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*Executive Committee of the
MSSNY Council
Zoom Conference Call
Thursday evening, August 6, 2020*

MINUTES

A Zoom conference call meeting of the Executive Committee of the MSSNY Council was held on Thursday evening, August 6, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.

Participating from the Committee were:

*Bonnie L. Litvack, MD, President
Joseph R. Sellers, MD, President-Elect
Parag H. Mehta, MD, Vice President
Arthur C. Fougner, MD, Immediate Past President
Frank G. Dowling, MD, Secretary
Mark J. Adams, MD, Treasurer
William R. Latreille, Jr., MD, Speaker
Andrew Y. Kleinman, MD, Board Chair
Maria Basile, MD, Member at Large
Brian Murray, MD, Member at Large*

Also Participating were:

*Philip Schuh, CPA, MS, Executive Vice President
Moe Auster, Senior Vice President for Legislative/Regulatory Affairs
Patricia Clancy, Senior Vice President for Public Health & Education*

The first issue discussed was the request for MSSNY to participate in an Amicus regarding the “conscience rule.” It was discussed that MSSNY has existing policy on this issue, consistent with the Amicus request and therefore, the Office of the President had agreed to sign on. The MSSNY policies were presented to the Executive Committee.

A second amicus request was presented to the executive committee to support the existing NYS law regarding the religious exemption for vaccinations. It was discussed that MSSNY has significant existing policy supporting this law and MSSNY was the lead organization in getting this law adopted. It was therefore felt that MSSNY needs to be involved.

A motion was made and duly approved by the Executive Committee for MSSNY to join both amicus requests.

A discussion then ensued with regard to a question raised by a Board member concerning MSSNY HOD 2018 policy (207.966) which states that Amicus will require approval of the MSSNY Board of Trustees and the MSSNY Council or the Executive Committee. There was unanimous agreement that the intent of the policy was to require BOT approval only in those cases with a financial cost to MSSNY to participate as the BOT addresses only financial issues and not policy issues. Further it was felt that the Office of the President, in those cases where the decision corresponds to existing MSSNY policy should be able to decide to join or not. In those cases where the Office of the President does not agree or there is no existing policy, then the Amicus request should be brought to the Executive Committee. As the current Amicus requests have no financial implications to MSSNY, the Executive Committee unanimously agreed that BOT approval was not indicated. It was agreed that the MSSNY policy 207.966 would be brought to the next MSSNY council meeting for clarification of wording.

The Committee then went to executive session.

Executive Vice President, Phil Schuh reported that he will be retiring at the end of this calendar year. The committee thanked Phil for outstanding service to our society and wished him well on his retirement.

A motion was made and duly approved by the Executive Committee to authorize a search committee for the recruitment and screening of applicants for a new MSSNY EVP. Appointments were made to the search committee by the President, BOT Chair and House Speaker as outlined in the MSSNY bylaws. Dr. Mark Adams, Dr. Jerry Cohen, Dr. Andrew Kleinman, Dr. Robert Frankel, Dr. Bonnie Litvack, Dr. Thomas Madejski and Dr. Charles Rothberg were appointed and these appointments were approved by the Executive Committee.

