

Federation of County Medical Societies of the State of NY

Councilor's Report – January 26, 2023
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1. On December 1, 2023, the Federation had its monthly meeting. At the meeting we covered the following:
 - a. MSSNY Guests: Troy Oeschner, SVP and Michael Reyes joined us to update us on how the House of Delegates will be this year, since Laurie Mayer has retired. They spoke to us about the Reference Committees, the Delegations, Logistics and the actual House of Delegates weekend.
 - b. MSSNY Update: Troy spoke to us about some staff changes as well as some new job titles of existing staff. He spoke about Impexium and the delay due to data configuration and some other hurdles that have come up. He also spoke to us about the soon to launch MSSNY website. He told us although it is not 100% configured with Impexium and will not have full functionality it does need to launch due to the old site being compromised by viruses and pop ads. Finally he did speak to us about the work MSSNY is doing on the Grieving Families Bill. He fielded questions from the group on this topic for some time and there was a healthy conversation that ensued. We all agreed that we had to band together to try to veto this bill and do everything we could to support our counties.
2. On January 5, 2023 the Federation had its monthly meeting. At the meeting we covered the following:
 - a. Advocacy Day: Many of the EDs did not have the information to register and did not know that it was in-person. There was conversation about the success of in-person versus virtual and that it should be something to consider for future Advocacy Days. The cost of lodging, the physicians capability to take off from work to attend, all will affect the outcome. We also discussed possible offerings of CMEs or other benefits that could entice physicians to attend.
 - b. HOD: We discussed our meeting at the House of Delegates this year and if any of the EDs will be coming earlier so we can make appropriate arrangements for lodging, etc.
 - c. Worker's Compensation: We are planning on partnering with the NYS WC Board for some programming/CME and also to start conversations on some of the issues that have been troubling the counties.

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- d. Grieving Families Bill: We discussed the work everyone is putting in to support each other and MSSNY in an effort to have the Governor veto this bill.
3. The Federation has been working with MSSNY through committee participation, work groups and strategy meetings to better support the counties, the staff and to create common goals that will allow all of us to have a successful future.