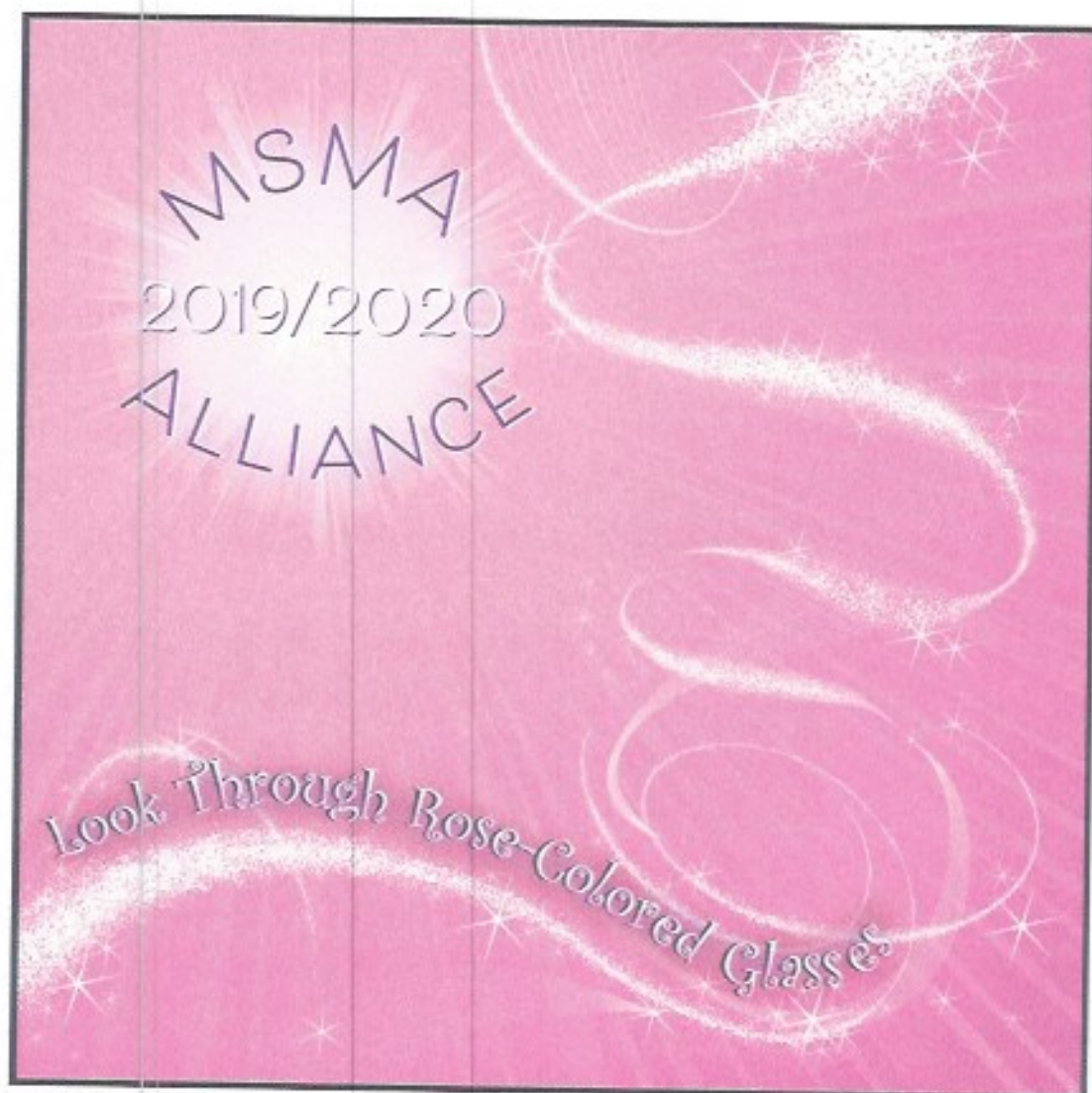


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***MSMA Alliance Annual Meeting
April 30, 2020 - Zoom Conference***

Annual Meeting scheduled for April 3-4, 2020 at the Renaissance St. Louis
Airport Hotel cancelled due to COVID-19

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Missouri State Medical Association Alliance Annual Report – 2019-2020

The 2019-2020 Alliance year began with the installation of officers at the annual MSMA Alliance Meeting in April held in Kansas City during the MSMA convention. **Millie Bever** was the installing officer. I was re-installed as president and Diana Corzine as president-elect, both for second terms. Also installed were Vice Presidents **Kelly O'Leary** (Health), **Kirk Doan** (Legislation), **Jennifer Gast** (Membership), **Kathy Weigand** (Foundation), **Sana Saleh** (Recording Secretary) and **Debora Snyder** (Treasurer.)

The theme I selected for my second term was *Looking through Rose-Colored Glasses*. This was a carry-on from my *Look on the Bright Side* Monty Python-inspired theme from the previous year. This was an optimistic approach to reflect changes in the world around us with many natural disasters, economic problems, the political climate, and health-related issues including the opioid crisis and the new electronic cigarette or vaping epidemic affecting our youth. Burnout wears down the medical profession from all sides with the need to defend medicine and patients from public opinion, invasive hospital and insurance influences, and scope-of-practice usurpers. At that time, we had not yet faced the even greater public health issues and burnout challenges for the health care workers, especially physicians, from the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic.

An **Alliance Executive Board Meeting** was held on May 29 in Columbia. I appointed additional officers to the board and all members presented their plans for the year. The dates and venue for Fall Conference in Hannibal was circulated and plans for Day at the Legislature to be combined with the MSMA White Coat Day on Mar 3 were discussed.

At the **AMA Alliance annual meeting** in Chicago in June, MSMA Alliance Past President **Sue Ann Greco** was sworn in for a second term as the national AMA Alliance Board Secretary, along with **President Mary Beth Ellison** from Ohio and her new officers. Missouri had excellent representation at the meeting.

Hannibal was the location I chose for the **Alliance Fall Conference** and appointed **Sandra Murdock** as conference coordinator. It was held Oct 29-30 at the Holiday Inn Express opposite the Medical Center. This was an excellent venue for our meeting.

The program on Tuesday afternoon included invited speakers from the Hannibal Clinic recommended by **Sandra Ahlum, MD**. **Eric Meidl, MD**, an internist specializing in obesity working closely with the bariatric surgical team, spoke on the current management of obesity and discussed the pros and cons of various weight loss therapies and current trends, including intermittent fasting.

The American College of Surgeons' new initiative called *Stop the Bleed* was presented by **Patricia Hirner, MD**, a general surgeon. This is a hands-on course aimed at the general public on how to stop hemorrhage at a trauma site, such as a road traffic accident or a shooting. **Michael Bukstein, MD**, a vascular surgeon at the Hannibal Clinic, assisted in the demonstration which included the correct methods of applying compression to a bleeding wound, packing the wound with clean cloth or hemostatic gauze, and the use of tourniquets.

The Tuesday evening event was held at the Hannibal Country Club courtesy of members **Sherry** and **Michael Bukstein**. The Curator and Executive Director of the Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum **Henry H. Sweets, III**, spoke to the group after dinner. Henry grew up in Hannibal and is considered an international expert on Mark Twain. He spoke on *Medicine and Pharmacy in the time of Mark Twain*.

The Alliance Board meeting was held at the hotel on Wednesday morning. A majority of the board members was present, with two more participating by conference call. Pertinent board issues discussed included the transfer of the Alliance Scholarship funds to the MSMF which will handle future distribution to the Missouri medical schools.

In December, the **Alliance Holiday Sharing Card** was published with donor names in Show Me Alliance News, Missouri Medicine, and on the MSMA website. Proceeds from donations amounted to more than \$3300 to benefit the Foundations. Thanks to all who participated. The Alliance counties hosted many charity and fundraising events over the holidays to provide support for local food banks, a mobile food drive, shelters, school programs and local charities.

MSMA Council Meetings - Diana Corzine represented the Alliance at the October 12-13 MSMA Council in Jefferson City as I was unable to attend. The much-anticipated new format for a one-day Council meeting set for January 12 was conducted by conference call due to more bad weather. My written report had been sent and I participated in the conference call. I had planned to attend my final Council meeting at the time of the annual convention in St. Louis in April.

Day at the Legislature - this year, the Alliance moved its traditional Winter Board meeting and DATL to coincide with the **MSMA White Coat Day** to be held on Tuesday March 3 in Jefferson City. Legislative Vice President **Kirk Doan** arranged accommodation in a brand-new Holiday Inn & Suites and coordinated efforts on behalf of the Alliance with the staff at MSMA. Alliance members attended the winter board meeting the previous day and met for dinner at Madison's Café the night before for a briefing by the EVP **Pat Mills**, Director of Government Affairs **Jeff Howell**, and a short update by **MSMA President James DiRenna, MD**.

The **MSMA Alliance Annual Meeting** to be held in conjunction with the MSMA convention in St. Louis April 2-4 was cancelled due to the pandemic. The MSMA Council meeting scheduled at the usual time on Thursday April 2, was held by conference call. I gave the highlights of Alliance activities. A full written report was available for the councilors in the meeting packet.

I had invited speakers with two topics of interest to address the Alliance this year. The first was the St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired – an extraordinary organization that gives many opportunities and new technology to teach skills to visually impaired individuals to empower them at home and at work. The second topic of great interest to the Alliance was on vaping. Rather than invite a separate local speaker to address our small audience on this topic, we adjusted the Alliance session so that attendees could join the MSMA members to hear the vaping talk in the general session by a Washington University Associate Professor of Psychiatry.

Sadly, all invited speakers for MSMA and the Alliance were cancelled along with the long-awaited **Alliance Foundation Fundraiser Dinner** with the James Bond theme. Thanks to **Foundation Chair Kathy Weigand** and her committee for all their hard work, in vain. Our Cabi mini-fundraiser fashion show was cancelled; we did not have the chance to complete our annual business meeting; to give my House of Delegates swansong speech; to present awards; to install our new board, especially incoming **Alliance President Diana Corzine**; or to enjoy the usual camaraderie. C'est la vie!

Recent updates:

On behalf of the MSMA Alliance, and at the suggestion of Sue Ann Greco, I applied for a grant from the Alliance Health Education Initiative to support a *Stop the Bleed* program in Missouri. We were awarded \$500. We will match this with unused funds from my president's budget to purchase the equipment for this project.

We needed to complete our annual business from the past year and install our officers. In lieu of the cancelled annual meeting, we will instead plan a Zoom business meeting on April 30 and a Zoom Awards and Installation ceremony on May 8.

And finally - Congratulations to **Sue Ann Greco** who was elected as the 2020-2021 AMA Alliance President! Sue Ann is only the 6th Missourian to be installed as AMA Alliance President. Many of us planned to attend the annual meeting in Chicago in June. Because of the pandemic the installation of officers will become a virtual meeting and will take place on Saturday June 6. The Missouri contingent will be honoring Sue Ann the best way we can with social distancing, as the event draws closer.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as your MSMA Alliance President for the past two years. Thank you to my board and committee members who have helped make everything we did together possible!

Wishing all our members and their families a safe and healthy year to come.

Gill Waltman

2019-2020 MSMA Alliance President

2019-2020 Report of the MSMA Alliance President-Elect

This is a report of my second term as president-elect of the MSMA Alliance. This occurred because President Gill Waltman was asked to serve a second consecutive term, and I agreed to do the same. The Installation of Officers that should have taken place in early April at the Annual Meeting was cancelled along with the MSMA Convention, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Plans are in place for my term as Alliance president to begin when we install our officers by Zoom Conference on May 8, 2020.

Alliance Meetings:

MSMA Alliance Executive Board Meeting, May 29, 2019.

Attended our first meeting for the year, at the Country Club in Columbia, on May 29, 2019.

AMAA meeting in Chicago June 9-11, 2019.

Organized dinner reservations for Saturday June 8 at the Tortoise Club for all who had already arrived at the conference location. I was unable to join the others for dinner this year due to travel complications.

Again, there were lots of entertaining programs and incredible people also attending this meeting.

MSMAA Fall Conference at Holiday Inn Express, Hannibal, October 29-30.
The first day of our Fall Conference we had an interesting program entitled "Stop the Bleed." During lunch we held a "repurposed" jewelry/scarf/purse sale. Later that evening we attended a Dutch Treat Dinner at the Hannibal country club. A lecture about Mark Twain/Samuel Clemens was given after our meal. We held our Board Meeting at the hotel the next morning.

Kansas City Metro Med Alliance Meeting – December 11, 2019.

On December 11, I attended the KC Metro Medical Alliance meeting in Kansas City, at the Webster House.

MSMAA Winter Board Meeting and DATL – Mar 2-3, 2020

On March 2, 2020 I attended the MSMAA Winter Board Meeting in Jefferson City, Missouri, at the Holiday Inn and Suites. We had a Dutch treat dinner at Madison's Café that evening. The next day we attended the MSMA White Coat Day at the Capitol.

MSMA Council Meetings:

Gillian introduced me, for the second time as President-elect, at the MSMA Council Meeting on Sunday, April 7, 2019, with MSMA President Dr James DiRenna presiding.

I attended two other Council meetings, one on July 14, 2019, in Margaritaville and the other at the Doubletree Hotel in Jefferson City, on October 13, 2019.

I also "attended" the January 11, 2020, MSMA Council Meeting by Conference Call when the weather would not cooperate for us to travel to Jefferson City.

