I. The Society and Academy held a joint meeting is on Tuesday, March 28th at the Westbury Manor. The Academy presented a Category 1 CME program: “New Frontiers in Cellular Therapy” by Patricia Shi, MD, MS, Medical Director, Therapeutic Apheresis and Cellular Therapy Collection Service, New York Blood Center. Participants were be able to distinguish between the various types of cellular therapies being investigated; understand the potential risks, benefits, and unknowns of such therapies and become familiarized with ethical concerns and questions raised by the advance of cellular therapy. The presentation was very well received.

II. The NCMS was invited to attend the LI Gastroenterology Association membership meeting on Wednesday, March 29 as give a brief presentation on the benefits and urgency of membership in the MSSNY and NCMS. Efforts are underway to work together on joint sponsorship of programs and meetings.

III. The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Nassau County Medical Society on May 23. Plans are underway to secure a CME presentation.

IV. Attorneys for the Academy and the buyer of the property are in discussion and hope to have a closing date for the sale in either late 2017 or early 2018.