DRAFT Minutes
MSSNY Medical Education Committee
January 10, 2018
Teleconference
7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Via Teleconference

Present
Robert Goldberg, DO, Chair
Adolph Meyer, MD, Vice-Chair
Kevin Plancher, MD
Khalid Qazi, MD
Steven Sherman, DO
Renée Solomon, MD

Absent
Elizabeth Haines, DO
Mark Lema, MD, Phd
Sheldon Puterman, MD
Michael Reichgott, MD
Frederick Schiavone, MD
Joseph Sellers, MD
Stephanie Zeszutek, DO

Excused
Abimanyu Amarnani, Student

Invited Guest
Larry Melniker, MD
Jo Weiderhorn

MSSNY Staff
Pat Clancy, VP Public Health & Education
Terri Holmes, Secretary

1) Welcome / Introductions:  Dr. Goldberg called the meeting to order and welcomed the committee.

2) Adoption of Minutes – October 10, 2016: Adopted as written.

3) House of Delegates 2016 Resolution 156-Referred to committee by MSSNY Council: MSSNY Council referred this resolution to the Medical Education Committee for recommendation.

   A) Testimony from Sponsor – Larry Melniker, MD: Dr. Melniker gave a brief presentation in support of Resolution 156. He stated that about twelve medical schools in the United States have begun to introduce ultrasound training and there is currently an International Consensus conference across all specialties developing evidence based recommendations for a four year curricula. This would not require adding hours of training but instead be incorporated into the regular curriculum. Dr. Melniker asked that the committee endorse what he says is already AMA and MSSNY policy.

   B) Recommendation to MSSNY Council: There was much discussion on this resolution and the committee agreed to support the resolution with amendments and forward it to all specialty boards. The first RESOLVED will be removed and slight changes in the wording of the second RESOLVED. Ms. Clancy agreed to make the changes and forward it to the committee for approval.

4) Update from Jo Weiderhorn, President & Chief Executive Officer AMSNY: Ms. Weiderhorn gave a brief overview of what AMSNY is currently doing. It was explained that they have been working on getting money from the state that would be split among sixteen medical schools. 20 million dollars was provided specifically for the medical schools. They also run a diversity program which was started back in 1985. The intent was to get kids from educationally, economically, ethnically and/or racially underrepresented communities and get them interested in medical school. About 3-4 years ago the state education department changed the funding allocation formula and it became more beneficial for the schools to apply for the funding on their own. AMSNY’s number one lobbying effort this year is to try and maintain the diversity programs. AMSNY did receive $500,000 to start a scholarship program. Its for ten students who have gone through one of the postback programs. The scholarship is then paid to SUNY tuition & fees. Each student would receive $42,000 which is the tuition for SUNY. Along with the scholarship is an obligation to work in an underserved area. In August, ten students were awarded that scholarship. AMSNY plans to continue the funding for those ten students plus add an additional ten students to the program.
One committee suggest that AMSNY have some sort of fund raising gala and that MSSNY partner with AMSNY in their effort to raise money.

6) Meeting Dates for 2018: A Doodle Poll will be sent out to committee members to establish dates for the 2018 meetings.