

# **Alliance with the Medical Society of the State of New York**

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## **MSSNY Council – Alliance Report**

**November 1, 2018**

The Alliance with the Medical Society of the State of New York held its annual Fall Conference in Schenectady on September 30 - October 1. Our Board was successful in filling leadership positions and committee positions for 2019 - 2020. We will once again have three Co-Presidents who will each serve four-month terms.

AMA Alliance member and *Physician Family Magazine* Editor, Donna Rovito was our guest speaker via a virtual presentation during our Fall Conference. She introduced us to her latest initiative, a closed Facebook group "Physician Family Community". This group is hosted by the AMA Alliance and Physician Family Media for the purpose of sharing information, resources, support, thoughts and concerns. You do not have to be an AMAA member to join. Donna believes that this is a good way to reach out to potential members.

The AMA/Massachusetts Medical Society Alliance Northeast Regional Meeting was held October 18 - 20 in Waltham, Massachusetts. The first day addressed Physician burnout. The speakers addressed the underlying issues of physician burnout and learning to embrace uncertainty to alleviate burnout. Cami Pond, AMA Alliance President spoke about member benefits, the latest initiatives regarding the new opioid toolkit and their partnership with the Parent Teacher Association to target middle school students for opioid prevention materials.

We encourage all our members, physicians and their spouses/significant others to vote in the upcoming General Elections on Tuesday, November 6.

Once again the Alliance would like to remind the MSSNY Council that the Alliance is available to assist you as you carry out the mission of the Medical Society of the State of New York.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Semeran, Barbara Ellman, and Nuise Bhitiyakul, 2018-2019 Alliance Co-Presidents