

8th District Council Report

1. **8th District Meeting:** An in-person 8th District Meeting was conducted at Park Country Club on October 14, 2021 to discuss shaping the leadership at the 8th District level. Following the meeting, electronic election ballots were issued to all of 8th District membership to vote for the 8th District Officers.
2. **Book Sales at other Venues:** The Medical Society of Erie County's book highlighting the doctors who made up the fabric of the Erie County Medical Society over the last 200 years, which was issued for sale via Amazon, can now be purchased at Barnes & Noble and Target.
3. **Collaboration with Lighthouse Medical Clinic and Jewish Family Services to Support Afghan Refugees:** The Medical Society of Erie County is collaborating with local organizations to provide support (food, medical services, warm winter clothing) to the Afghan refugees who have recently sought refuge in Buffalo, NY.
4. **New Physician Member Service: Private Practice Consultant:** Paul Schafer: The Medical Society of Erie County has rolled out a private practice consultant service as a new member benefit for all Erie County members where Paul Schafer will provide them with a free initial consult at their office after performing a diagnostic of the issues in need of resolution. Mr. Schafer has 20 years of experience as a COO at private practices and was a Math Professor at UB's Graduate School of Business.
5. **Medical Student Membership Recruitment:** The Medical Society of Erie County will be conducting a **"Shape the Fate of Your Profession"** presentation at UB Medical School in November 2021 to highlight the importance of organized medicine to UB Medical School students and to share the local member benefits available to them in efforts to have them join MSSNY and the AMA.
6. **Launch of the Practice Management Committee:** The Medical Society of Erie County issued an all-call email to all of the Practice Administrators among our membership to ask if they would like to join our re-launch of our Practice Management Committee to collaborate on issues in need of resolution and to share best practices. We received a very robust response and will be issuing a doodle survey to come up with the best date and time to meet via zoom. The objective is to tailor our service line according to what we hear as some of the pain points among the practices and to encourage the private practice doctors to pay their 2022 dues invoice so that their Practice Administrators will be able to remain on our Practice Management Committee.