

MEDICAL STUDENT SECTION REPORT

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MSSNY MSS hosted their Spring meeting on February 9, 2019 at the Courtyard Marriott in Westbury, NY. Delegates from Albert Einstein, Columbia, Hofstra, Mt. Sinai, New York Medical College, NYTCOM, Rochester, Stonybrook, SUNY Buffalo, Touro - Harlem, and Touro - Middletown were in attendance. The majority of the school sections have recently transitioned are getting ready to transition their leadership. We had extensive discussion recapping our membership and recruitment from this past year as it is the first full year that student dues are free. School sections have been assigned the action items of setting up opt in systems at their next recruitment event (where new students will provide enough information to be signed up by MSSNY staff) in addition to meeting with their deans at their schools to inquire about setting up an opt out process for the next class year.

At the Spring meeting in 2018, MSSNY MSS voted to undergo a bylaws pilot project. Thus, over the past year, the MSS has been operating under these temporary pilot project bylaws that restructured the MSS leadership positions. At this Spring meeting 2019, the MSS unanimously passed the pilot project bylaws and is awaiting approval by the MSSNY Council. Further details of the previous structure and adopted structure are included at the end. At the conclusion of our meeting, the MSS elected their new Governing Council and Standing Committee Chairs.

Bylaws Pilot Project:

Previous Structure:

Governing Council

- **Chair** who organizes and presides over meetings, is ultimately accountable for all MSSNY-MSS functions and responsibilities
- **Vice Chair** who aides the chair in their duties and coordinates the interim and annual resolution review
- **Secretary** who is part of the GC leadership team and records meeting minutes, keeps bylaws
- **Councilor** who acts as a senior advisor to the GC and represents student interests on the MSSNY council

Standing Committees/Task Forces:

- Chair of Committee on Legislative Awareness
- Chair of Committee on Community Service
- Chair of Committee on Electronic Resources
- Chair of Public Health Task Force
- Chair of Health Reform Task Force
- Chair of Education Task Force

Proposed Structure: (adopted unanimously)

Governing Council:

- **Chair** who organizes and presides over meetings, is ultimately accountable for all MSSNY-MSS functions and responsibilities*

- **Vice Chair** who will coordinate the annual and interim resolution reviews and liaise with MSSNY advocacy bodies on behalf of students; will also be “second in command” if the Chair is unable to preside over a meeting
- **Webmaster** who manages the MSSNY webpage to communicate and organize information
- **Secretary** who records meeting minutes, keeps bylaws, and coordinates phone calls
- **Councilor** who acts as a senior advisor to the GC and represents student interests on the MSSNY council

Standing Committees:

- Chair of Programming** who will coordinate events between sections (social, educational, and community service)
- Chair of Membership** who will work with section recruitment chairs to manage promotions and increase student yield
- Chair of Legislative Affairs** who will work with AMA counterparts to organize events related to legislation/advocacy or disseminate information regarding current legislative affairs to students

* The Chair may create temporary ad hoc task forces or committees to deal with specific issues

** Any MSSNY student may assist with these activities. There do not need to be formal committees or teams.