

Dear Colleagues:

The MSSNY House of Delegates will take place from Thursday, April 11 until Sunday April 14, 2019 at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown, New York. Information regarding hotel rooms and the President's dinner dance has been posted to the website under the 2019 HOD/General Information tab. Please note the deadline for making your hotel reservation is March 19 and to reserve a seat at the Presidents Dinner Dance March 29. **These are firm deadlines.**

Thursday, April 11 is primarily CME day. In addition to a Risk Management program sponsored by MLMIC at 9 AM, there will also be programs conducted through MSSNY's Emergency Preparedness (*Emergency Preparedness: What's Your Diagnosis?*) and Veterans grants (*Women Veterans Mental Health*). Garfunkel Wild will also be conducting a program Thursday afternoon about medical records.

On Friday, April 12, we expect to have the NYS Deputy Commissioner of Health address the House. Friday afternoon, after reference committee hearings end, the following CME programs are anticipated: a program on maternal mortality sponsored by the Women's Health Grant and the Health Care Disparities Committee. Later in the day, the Women Physicians Caucus will be offering a program as well. The Wellness and Resilience Committee will be conducting a program at 3 PM entitled *Physician Wellness Interventions - The Next Steps*.

On Saturday, April 13, we plan to start our day with an address by the US Surgeon General, Dr. Adams. In addition, we will have a guest from Canada, Dr. Whately, who will describe his experience as a physician with the Canadian health system. Saturday afternoon, we will have a Graduate Medical Education discussion featuring our own Dr. Jackie Bello and Dr. Dan Young as program directors, our own resident/fellow, Dr. Jocelyn Young and newly minted physician, Dr. Marc Mendelsohn. As you know the AMA has made a major commitment to medical education. Some highlights from the AMA program will also be presented.

We are aware that Sunday, April 14 is Palm Sunday. At this time we are making an effort to obtain information from local churches, both for Saturday vigil mass as well as for Sunday. Elections on Sunday will be held earlier again -- from 7 AM to 8:30 so the House session can start earlier as well.

All reference committee appointments have been made. Every effort was made to include those requesting assignments while balancing new and veteran delegates, and upstate and downstate regions. All reference committee members will be receiving instructions prior to HOD, however, all are expected to participate on Friday during general session, hearings, executive session and be ready to be at HOD for reference committee discussion on Saturday. Our gratitude is extended to those who have volunteered for this important role.

RESOLUTIONS CAN BE SUBMITTED AT ANY TIME. Please take the time to review existing MSSNY policy before submitting resolutions. **BE SURE TO SUBMIT YOUR RESOLUTIONS BY MARCH 8 AT 5 PM, THE FINAL DEADLINE.** After that resolutions will be considered late and will be forwarded to the Rules and Credentials Committee.

Members of the 2019 HOD will have a significant responsibility insofar as review of MSSNY Bylaws refinements. This month, every member of the 2019 HOD will receive a letter from Bill and I explaining what was done and what input is requested. Each delegate will receive a copy of the existing Bylaws and the new document. The Bylaws committee spent substantial time and effort over the past 4 years REFINING MSSNY's Bylaws. Much of what was done was simply reorganization, clean-up of redundant language and grammatical changes. No substantial change was intended. In addition to presenting verbal testimony at the HOD, delegates can provide written comments at any time about the proposed refinements to a dedicated email address (bylawscomments@mssny.org). Written comments should be sent prior April 8. While not a true set of amendments, members of the HOD should have the opportunity to review and comment on these proposed refinements. VOTING TO ADOPT the refined Bylaws will take place at the HOD in 2020.

Sincerely yours,

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Speakers letter #2

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