Society Updates

- **New Annual Benefactor** – NewYork-Presbyterian/Queens
  It is with great pride that we announce that thanks to Dr. David Fishman, Director of the Cancer Center at NYPQ, the Society was able to partner, hopefully for many years to come, with NYP-Queens. We plan to help the Cancer Center to disseminate their work, and all the innovations with the membership. The Cancer Center will be celebrating in a few weeks their first year anniversary at their state-of-the-art location in Forest Hills.

- **Physician Advocacy Network – Twin Cities Medical Society (TCMS)** – the Society is partnering with TCMS to bring forth *The New Role of the County Medical Society*. With their help we plan to develop programs that will educate, engage and empower physicians to become leaders by providing advocacy training right in their own communities. Not only this will help the physician members, and the community by addressing the much needed public health issues, but this model will give the societies the opportunity to earn non-dues revenues. Details to follow.

- **New York State 31st Annual County Medical and Specialty Society Executive Directors’ Conference at The Otesaga, Cooperstown, New York, 13326, October 5 – 6, 2017 – Queens** County Executive Director Vangie R-Tripp, along with Kings and New York, was one of the Co-Chairs of this year’s State-Wide Conference. The panel of presenters included a legislative update from MSSNY; a presentation from Dr.First; a detail update and the importance of the MSSNY PAC; a comprehensive report of the status of MLMIC; a very interesting account about the *Legal side of Telemedicine*; a much needed account of the Medicare Legislative Update; and a President’s Address and a Membership Initiative by Charles Rothberg, MD.

Although every presentation was full of current information and new initiatives which will be implemented by the executive directors, the highlight of the conference was how to initiate a non-dues program that will help the current and future status of the societies in New York. The presentation and workshop was led by Pete Dehnel, MD, Medical Director, Physician Advocacy Network, Twin Cities Medical Society. This new concept, in practice in Minneapolis for the last ten years, will help many of the societies to engage physicians, and the community, making societies leaders on public health advocacy. Queens already started to meet individually with the representatives of TCMS to put in place a program such as theirs, and will welcome other local societies to join in this exciting venture.

Miscellaneous

- **HOD – 2018**
  Delegates were reminded of the early submission in preparations for next year’s HOD which will take place in Buffalo. We also invited delegates to submit their names for the any of the reference committees as well as make them aware that resolutions this year will have to be submitted way in advance.

- **FDB meeting dates for 2017-2018**
  (Queens County will host FDB for 2017 to 2019)
  - Wednesday, November 29th, 2017 - Morgan Stanley Wealth Management Financial Advisor – Details to follow
    “Qualified Retirement Plan Design for Medical Practices”
  - Tuesday, January 30th, 2018 – TBD
  - Friday, March 23rd, 2018 – Buffalo

Respectfully Summitted by
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