

Federation of County Medical Societies of the State of NY

Councilor's Report – November 2, 2023
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We are delighted to present this councilor report, highlighting the recent accomplishments and activities undertaken on behalf of our Federation. We are proud of the progress we have made and the positive impact our initiatives have had on our local communities. Here are the key highlights:

1. Phonathon to the Governor's Office - Opposing the Wrongful Death Bill:

Our counties have come together in a remarkable display of unity and determination during the scheduled phonathon to the Governor's Office this past month. Our dedicated physician members showcased their passion and commitment, articulately expressing our concerns regarding the wrongful death bill. Through their persuasive arguments and heartfelt stories, we conveyed the potential implications of such legislation on our physician community and our healthcare system, as a whole. We firmly believe our collective voice will play a crucial role in influencing fair decision-making.

2. Statewide Recruiting and Retention Events:

Recognizing the importance of attracting and retaining physician members, the county societies have organized a series of statewide recruiting and retention events. These initiatives aim to showcase the unique opportunities and benefits our counties offer to potential physician members and medical students. Through educational offerings, targeted outreach programs, and socials, we are successfully attracting physicians and medical students who are committed to making a difference. By fostering a sense of pride and belonging within our medical communities, we have witnessed increased camaraderie and participation by our healthcare professionals.

3. MSSNY Committee Participation:

Our county Executive Directors has actively participated in various committees of the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY). Through our engagement, we have contributed to shaping policies that prioritize the well-being of our membership. Our representatives have shared their expertise and collaborated with healthcare professionals from across the state, ensuring that our counties remain at the forefront of advocating for accessible and quality healthcare. This involvement has further solidified our reputation as leaders in the healthcare sector.

4. Assisting with Dues Collection Regardless of Impexium Issues:

Despite the challenges faced with Impexium, we have prioritized our members' needs and ensured a smooth dues collection process. Our dedicated teams have gone above and beyond to provide personalized support, implement alternative solutions, and ensure members' concerns are addressed promptly. By overcoming these obstacles, we have not only maintained a strong membership base but also earned the trust and loyalty of our members.

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5. Membership Brainstorming Meetings:

To foster a sense of community and inclusivity, we organized membership brainstorming meetings. These sessions provided a platform for our members to voice their ideas, concerns, and aspirations. The invaluable feedback received during these meetings has guided us in developing new initiatives and tailoring our services to meet the evolving needs of our members. By actively involving our members in decision-making, we have created a culture of collaboration and continuous improvement.

6. Non-Dues Revenue Brainstorming:

Recognizing the importance of financial sustainability, we participated in brainstorming sessions focused on generating Non-Dues revenue. Our creative and resourceful group explored innovative fundraising ideas, sponsorship opportunities, and collaborations with local businesses. These efforts will not only diversify our revenue streams but also enable us to invest in new programs and services that benefit our physician community.

In addition to the above, we have also undertaken various community outreach programs, educational workshops, and fostered collaborations with neighboring counties. Our commitment to serving the best interests of our physicians remains unwavering.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the county staff, volunteers, and members who have contributed to these successes. Together, we are creating a brighter future for our counties and our physician and medical student members.