

# Federation of County Medical Societies of the State of NY

Councilor's Report – September 15, 2022  
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1. On July 7, 2022, the Federation met for our monthly call. We discussed a myriad of topics. We talked about the ED Conference that this coming year will be attached to the HOD in April and will be presented in an abbreviated form. We also spoke about membership issues and the upcoming conversations with MSSNY and the Membership Committee. We touched upon ideas for fundraising and bringing in more vendors and best practices for this, while considering people's avoidance to contribute due to finances or due to other circumstances. Finally, we had invited Heather Lopez to our meeting to present more on what she does and how we can collaborate to better support our physician members.
2. On August 1, 2022, the Federation met with MSSNY and the Membership Committee. The conversation proved to be very informative and also very honest and transparent. The Federation was happy to have the opportunity to really hear the work that is being done by MSSNY and the Committee and look into how as a group we can utilize the information to best support our local county members and societies as a whole. The final takeaway from the meeting was that things have been stagnant for quite some time and that if we want to see growth, then change must happen as difficult as it might be at times for all of us.
3. The Federation representative (Stavroula Savelidis, MS, PhD Candidate) has been meeting bi-weekly with EVP Troy Oechsner to discuss issues and to collaborate on ways to build a better relationship amongst the organizations. Stav has clearly communicated with Troy that in order for the relationship to flourish the group needs to feel that we are part of the process and not an afterthought. It is important that we are heard and considered when making decisions that affect all of us directly. Troy has graciously listened and reiterated that this is his goal as well as his team's because we are all in this together.
4. The Federation did not meet in August. Meetings reconvened on September 1, 2022.