

February 3, 2018
Courtyard Marriott, Westbury

Participants

Jessica Cho, MD
Moustafa Elsheshtawy, MD
Justin Fuehrer, DO (phone)
Tzvi Furer, MD
Catherine Steger, DO
Jocelyn Young, DO

Frank Dowling, MD
Melissa Grageda, MD
Charles Rothberg, MD

Dr. Young made introductions. She is in family medicine, Dr. Cho is in internal medicine at Lutheran, and Dr. Steger is in emergency medicine. Dr. Young mentioned a policy action track in her hospital in which she is involved, and Dr. Cho that she is doing a policy lecture at her hospital in June.

Dr. Fuehrer gave the Councilor's report, discussing the Northwell project which has recruited an entire medical staff at a greatly reduced rate, somewhat upsetting some of the older members. Drs. Steger and Cho added that their counties also held discussions and some were upset as well. Dr. Steger suggested creating a category of "auditing" membership with no vote. Dr. Fuehrer has been in touch via email with Northwell residents and has been encouraging them to get involved in leadership.

There was discussion on social forums to give exposure to the society and for the fraternity aspect. Happy hours were mentioned. Dr. Rothberg recommended adding meaning to a social event, e.g. by residents mentoring students.

Possible new benefits were suggested. Dr. Elsheshtawy proposed board and Step 3 review discounts, such as "Awesome Board Review." Dr Steger recommended UWorld or Q Bank for Step 3, and added LA Fitness or other gym discounts. Dr. Grageda proposed a career fair, and Dr. Dowling proposed getting a group together for board review, and advised everyone to participate on MSSNY committees. Sandy will send these ideas to staff of the Member Benefits Committee.

Dr. Young asked that a flyer be created, specific to the RFS.

Resolution ideas were discussed. Dr. Elsheshtawy suggested adjusting for variables of socio-economic situations re hard floor re-admissions, and the use of telemedicine and home visits to reduce re-admissions. Dr. Dowling recommended seeking state or federal funding for a pilot study on these issues, and Dr. Cho mentioned adding health literacy.

Dr. Young asked the group about their involvement in their county societies. Dr. Steger feels hers doesn't do much locally, but seems to either overreach or to concentrate on internal matters. Dr. Young's experience is that there's not much opportunity for residents to get involved in their county.

Other thoughts: Don't use acronyms in emails, they're very confusing; reach out to those involved to reach out to their programs.

Elections were held:

Councilor: Justin Fuehrer

AMA delegation (Delegate) 2018 (June only, replace Dr. Elsheshtawy, who cannot attend) – Dr. Steger

AMA delegation (Alternate Delegate) 2019 – Dr. Elsheshtawy

MSSNY HOD 2019 Delegates – Drs. Young and Elsheshtawy (Alternate Delegate, Dr. Steger, if she doesn't represent Queens County)

Chair – Dr. Young

Vice Chair – Dr. Cho

Secretary – Dr. Steger