A meeting of the Council of the Medical Society of the State of New York was convened at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, Albany Medical Center, 62 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, NY 12208

The President of the Society presided:

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**EXCUSED**
Regina McNally
Mark L. Fox, MD
Arthur Fougner, MD
Robert B. Goldberg, DO
Martin Greenfield, MD
Sam L. Unterricht, MD
Daniel M. Young, MD
A. Call to Order and Roll Call

B. APPROVED, the Council Minutes of January 15, 2015

C. New Business (All New Action & Informational Items)

1. President’s Report
   a. United Settlement Proposal
      A MOTION was PROPOSED and PASSED to settle the United case in the amount of $312,000.

2. Secretary’s Report – APPROVED, unanimously, the Secretary’s Report requesting election to Life Membership for thirty five (35) physicians and dues remissions for six (6) physicians.

   Board of Trustees Report – Upon motion made and seconded, ACCEPTED the Board of Trustees Chairman’s Report which is as follows:

   Approved: The Minutes from the Board of Trustees Meeting held on Wednesday, January 14, 2015.

   Approved: The Board approved the House of Delegates Per Diem Allowance for the County Medical Society Delegates and Specialty Society Delegates who attend the MSSNY Annual Meeting.

   Approved: The Board approved a contribution to the Physicians’ Home in the amount of $300.00.

   Announced: The Board announced that Richard M. Peer, MD was chosen as the Recipient of the 2015 Henry I. Fineberg Award.

3. MSSNYPAC Report - The Report reflects the financial status of MSSNYPAC during the period of September 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015. MSSNYPAC collected $114,596.06 from 686 contributors. The Chairman’s Club has 81 individual members and 4 corporate supporters.

4. AMA Delegation Update - Several New York physician leaders and MSSNY staff traveled to Washington, DC last week to attend the National Advocacy Conference in support of Medicare SGR-repel legislation. Meetings were held with Senator Schumer as well as House members from every Region of New York State. The current SGR expires on March 31.

5. MESF Report - MESF has organized a series of presentations focused on presenting to physicians the essentials of physician leadership in the workplace. These CME programs run 1 ½ hours and include Q & A at the end. Presentations have been made at Suffolk CMS, Albany CMS, Ulster CMS, Fifth/Sixth District Conference, Broome CMS, Monroe CMS, AAFP Winter Conference at Lake Placid, New York CMS, St. Charles-Mather Hospital. In addition, the presentation was professionally videotaped for broad distribution in the coming months.
Additional presentations are being scheduled for Orange CMS, Nassau CMS and the MSSNY HOD in Saratoga Springs NY. It is expected that the Physicians Foundation will offer another round of grants in the area of leadership. MESF has contracted with Medcom Trainex of Los Angeles for the licensing of approximately 40 education videos focused on basic nursing skills. The program will be offered to nurses in India on a subscription basis. All transactions are handled by an electronic “learning platform” so that each participant can be followed from their original course selection through their test and issuance of a certificate of participation. The licensing agreement is for 3 years. It is expected that this program will be significantly expanded over the coming two years.

MESF is in discussion with HANSA Medcell and Johns Hopkins for the development of a series of two year programs offered via internet on various Internal Medicine topics. This is a cooperative effort, as much of the basic materials will be produced by professional medical writers in India under the guidance and approval of Johns Hopkins faculty. The approach will permit efficient use of Johns Hopkins faculty time while taking advantage of readily available medical writers in India.

6. **MLMIC Update** - Mr. Fager noted the deficit remains an overall concern but that the figures had improved somewhat in 2014, due to positive reserve development in the excess line of business.

7. **Commissioners (All Action Items from Committees)**
   
   Commissioner of Public Health & Education, Frank G. Dowling, MD
   
   Preventive Medicine & Family Health Committee
   
   a. **ACCEPTED, the recommendation of the Committee to NOT ADOPT**
      MSSNY’s House of Delegates Resolution 2014-155, Protecting Public Health from Natural Gas Infrastructure
   
   Addiction & Psychiatric Medicine Committee
   
   b. **ACCEPTED, the recommendation of the Committee to NOT ADOPT** – MSSNY’s House of Delegates Resolution 2014-166, Medical Marijuana

8. **Councilors (All Action Items)**

   **No written reports submitted**

D. **Reports of Officers (Informational)**

1. Office of the President – MSSNY, the AMA and other statewide prescribers worked to together to delay the e-prescribing mandate for one year until March 27, 2016.

2. Office of the President-Elect - The SHIP Workgroup is charged with the establishment of eligibility criteria, metrics and milestones for the Advanced Primary Care (APC) model as described. The APC is integral to both the SHIP and the NYS Medicaid Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment Program (DSRIP) and builds off of multiple ongoing initiatives in regions throughout the state. The workgroup will be charged with developing an Advanced Primary Care model.
The SHIP focuses on transforming the health system serving all populations and payers and improving performance. The SHIP will achieve or maintain top performance among states for adoption of best practices and outcomes in health improvement. Generate savings by reducing unnecessary care, shifting care to more appropriate settings, reducing avoidable hospital admissions and re-admissions, and ensuring a clear link between cost and quality.

3. Office of the Vice President – No verbal report
4. Office of the Treasurer – ACCEPTED, the Preliminary Financial Statement for the period 1/1/14 to 12/31/14
5. Office of the Secretary – No verbal report
6. Office of the Speaker - The MSSNY HOD will be held the first weekend in May. The deadline for submission of resolutions for consideration at the MSSNY HOD will be Friday, March 13, 2015.

E. Reports of Councilors (Informational)

The following reports were submitted for Council information:
1. Kings & Richmond Report - Parag Mehta, MD
2. Manhattan/Bronx Report – Joshua Cohen, MD
3. Nassau County Report – Martin Greenfield, MD
4. Queens County Report – Saulius Skeivys, MD
5. Suffolk County Report – Frank Dowling, MD
6. Third District Branch Report – Harold Sokol, MD
7. Fourth District Branch Report – John Kennedy, MD
8. Fifth District Branch Report – Howard Huang, MD
9. Sixth District Branch Report – Robert Hesson, MD
10. Seventh District Branch Report - Mark Adams, MD
11. Eighth District Branch Report – Edward Kelly Bartels, MD
12. Ninth District Branch Report – Bonnie Litvack, MD
13. Medical Student Section Report – Mr. Charles Kenworthy
14. Resident & Fellow Section Report – Kristina Novick, MD
15. Young Physician Section Report – David Podwall, MD

F. Commissioners (All Committee & Sub-Committee Informational Reports/Minutes)

1. Commissioner of Public Health & Education, Frank G. Dowling, MD

The following Committee Minutes were submitted for information:
   c. Heart, Lung Cancer Minutes, January 28, 2015
   d. Infectious Diseases Committee, January 22, 2015
   e. Preventive Medicine & Family Health Minutes, February 12, 2015
2. **Commissioner of Continuing Medical Education, Mark J. Adams, MD**
   *No verbal report*

3. **Commissioner of Governmental Affairs, Charles Rothberg, MD**
   *No verbal report*

4. **Commissioner of Membership, Bonnie Litvack, MD**
   *No verbal report*

5. **Commissioner of Socio Medical Economics, Harold Sokol, MD**
   *No verbal report*

6. **Commissioner of Communications, L. Carlos Zapata, MD**
   The following report submitted for information:
   a. **Communications Division Report – MSSNY Press Coverage**
      January 17—February 17, 2015

G. **Report of the Executive Vice President**
   The following reports were submitted for information:
   1. Membership Dues Revenue Update
   2. CMS Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) Program
   3. Letter to County Society Presidents regarding Free County Society Websites

H. **Report of the General Counsel**
   1. **The Council APPROVED the revised Bylaws of the Medical Society of the County of Queens, Inc. The Bylaws have been reviewed and comply with the requirements of MSSNY.**

I. **Report of the Alliance**
   *No verbal report*

J. **Other Information/Announcements**
   The following letters were submitted for information:
   1. Dr. Duane & Joyce Cady Honor Fund Update
   2. Nurse Practitioner Collaborative Relationships Attestation Form

K. **Adjournment** – There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.