

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

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## **MSSNY Council – Alliance Report** **Thursday, November 7, 2019**

Our Fall Conference was held in Schenectady on October 6 and 7. After our Nominating Committee meeting, I updated Alliance members on all the topics that were discussed at the September 19 Council meeting. Our members were extremely interested in all that is currently going on at MSSNY and I hope that they will be encouraged to attend Legislation Day on March 4, 2020.

Sunday evening, the Alliance hosted dinner that included “The Great Helmet Debate” on the importance of helmets in the sport of girls’ lacrosse which was supported by MSSNY Resolution 157 in 2015. The debate resulted in a lot of discussion and the sharing of information. However, it was obvious that this fight will continue as the wearing of protective headgear is only mandated in New York City Public Schools and the state of Florida. Our attendees included Senator Jim Tedisco and Todd Nelson, Assistant Director of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.

Monday morning, we were very fortunate to have Pat Clancy from MSSNY come to speak to us on marijuana legalization and legislation as well as many other public health topics. It was a very informative meeting and we thank Pat for taking the time to join us.

The Alliance would once again like to remind MSSNY that we are here and ready to assist MSSNY in any way we can.

Submitted by,

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