

REPORT OF THE SPEAKER MSSNY COUNCIL JANUARY 2019

The MSSNY House of Delegates will take place from Thursday April 11 until Sunday April 14, 2019 at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown, New York. Please monitor emails for DEADLINES regarding rooms and the President's dinner dance.

Thursday, April 11 is CME day. In addition to a Risk Management program from MLMIC from 9 AM to Noon, there will also be programs conducted through MSSNY's Emergency Preparedness (*Emergency Preparedness: What's Your Diagnosis?*) and Veterans grants (*Women Veterans Mental Health*). Garfunkel Wild will also be running a program on Thursday afternoon about maintaining medical records.

On Friday, April 12, we expect to have the NYS Deputy Commissioner of Health address the HOD. Friday afternoon, after reference committee hearings end, the following CME programs are anticipated: a program sponsored by the Women's Health Grant in conjunction with the Health Care Disparities Committee on maternal mortality. Later in the day, the Women Physicians Caucus will be offering a program on women and opioids. The Wellness and Resilience Committee will be conducting a program at 3 PM entitled *Physician Wellness Interventions - The Next Steps*.

On Saturday, April 13, we plan to start our day with an address by the US Surgeon General, Dr Adams. In addition, we will have a guest from Canada, Dr. Whately, describe his experience as a physician with the Canadian health system. Saturday afternoon, we will have a Graduate Medical Education discussion featuring our own Dr. Jackie Bello and Dr. Dan Young as program directors, as well as our own resident/fellows, Dr. Jocelyn Young and Dr. Marc Mendelsohn. As you know the AMA has made a major commitment to medical education. Some highlights from the AMA program will also be presented.

We are aware that Sunday, April 14 is PALM SUNDAY. At this time we are making an effort to obtain information from local churches, both for Saturday vigil mass as well as for Sunday. Elections will be held from 7 AM to 8:30 again this year so HOD can start earlier.

All reference committee appointments have been made. Every effort was made to include those requesting assignments as well as a balance of new and veteran delegates, and upstate and downstate regions. All reference committee members will be receiving instructions prior to HOD, however, all were advised that they are expected to participate all day Friday during general session, hearings, executive session and be ready to be at HOD for reference committee discussion Saturday. Our gratitude is extended to those who have volunteered for this important role.

RESOLUTIONS CAN BE RECEIVED AT ANY TIME GOING FORWARD. Take the time to review existing MSSNY policy before submitting resolutions. A window was provided

of February 8 until Friday March 8. **PLEASE BE SURE TO ADVISE YOUR DELEGATIONS THAT MARCH 8 AT 5 PM IS THE FINAL DEADLINE.** After that resolutions will be considered late.

THERE WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT ROLE FOR THE 2019 HOD IN REVIEWING BYLAWS REFINEMENTS. This month, every delegate to the 2019 HOD, including officers and councilors, will receive a letter from Bill and I explaining what was done and what input is requested. Each delegate will also receive a copy of the old and new document. The ByLaws committee spent much time over the past 4 years REFINING the document. Much of what was done was a reorganization and clean-up of redundant language and grammatical changes. No substantial change was intended. HOD delegates can provide written comments at any time during the next 3 months to a dedicated email address (bylawscomments@mssny.org) in addition to presenting verbal testimony at the HOD. Although NOT a true set of amendments, it was felt the members of the HOD needed to be able to review and comment. VOTING TO ADOPT the refined Bylaws will take place at the HOD in 2020.