, NYSPA and NASW-NY on April 15, 2016 in Suffolk County.
• It is my pleasure to report that Maria A. Basile, MD, MBA will assume the Councilor position effective April 2016. We are confident that she will continue to represent the interests of the SCMS with the same degree of intensity and expertise as established by Robert Scher, MD and Charles Rothberg, MD.