

REPORTS OF OFFICERS & ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 200 Meeting Management Education for Physician Leaders
Introduced by the Fifth and Sixth District Branches
ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York continue to seek funding to provide a meeting management program education for leaders at all levels, including committee chairs and officers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all MSSNY leaders, appointed or elected, be encouraged to participate in meeting management training.

- 201 MSSNY Committee Structure
Introduced by the Fifth and Sixth District Branches
ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, That the President-Elect of the Medical Society of the State of New York continue to analyze on an annual basis its committee structure with an intention to eliminate any committee not felt to be contributing directly to MSSNY's mission; and be it further

RESOLVED, That an effort be made to combine committees wherever possible to reduce duplication, confusion and cost.

- 202 Increasing Medical Student and Physician Interactions
Introduced by the MSSNY Medical Student Section
ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, That MSSNY encourage all county medical societies with medical students and resident members to include representatives of those membership segments on their leadership bodies, and be it further

RESOLVED, That MSSNY encourage county medical societies to work with their medical student members to create outreach or mentorship programs for medical students

- 203 Support of the MSSNY/ Dr. Duane and Joyce Cady Honor Fund
Introduced by Leach McCormack, MD, MSSNY Trustee, Queens County As an Individual
ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, That a flier explaining the MSSNY/Dr. Duane and Joyce Cady Honor Fund and its mission be enclosed with the MSSNY dues bill and that the fund be explained in other MSSNY communications to the membership;

RESOLVED, That MSSNY publish a list of donors to the Fund and feature articles on the scholarship recipients.

- 204 Nomination Process
Introduced by Medical Society of the County of Kings
ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, That the nomination process be posted on the MSSNY website; and be it further

RESOLVED, That MSSNY seek new ways of disseminating information on the nomination process to the membership.

- 205** MSSNY to Endorse the “Choosing Wisely” Program
Introduced by the Sixth District Branch
ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York endorse the American Board of Internal Medicine’s *Choosing Wisely* program.

RESOLVED, That the New York delegation to the American Medical Association encourage the AMA to consider endorsing the ABIM’s *Choosing Wisely* program.

- 206** Internet Review of Physicians
Introduced by Ninth District Branch Medical Societies - Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester
ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) ask the American Medical Association (AMA) to seek federal legislation and/or regulation to amend internet privacy laws and require that websites hosting reviews of physicians obtain the name of the person posting the review, that this information will be kept on file, and that the website inform the poster that a physician requesting this information from the website in regard to a review must be provided with the name of the person writing the review; and be it further

RESOLVED, That websites hosting reviews of physicians be required to post a warning against libelous and other legally inappropriate statements.

- 207** Medical Licensing
Introduced by Ninth District Branch Medical Societies - Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester
NOT ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York, by any and all means, endeavor to resume the function of physician licensing/registration and discipline in New York State.

- 208** Preserving Independent Practice — Physician Cooperatives
Introduced by the New York County Medical Society
REFERRED TO COUNCIL

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York (MSSNY) use its resources to help create, on a pilot project basis, a physician provider cooperative with a centralized infrastructure and a wide range of physician members.

- 209** Maintaining Tax Exempt Status for Youth Service Organizations
Introduced by the Schoharie County Medical Society
REFERRED TO COUNCIL

RESOLVED, That **MSSNY** will oppose any attempt to remove the tax exempt status of these non-profit youth service organizations that are so important to the health of our youth and the health of our environment.

- 210** Taskforce on Hospital Mergers
Introduced by the MSSNY Young Physician Section
ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, That the Medical Society of the State of New York solicit relevant agencies to routinely engage MSSNY as a significant stakeholder in the evaluation of hospital mergers or closures regarding characteristics including, but not limited to:

- 1) Maintenance of patient choice and market competition
- 2) Cultural sensitivity and minority and community representation among key personnel
- 3) Compliance with MSSNY Position Statement 235.996
- 4) Provision of charity care consistent with the designation as a non-profit
- 5) Assurance of adequate access to primary and subspecialty care
- 6) Ability to achieve and maintain high scores on measures of patient satisfaction, patient safety and quality metrics
- 7) Preservation of the continuity of the physician-patient relationship
- 8) Effect on graduate and undergraduate medical education.

- 212** MSSNY Internal Reporting System
Introduced by Sandhya Malhotra, MD, as an Individual
NOT ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That **MSSNY** develop an internal independent unbiased mechanism for addressing the issues of individuals with substantiated grievances regarding the leadership at the county level; and be it further

RESOLVED, That disputed issues regarding a fair and proper election process at the county level be eligible to receive an independent hearing and due process at the MSSNY level; and be it further

RESOLVED, That **MSSNY** develop a policy on how to address these issues and the membership be educated on the process of receiving justice.