OMSS Business Meeting, April 23, 2020, Tarrytown

OMSS will convene at the HOD on April 23 at 3:00 pm to attend the Wellness and Resiliency program, to be followed by a business meeting from 4:15 – 5:15.

We will consider the resolution below, authored by Stephen Coccaro, MD, for which we plan to seek co sponsorship with the Young Physicians Section, the Resident and Fellow Section, and the Suffolk County Medical Society.

Also to be discussed is Resolution 2020-1, Membership Expansion and Representation of Diverse Physician Organizations, referred to the House Committee on Bylaws.

We will hold Governing Council elections. Current officers are Stephen Coccaro, Councilor and Chair; Nirupama Anne, Vice Chair; Alan Klitzke, Secretary and MSSNY HOD Delegate; Daniel Gold and David Page, At-Large Members.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Resolution
By: Stephen Coccaro, MD

Whereas, newly practicing physicians are mostly not board certified after coming out of residency; and

Whereas, it may take 1-5 years to become board certified after completing a residency; and

Whereas, more and more insurance plans are requiring board certification to participate in their plans; and

Whereas, newly practicing physicians kept from participating in insurance plans cannot adequately build up a patient base, limiting their career options; and

Whereas, despite a resolution passed by the MSSNY House in 2018, this continues to be an issue; therefore be it

Resolved, that MSSNY make renewed efforts to support legislature or regulation that allows physicians who complete their residency and are candidates for board certification according to their respective specialty boards to NOT be denied participation in insurance plans based on board certification alone.

Existing MSSNY Policy:
120.910 Board Certification Participation in Insurance Plans

The Medical Society of the State of New York supports legislation or regulation that prevents physicians from being denied participation in insurance plans based on board certification alone, when they have completed their residency and are candidates for board certification according to their respective specialty. (HOD 2018-108)