

Fifth District Report to the MSSNY Council Meeting
September 15, 2016 (Report last updated August 26, 2016)

The Fifth District includes Cayuga, Chenango, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, and St. Lawrence counties.

I attended AMA Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates June 11-15, 2016, serving as an acting MSSNY Delegate. As this was my first big house meeting, I would like to thank the more seasoned members of our delegation for their guidance during the meeting. I served as Vice-Chair of our Medical Ethics Handbook Review Group, which included participating in the Great Lakes Review of Medical Ethics Reference Committee conference call on June 1, 2016.

I presented at the Jefferson Physicians Organization (an IPA) Board Meeting on June 20, 2016 in Watertown, NY. I presented at the Annual Meeting of the Combined Chenango & Madison County Medical Societies on June 22, 2016 in Verona, NY. I attended the Medical Society of Jefferson County Board of Trustees meeting on July 25, 2016 in Watertown, NY. I continue to distribute a report on the Council meeting proceedings to my district via the executive staff of each of the staffed counties (9 out of 10) in our district.

The following was furnished by James Coulthart, Executive Vice President of the Onondaga County Medical Society (OCMS).

MATTERS OF NOTE
ONONDAGA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY
Late August 2016

- Once again OCMS is providing onsite staff coordination for the display, logistics, and volunteers staffing arrangements associated with the joint MSSNY and NYS Society of Anesthesiologists booth at the NYS Fair, held August 25th to September 5th. Since this report is being written just after Opening Day, August 25th, Eye Consultants of Syracuse reports having addressed many public eye care questions, and they also gave out over 3,000 pairs of sunglasses to Fair goers. Physicians on the Anesthesiology Society portion of the booth report taking over 50 blood pressure checks during one three hour shift alone.
- Planned Value added programming for the Fall of 2016 include:
 - A presentation for interested members on student loans debt consolidation, arranging for student loans, and getting students in the right college conducted by College Assistance Plus (September 27th)
 - A presentation for members by CNY Cares Collaborative (area DSRIP entity) on population health management systems (October 27th)
 - Several Syracuse area young physicians are expected to participate in the Young Physicians Leadership Seminar sponsored by The Medical Educational and Scientific Foundation of New York (October 21st-22nd)

- The September 13th Executive Council meeting will mark the last one for President Dr. Richard Beers. Dr. Mary Abdulky is scheduled to become the 189th OCMS President at the November 10th Annual Meeting and Dinner. The annual service awards will be presented to deserving physicians and other community leaders.
- Resident Grand Rounds programs by Kern Augustine law firm planned for the upcoming year include the topics of Cyber Security, Social Media, and Physicians as Targets.
- Membership recruitment presentations are set to take place to the Upstate Radiology Department and the Upstate Orthopedic Department. During late June, a presentation was also made to the Crouse Hospital Medical staff.

Respectfully submitted,

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