

Eighth Councilor Report
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The MSCE held its Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers on May 1, 2019 at the Historical Sheaf Seneca. Vance Johnson, 3x Super Bowl receiver for the Denver Broncos was the keynote speaker. His message to the attendees was that the care and tough love shown by a physician saved his life. Installed as president was Kenneth H. Eckhart III, M.D., the first third generation president of the MSCE. Also elected were Doctors Stanley Pietrak as President Elect, Robert Armstrong, Vice President, Rose Berkun, Secretary/Treasurer, Gordon Tussing, Chair, Practice Management, Iris Danzinger, Chair, New Physician Practice, Gale Burstein, Chair, Public Health, Todd Demmy, Chair Medical Services. Also elected as members of the Ethics Committee were Doctors Gabriel Chouchani, George Danakas, and Michael Licata; as delegates to MSSNY Doctors Richard Buckley, Ernesto Diaz Ordaz, David Durante, and Eugene Kalmuk. As alternates to MSSNY, Doctors Patrick Hlubik, Michael Rade, Sateesh Satchidanand and Willie Underwood. Doctor Ernesto Diaz Ordaz will serve as chair, elect. As members of our Nominating Committee: Doctors Kent Chevli, John Fudyma, Mark Jajkowski and Keith Krabill.

A new logo for the MSCE was introduced at the Annual Meeting. Shown below, the logo was selected from contest submissions by students at the Jacobs School of Medicine. The winning design was submitted by 4th year student, now Dr. Bradley Frate.



Legislative visits continue to all legislators, with copies of memorandums of support and opposition provided. Legislative alerts have been sent to members and non-members encouraging them to call or write letters on support for key issues such as collective negotiation, pre-auth reform and network due process; and opposition to the expansion of medical marijuana, wrongful death and scope of practice extensions.

The District offers its congratulations to MSCE member, Dr. Daniel P. Schaefer on his election as president of the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.