

## **COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP**

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Meeting of February 26, 2019

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **International Student Membership**

At the 2018 Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates, members of the IMG Caucus discussed a resolution to increase student membership in the MSSNY by eliminating any dues requirement. The participants noted that opportunities to expand student membership and future physician membership were being overlooked by not allowing students enrolled in international medical schools, many of whom do most of their clinical training in New York, to be MSSNY members.

It was noted that a Bylaws change would be required to expand the requirements for student membership in this way, and the Membership Committee has considered several different suggestions for a Bylaws amendment.

At its meeting last week, general consensus was reached on a proposed resolution, which will be circulated to the full committee for review before submitting it to the upcoming HOD.

#### **Regionalization**

In response to processes underway or being considered in different parts of the state to combine county medical societies for administrative purposes, the Membership Committee was asked to consider the issue of how dues rates might be affected. County society dues rates often vary widely, depending on the number of members, staffing levels, office costs and activity levels.

Various options in terms of regionalization and delivery of services were discussed in general terms, and it was acknowledged that this is a developing situation that will require greater study and consideration.

(FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION)