

Suffolk County Medical Society
Councilor's Report
September 13th, 2018
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- On May 18th The Suffolk County Medical Society held its Annual Dinner, in which we welcomed our new slate of officers: Ramin Rak, MD, FAANS, President; Keith Harris, DO, President Elect; Richard Schoor, MD, Vice President; Ani Bodoutchian, MD, MBA, Secretary; Linda Efferen, MD, MBA, Treasurer.
- During the Annual dinner, at Lombardi's on the Bay, we also presented our recognition and thanks to our Suffolk Delegates to the HOD. We also awarded scholarships to our Doctors of Tomorrow winners.

It was an enjoyable evening with fun, food and dynamic speakers. This year was notable also for the attendance and presentation of Barbara McAneny, 2018-2019 AMA President.

- On May 24th, Bruce Berlin, MD and Aaron Kumar, MD, MBA attended the Long Island Health Collaborative meeting with Senator Hannon. The meeting represented the strength and partnerships in the community. The participants at the table all strived to improve the community's health on Long Island. The Long Island Health Collaborative provides a great hub of shared information and resources.
- On June 20th Bruce Berlin, MD and Aaron Kumar, MD, MBA attended a business networking meeting sponsored by Flushing Bank. The attendees, from various industries, showed recognition and appreciated the presence of the county Medical Society. As representation of our physician membership, we were recognized as a pillar in the community.
- On June 27th and on August 1st, the SCMS Finance and Bylaws Committees met. An update of past and current financial standings was discussed. The Bylaws Committee formulated a method for review of the outdated bylaws. SCMS legal Counsel, Jay Silverman, Esq. helped direct the focus points and need for updates. Barry Krostich, CPA of the Fuoco group, responded to inquiries on past financial trends.
- August 14th, Charles Rothberg, MD and Aaron Kumar, MD, MBA spoke with the incoming Stony Brook Students along with the Blake Murphy, AMA Government Relations Advocacy Fellow. The key values of being a member of the Medical Society were reinforced. The data collection of these future doctors is a door that can help increase new members to the Society.