

2019-2020 MPS SECRETARY'S REPORT

As Secretary of the Massachusetts Psychiatric Society, I would like to formally thank all of our members for your continued participation and support. In 2019, membership in the society saw a slight increase in our total number of members, from 1561 to 1605.

Dropped - 104
Transfer Out - 30
Transfer In - 22

MPS continues to encourage and work with local training programs to assist in maximizing trainee membership and participation. We have six programs with 100% participation for 2019-2020, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Cambridge Health Alliance, Boston Medical Center, Berkshire Medical Center, Brigham and Women's Hospital/Harvard Medical School and University of Massachusetts. I would like to encourage all the Psychiatry Chairs to consider sponsoring your resident's membership during their training. The first year is free.

Our elections over the past few years have resulted with the addition of several young psychiatrists to our leadership, including Council, Executive Committee, as well as other committees and interest groups. Having Resident Fellow Members as Co-Chairs has energized many of our committees. A highlight of increasing trainee involvement has been the recently established early career psychiatry interest group. In the past year, the ECP group conducted an "Intro to Private Practice" series with Drs. Gene Fierman and Greg Harris, as well as an event last fall, called "CAREERS IN PSYCHIATRY," which included a panel/info session along with a networking lunch with members of the Retirement Interest Group.

MPS is always seeking to engage more members and best meet the evolving needs of our membership and our patients. Through establishing a group to support psychiatrists who are retired or nearing retirement, we are providing opportunities for education and support for our members who are later in their careers.

MPS maintains a strong lobbying presence with the legislature in Massachusetts through our lobbyist, Lisa Simonetti, who interfaces with lawmakers directly and serves as a support and advisor between members and legislators.

We are very fortunate to have many talented and dedicated members who donate considerable amounts of their time to these matters. A fantastic resource which results from the hard work of our members is our CME programming, which is available both at our live events and on our website. Our website also provides links to other online CME programs as a service to our members. For those of you who are not yet involved with these activities or committees of the Society, I'd like to encourage you to join your colleagues in this rewarding work.

Finally, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve the MPS as Secretary. Through our concerted actions as a society of physicians, we can advocate for policies that are beneficial for our patients and our profession.



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