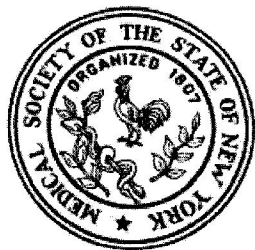


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***Executive Committee of the Council  
Telephone Conference Call  
Wednesday evening, August 17, 2016***

### ***MINUTES***

*A telephone conference call of the Executive Committee of the Council was held on Wednesday evening, August 17, 2016 at 9:00 p.m.*

***Participating from the Executive Committee were:***

*Malcolm Reid, MD, President  
Charles Rothberg, MD, President-Elect  
Joseph Maldonado, MD, Immediate Past President  
Arthur Fougner, MD, Secretary  
Joseph Sellers, MD, Treasurer  
Leah McCormack, MD, Chair MSSNY Board of Trustees  
Kira Geraci-Ciardullo, MD, Speaker  
Joshua Cohen, MD, At Large Member  
Parag Mehta, MD, At Large Member*

***Participating from MSSNY Staff was:***

*Philip Schuh, CPA, Executive Vice President*

***Invited Guest:***

*Robert Hughes, MD*

***Excused was:***

*Thomas Madejski, MD, Vice President*

*Dr. Reid, President thanked everyone for taking the time this late in the evening to participate on the call. He reported that the purpose of the call was to determine whether MSSNY should continue to participate within the Coalition of the State Medical Societies. Attached find a brief summary prepared by Mr. Schuh which outlines the issues involved.*

*The immediate reason for the call is the outstanding 2016 invoice of \$20,000, which represents MSSNY's annual contribution into the Coalition funds. A decision to continue participation would then result in a recommendation to MSSNY's Board to pay the invoice. A recommendation not to continue participation within the Coalition would then result in Mr. Schuh terminating MSSNY's relationship with the group and stopping the running of the invoice.*

*Discussions both pro and con were discussed at length by the various Executive Committee members. Various comments concerning both the lack of oversight of our participation within this group along with the comments that there were no clear goals and purposes for the group.*

*Dr. Robert Hughes, who is the current MSSNY physician leader appointed to the group, indicated that all that information had previously been disseminated both to the Council and Board when the group was first formed back in 2012. Perhaps the lack of understanding of the Coalition's function was due to the fact that numerous Council members were not in their current positions when MSSNY's participation was first agreed to and funding approved.*

*Questions were asked about the tangible benefits that participation brought. It was mentioned that this group provided a unique avenue to allow for the presentation of issues to Congress affecting small practices that might not get the appropriate attention from the AMA. Further, it provided an additional venue for interaction with the other nine states, three of which comprise the "Big Four" – California, Florida and Texas along with New York.*

*It was stated that the group needed to have clearer goals if we were to move forward. Specifically, how would the lobbyist employed by the group, which represents the only significant expense of the Coalition, benefit New York State and its membership.*

*After much continued discussion on both sides of the issue, Dr. McCormack proposed the following resolution:*

- 1. Remain within the group at least through the end of 2016.*
- 2. Recommend to the Board that the \$20,000 invoice be paid at once.*
- 3. Put together the various information discussed by the Executive Committee members for redistribution to the Council.*
- 4. Working with our representative, Dr. Hughes, establish a clear list of goals that New York would like the Coalition to address.*
- 5. Bring this issue back to the Council at its January meeting for a further decision as to continuing through 2017.*

*There was an amendment made and seconded regarding delaying payment until the information was assembled. That amendment did not pass. The original resolution was then voted on and passed.*

*There being no further business to consider, Dr. Reid considered a resolution to end the call. The call concluded at 10:45 p.m.*

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