



# The Medical Society of the County of Queens

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## **MSSNY Council Meeting Report September 2020**

### **Society Announcements**

#### **Summer 2020 Recap**

The Society held the Annual Meeting for the first time via zoom and continues to hold all Comitia and special meetings via zoom as well. Although office hours are still from 9/5, the staff continues to adhere to the 50% in the office alternating to work from home.

#### **Tribute to the members on their fight against Covid-19 in 2020**

The society paid a tribute to those members and their families affected by Covid-19. We also mentioned the staff which all were affected as well. Unfortunately, this virus claimed some of our member's lives, including the daughter of the esteemed MSSNY Immediate Past President.

##### Members

Rashmae Chardavoyne, MD, Past President, Treasurer  
Lorraine M. Giordano, MD, Treasurer, and her entire family  
Liana Leung, MD Immediate Past President, and her parents  
David Vilabrera, MD, President

##### Staff

Vangie and her husband Ken Tripp  
Gina Burgos's daughter Jude  
Zoica Mukaj

##### May they Rest In Peace

Joan Fougner – daughter of Arthur Fougner, MD MSSNY Past President  
Gary Sclar, MD - Former Member  
Michael L. Weber, MD - Former Member

#### **Workers Compensation**

Technical issues with the Workers Comp Board portal have caused numerous problems for all of the counties, and our staff has been working with the WCB, MSSNY staff, and all the other societies to work out the issues that have arisen since the State changed the application process. A combination of the in-depth application process and the COVID pandemic has seen a decrease in applications this year.

#### **2020 Delegation**

Our Cahir, Arthur Fougner, MD, MSSNY Past President, has met several times with the Queens' Delegates to discuss resolutions, new virtual HOD, dates, and review all candidates. Although challenging because of the many different dates, the delegates have been true to their commitment and we thank ALL the MSSNY staff for arranging the House during this difficult pandemic.

## **Publication Committee**

**Chair: Joseph T. Cooke, MD, Secretary**

1. The committee has distributed E-mails to the membership. We also shared with the neighboring societies via Constant Contact such as:
  - *Avoiding Risks While Managing Pain: Following the REMS Blueprint For Pain Management*
  - *CHF EDUCATION Series – Heart Failure, Transplant & Mechanical Support Seminar Series*
2. Newsletter – Fall 2020
  - Currently accepting material – Please e-mail to [ERTripp@QueensMedicalSociety.org](mailto:ERTripp@QueensMedicalSociety.org) by 9/30/2020

## **Medicine in Society Committee**

**Chair: Charles Lopresto, DO**

### **1. 2020 Agenda**

The committee intends to be more active and visible in the county. Some of their goals are:

- Memorializing the physicians we lost in Queens County due to COVID-19.
- Work on more social-medicine aimed at programming and/or education. Ideas would be to explore the rich breadth of cultures we serve in the Queens community, and either partner with vested interests / develop programming regarding both identifying factors unique to practicing medicine in a socially-diverse area like Queens, and educating physicians on these unique challenges, giving them a framework to better understand culturally-competent medicine in our community.
- Committee Newsletter Column where members of our committee or guest writers could reflect on the socially diverse aspects of medicine in our community.

## **Legislative Committee**

**Co-Chairs: J. Satterfield, MD & C. Lopresto, DO**

### **1. 2020 Agenda**

- Dr. Satterfield, Co-Chair, suggested this committee to establish the “**Queens Legislative Institute**” which will be a formal structure within this committee that will set up a repository for legislative information, establish advocacy training and monitor the efficiencies regarding our legislative efforts.
- **Advocacy Training:** It is of the utmost importance of the ambassadors of our legislative efforts to be able to clearly and concisely deliver our positions and have an in-depth understanding of the countering perceptions with regards to our efforts, needs, and expectations.
- **Committee Member Partnering:** Since legislative and community meetings will be mostly virtual and fewer interpersonal meetings will take place over the next year, physician partnering in these meetings will assist in the delivery, assessment, feedback, and critique of the content and outcome of the experiences.

## **Respectfully Summited by**

Councilor, Saulius J. Skeivys, MD, FAAFP, and Evangeline Rosado-Tripp, ED, 9.09.2020