

MSSNY Council Report
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Kings and Richmond Counties
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Medical Society of the County of Kings

- We are in the planning process of the NYS Health Information Technology Symposium and Expo. Dr. Donald Moore, Chair of MSSNY's HIT Committee is leading the process. The event will take place on Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 9:00am – 3:00pm at Brooklyn Borough Hall. At this time, we are forming a planning, securing speakers, preparing the marketing materials, sponsorships, etc.

The event will be free of charge to attend. We hoping many of our members and their colleagues will join us. If you know of organizations that may wish to exhibit at the event, please have them contact Liz Harrison at liz@msck.org.

- Kings County has formed a search committee to retain new legal counsel and requested proposals from several firms. We have met with one firm and will set appointments to meet with the other firms.
- Our Annual Stated Meeting to inaugurate our incoming president, Dr. Lee Loewinger for the 2018-2019 term and bring in the newly elected leadership, will take place on Tuesday, May 15. The location will be announced in the near future.

Richmond County Medical Society

The Richmond County Medical Society is looking forward to a productive 2018. Our goals for this year are to increase the participation of our current members, as well as educate physicians about our society with hopes of them joining. The society will continue to promote the importance of organized medicine, and educate our members on current medical topics and determine alternatives to enable practices to further thrive in the community.

We have encouraged Society members to partner with the Island's wonderful Community Based Organizations to provide expanded Patient-Centered Care and help address the many social determinants of care. We can then, as an Island-Wide Team, better deal with substance abuse, overdose deaths, mental health issues, food deserts and the stigma related to: ethnicity, language, poverty and sexual orientation.

We have also asked members to submit ideas for fulfilling our Mission, improving the experience of being a member of this Society and recruiting additional members.

Richmond County Medical Society (continued)

RCMS will be present at this year's HOD in Buffalo. (March 23-25)

Our 2018 Delegates are:

- Sal Volpe, MD
- Simon Kokkinakis, MD
- Deeptha Nedunchezian, MD
- Jack D'Angelo, MD

RCMS recently had dialogue, (prior to our monthly comitia meetings), with **(2) law firms** to decide which firm will become Council for our Society. Both Attorneys provided materials and gave a formal presentation to our members.

- Garfunkel Wild, PC (Mr. Andrew Blustein, ESQ & Mr. Donald Moy, ESQ.)
- Weiss Zarett Brofman Sonnenklar & Levy PC (Mr. Matt Levy, ESQ)

After further discussions, a vote will take place at our next Comitia Meeting on March 6th, 2018.

Save the Date – Our Annual **Legislative Brunch** will be held @ The Hilton Garden Inn on May 20, 2018 at 11:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Save the Date – The plans for the **Installation of Our New Executive Board 2018-2019** have begun. Dr. Simon Kokkinakis will be inducted as the 212th President of the Richmond County Medical Society. At that time, we will announce our new secretary.

Date: June 21, 2018 (Thursday Night)

Place: Li Greci's Staaten - 697 Forest Avenue SI, NY 10310.

Formal invitations will be mailed shortly.