

8<sup>th</sup> District Branch Council Report  
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The presidents of the Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara and Orleans County Medical Societies met with the 8<sup>th</sup> District leadership to discuss issues related to Initiating the development of a regional/district model of membership. Everyone agreed that the current structure cannot continue; that duplication of county specific administrative services is costly and unnecessary; that physicians continue to move to an employed status and the traditional benefits of the MSSNY/county are, in some cases, deemed to be unnecessary. There was general agreement that the steps taken by Chautauqua County to duplicate the MSCE bylaws, should be considered by other counties in the District. Work will begin to revise the Orleans County Bylaws immediately. A plan of action will be developed by the District leadership and forwarded to those county presidents who participated in the August 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. Meetings will be set up with the presidents of Cattaraugus and Wyoming Counties who we aware of agenda for the meeting but were unable to participate. It was the expressed hope that a regional model be established and approved in early 2018.

A meeting of the Chautauqua County Medical Society took place on August 1, 2017 at the Moonbrook Country Club. Members unanimously elected Brian Meagher, MD as president and Bert W. Rappole, MD as secretary/treasurer for the term of 2017-2018, however no one was elected to assume the positions of President Elect and Vice President. There was discussion on establishing a formal %egionalization+of county medical societies within the 8<sup>th</sup> District, and the first step was approved that Chautauqua County members will be offered the opportunity to volunteer for appointment to the following MSCE committees (Practice Management, Health Law, Public Health, Legislative Affairs, Medical Services and New Physician Practice). There was unanimous approval for regionalization, with Doctors Meagher and Rappole given the responsibility to follow-up with the leadership of the District and other 8<sup>th</sup> District counties and report on next steps to be taken.