

Federation of County Medical Societies of the State of NY

Councilor's Report – November 3, 2022
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1. The Federation met on October 6th, 2022. Some of the topics discussed were:
 - a. **Direct Deposit:** Stav conveyed to the group that the new system will allow for direct deposit to happen in real time but there was a question on when the split of the monies happens, if MSSNY will need to be the one authorizing the deposit. Stav will be looking into this to clarify.
 - b. **Task Force:** This group will be comprised of members of the Federation and members of the membership staff that will discuss best ways to mainstream the dues structure and the volunteer assessments. The Task Force will be reporting to the Federation and to the Council on their progress.
 - c. **Communication with MSSNY:** The team just reinforced the need to keep open lines of communication with the staff at MSSNY and also for us to always be considered when topics are being discussed and not just be told outcomes.
 - d. **Local Events:** Stav reinforced the need to share the work that we all do in the local level. The ask was to share local events that we can all participate in or have our members participate in. The goal is to offer support to each other.
 - e. **November Meeting:** The November meeting for the Federation has been moved to November 4, 2022, at 10am.
 - f. **Group Membership:** Brenda Van Nest, Director -Membership Development, presented to the group on where MSSNY is with the group memberships. She spoke about reaching out to the groups to renew, new groups that might be interested in joining and also the MOUs. There was a spirited conversation on the topic of the MOUs and the feeling of the Federation was that the feedback provided to MSSNY by the Executive Directors must be considered when these MOUs are being drafted. Each group is different and every area is different so in many cases they each need to be managed based specifically on the needs of the group.
2. The Task Force met on October 12, 2022. The team reviewed the goals of the Task Force, we went through some historical information and started to focus on the topic of volunteer assessments. Some work was done but since the team was missing our two upstate members

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we felt best to have them have a say on the volunteer assessments before we moved on to the dues. The next meeting of the Task Force will be decided in the coming week.

3. Stav is meeting regularly with Troy Oechsner, EVP of MSSNY, and they are discussing strategies on having the counties take the lead in many areas that directly affect them, as MSSNY looks to take a more supportive role.