

Suffolk County Medical Society

Councilor's Report

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- The Annual Meeting for the Suffolk County Medical Society and The Academy of Medicine is to be held this year on Friday, June 9th. Our incoming President, Dr. Bruce Berlin is a well-known voice of SCMS and will be assuming this position in continuation of the work that has been done and in the progression for advanced membership value. We also recognize all the work, time and effort our past President, Dr. Doucet, invested into strengthen SCMS and SAM.
- On April 26, we held our Board of Directors meeting, at which we addressed the continued efforts for issues raised at the House of Delegates the week prior. This included discussion on physician stress and burn out, member engagement, local legislative efforts, and growing support of MSSNY PAC.

Also, the committee discussed Dr. Rothberg's, our new MSSNY president's, three pillars of Wellness, Engagement, and Disparities in healthcare.

Representatives from our hospital medical staff, specialty groups, independent practices and PA's informed us of their current advancements, work and growth in their specific environments.

- On May 12th, we held our bi-annual Legislative Breakfast, which offered our local legislators a chance to share and discuss currently relevant issues affecting healthcare. We had an open discussion on the opioid epidemic and physician collective negotiations before listening to how the society can help them drive the changes they are working on. We also thanked the legislators for their help in passing the law that allows schools to have nebulizers on hand for students.
- At the May 24th, Executive Committee meeting, we discussed the current call for legislative action on opposing liability expansion and support for collective negotiations, out of network coverage, due process for non-renewed physician contracts, e-cigarette regulations including the purchase age of 21, and banning conversion therapy.

Our discussions also included discussions on membership value, non-member funding sources, grants and seminars.

This was the final executive meeting before the 2017 summer interval.

- Our next and final board meeting, before the 2017 summer interval, will be our annual meeting on June 9th.