

Alliance with the Medical Society of the State of New York

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Our Mission:

to support our physicians and promote health in our communities

Report of the Alliance with the Medical Society of the State of New York September 19, 2019 MSSNY Council Meeting

The AMA Alliance held its Annual Meeting in Chicago in conjunction with the AMA Annual Meeting on June 8 – 11. Joan Cincotta (Onondaga) represented the New York State Alliance. Guest speakers covered topics as varied as Body Language & Leadership and A Guide to Writing Successful Grants. Tips were provided on how to better use Social Media along with the Secrets to Successful Public Speaking. A fundraising dinner – silent auction and auction items – was held for AHEI and over ten thousand dollars was raised for this cause. HAP Awards were presented to counties in Texas, Missouri and South Carolina. Break-out sessions were conducted on a few “hot topics” which included a lively talk on membership and the use of social media to increase it. Another guest speaker addressed Bylaws That Work and offered many suggestions for improving Bylaws. The final presentation dealt with the Alliance’s National Opioid Initiative and its partnership with the National PTA – a very positive partnership. Pat Troy, Executive Director for the AMA Alliance, announced that she would now be simply an administrator on a part-time management company basis. So henceforth, there will be no more staff, making the Alliance a more volunteer-driven organization. Donna Rovito (PA) received the first-ever President’s Award for her tireless work as Founder and Editor-in-Chief of the Alliance Family Magazine. Officers for the coming year were elected and an update for the AMA Foundation was given. Bylaw revisions took up a great deal of time. A new format for the Board was initiated and will be implemented for the year 2020 - 2021.

AMSSNY held its Long Range Planning Meeting via teleconference on July 22. A Fall Conference will be held in Schenectady October 6 – 7. The Board will meet and the Nominating Committee will select its slate for 2020 - 2021. Pat Clancy will speak on Marijuana Legislation and a representative from Hummingbird Sports will talk about the importance of wearing helmets in Girls Lacrosse. Cheryl Stier (Schenectady) has been very active over the past several years in trying to get this legislation passed. Discussion was held re: the 2020 Fall Conference with the possibility of having it in Kingston with a function at the Culinary Institute of America.

Barbara Ellman (Albany) will attend Legislation Day on March 4 and hopes to be joined by other AMSSNY members.

Members were asked to mark their calendars for the AMSSNY Annual Meeting in Tarrytown on April 23 – 24 at the Westchester Marriott.

Broome County and Schenectady County continue to stay active.

AMSSNY would again urge members of the MSSNY Council to encourage their spouses/partners to support the Alliance with their membership dues thus enabling the Alliance to continue with its mission. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
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