Missouri State Medical Association Alliance
Annual Reports
2019 -2020

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
Reports of Elected Officers:

President - Gillian Waltman
President Elect - Diana Corzine

Vice Presidents:

Foundations - Kathy Weigand
Health - Kelly O'Leary
Legislation - Kirk Doan
Membership – Jennifer Gast
Recording Secretary - Sana Saleh
Treasurer - Debora Snyder (Report at Annual Meeting)

Reports of Appointed Officers:

Annual Meeting - Sue Ann Greco, Anne Turnbaugh and Allene Wright
(Report at Annual Meeting)
Budget & Finance - Allene Wright (Report at Annual Meeting)
Corresponding Secretary – Joan H'Doubler
MMPAC – Donna Corrado

Reports of Committee Chairs:

Bylaws – Michelle Kennett and Sana Saleh – No report
Awards – Barbara Hover
Communications/Social Media – Jana Wolfe
Nominating - Marsha Conant
Resident Physician/Medical Student Spouses - Millie Bever and Angela Zylka
MSMA Alliance Liaison - Liz Fleenor
MSMF Liaison - Allene Wright

County President Reports:

Buchanan – Eileen Dyer
Cape Girardeau - Jennifer Gast
Central Missouri Medical Alliance - Mary Catherine Heimburger
Greene - Jana Wolfe
Kansas City Metro Med - Sana Saleh and Millie Bever
St. Louis Metro – Angela Zylka and Kelly O'Leary
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 physicans, 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 were 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.

MSMA 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.

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

MSMA Winter Board Meeting and DATL – Mar 2-3, 2020
On March 2, 2020 I attended the MSMA 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.
Missouri State Medical Foundation – Report for 2019/2020

The MSMF met on Saturday, April 6, 2019 during the Annual MSMA Convention/MSMAA Annual Meeting. The group voted to approve the budget for 2019 which continued the ten scholarships for $3,000/scholarship for each of the six medical schools. Pat Mills reported that MSMF had received a clean audit report.

The next meeting was planned for 2:30 pm on Saturday, April 4, 2020 at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel during the Annual MSMA Convention/MSMAA Annual Meeting but was postponed when the convention was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A meeting was held by Conference Call on Saturday April 18. Retiring MSMF Board President Dr. David Chalk was complimentary about the Alliance and our dedication to fundraising for MSMF. Pat Mills echoed his sentiments. The new MSMF Board President is Dr. Chris Jung from Cape Girardeau.

This will be my last meeting. President-elect Diana Corzine has appointed Debora Snyder to serve the next term as MSMAA Liaison to MSMF.

Respectfully submitted,

Allene Wright, MSMF Liaison for MSMAA
Missouri State Medical Association Alliance
Annual Report -VP for Health - 2019 to 2020

The counties will continue with the “Drugs are not for me” program, as well as the anti-smoking campaign, which will include the dangers of Juuling aka e-cigarettes.

Angela Zylka and I will continue our work with the Loyola Academy boys on “Drugs are not for me” and “Pills are not a party” for the 6th grade boys. Seventh grade and eighth grade boys will focus on the dangers of Juuling.

The state contest was held for the 7th grade boys only on “Smoking Makes Me Ugly.” First place Malik Lyles, second place Taylor Ricks and third place Jawari Akinola. The boys were awarded $50.00 for first place, $35.00 for second place and $25.00 for third place. A small ceremony was held at Loyola Academy in the library. Medals were also given to each boy. St. Louis County was the only county to participate.

Publish articles in Show Me Alliance News about the opioid epidemic as allowed.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kelly O’Leary Vice President of Health
MSMA Alliance Annual Legislation Report for 2019-2020

The 2020 MSMAA Day at the Legislature held March 2-3, 2020 in Jefferson City, Missouri in conjunction with the annual MSMA White Coat Day. We had 12 paid Registrants for the Day at the Legislature, 14 for dinner at Madison’s Café, and 8 who were introduced at the House Gallery. Thanks to Liz Fleenor for all her help in organizing the event, and her attendance.

The 2020 MSMAA Day at the Legislature kicked off with the Winter Board Meeting of the MSMA Alliance held Monday afternoon in the Magnolia Conference Room of the Holiday Inn & Suites, 1590 Jefferson Street, Jefferson City, MO. That evening we had dinner at Madison’s Café, attended by Registrants and some of the staff of the Missouri State Medical Association office in Jefferson City: Liz Fleenor, Jeff Howell, Heidi Geisbuhler, and Patrick Mills. Mr. Howell briefed us on the activities of the MSMA in the Legislature this year, and the MSMA position on many pending bills. Mr. Mills announced his upcoming retirement as Executive Vice President of the Missouri State Medical Association.

Tuesday morning the Day at the Legislature Registrants met at 9:00AM in the rotunda at the Missouri State Capitol along with the physicians participating the annual MSMA White Coat Day. Senators Jon Patterson and Bob Onder, two physicians in the Missouri State Senate this year, addressed the group. Representatives Lane Roberts and Holly Rehder also addressed the group. We were distributed advocacy cards that highlighted proposed legislation to define surgery for scope of practice purposes, limit vaping, and encourage prompt credentialing of providers by insurance companies. The speakers addressed legislative priorities including in person examinations related to medical marijuana prescriptions and the topics reflected on the advocacy cards.

At 10:00 am, the Day at the Legislature Registrants assembled in the Missouri House Gallery where Representative Dan Stacy of Independence, MO introduced them from the House floor. Representative Stacy also gave a summary of the mission of the MSMA Alliance, and some of our recent projects.

The Registrants broke into groups and distributed MSMA legislative advocacy cards to many of the House and Senate offices, and spoke with several elected officials. The fliers explained who the MSMA was, and highlighted various legislative bills that were supported this legislative session by the MSMA.

Many of the Registrants gathered with the physicians attending the White Coat Day for a box lunch on the third floor of the Capitol Building before heading home. The 2020 MSMAA Day at the Legislature was a successful event, and many expressed that they liked the new hotel venue.

In addition to the Day at the Legislature, I also attended the MSMA Annual Conference April 4-7, 2019 in Kansas City, called in to the Executive Committee meeting on May 29, 2019, attended the national AMA Alliance annual meeting in Chicago in June 8-12, 2019, and called in to the Fall Board Meeting on October 30, 2019.

Respectfully submitted, Kirk Doan, MSMA Alliance VP for Legislation 2019-2020
There has not been much activity this year in our counties, with only a few new members noted. For the most part the counties retained the same core members as last year. Recruitment continues to be a challenge for the organization.

Although different counties collect their local dues at different times, county alliances are encouraged to submit their paid membership names and numbers to Debora Snyder, MSMA Alliance Treasurer, in a timely manner. This helps the organization by bringing in dues, but also ensures that members are on the mailing list (emails and some snail mail) for state alliance updates and information.

There is a need for an updated membership directory, and this cannot be achieved without input from all the individual counties.

There is great potential to see the new Central Missouri Medical association (CMMA) blossom as Mary Catherine Heimburger and Donna Corrado recruit new members and try to re-enlist former members from the disbanded Boone County Medical Society Alliance. This Alliance had one of the larger county memberships.

As this year’s MSMA Alliance Annual Meeting planned for St. Louis in early April was cancelled, we have all the paid dues list for the total membership numbers through April 28.

Regular members (66), direct members (3) for a total of 69 members.

Buchanan (16)
Cape Girardeau (1)
CMMA (3)
Direct (3)
Greene (19)
Kansas City (11)*
St. Louis (16)

(* Check mailed in timely manner, but not received.)

Respectfully submitted

Jennifer Gast
MSMAAA Membership Vice President 2019-2020
MSMA Alliance Recording Secretary Annual Report – 2018-2019

- Attended the initial board meeting for President Gillian Waltman in Columbia in May 2019. Attended Fall Conference in Hannibal, Missouri in October 2019 and Winter Board meeting in Jefferson City in March 2020. Minutes were recorded at each meeting. Minutes from each previous meeting were circulated at the beginning of the following meeting and open for discussion and edits. Following the motion to approve minutes as corrected, they were edited and forwarded to the MSMAA Liaison to be filed and stored. The minutes serve as an archival reference to the MSMAA board meetings and its execution of motions, and the proof that it had met according to its standing statues and bylaws.

- Prepared the ‘convention’ booklet containing the 2019-2020 annual reports of the state officers, standing committee chairs and county presidents to be circulated at the annual meeting in St. Louis, Missouri April 3-5, 2020. The meeting was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and a business meeting was scheduled via Zoom on April 30th, 2020 with reports shared electronically and to be printed and circulated at the Executive Board meeting for the newly installed MSMAA president.

Preparation of Annual Reports:
Officers, committee chairs and county presidents should be informed when they take office that one of their responsibilities is to prepare an annual report for Annual Meeting. The deadline was circulated by the President in advance, and most reports were received in a timely manner. To expedite the process, especially for those new to the leadership, reports from the previous year were attached as a template for format and content and sent to officers, committee chairs and county presidents from whom reports were required.

The Purpose of the Annual Report:
To inform the rest of the membership of the activities, goals and achievements of its office or committee for the past year and archive these activities. Counties should describe any health projects, fundraising events or legislative efforts and any recruitment methods or membership drives.

Respectfully submitted,

Sana Saleh
MSMA Alliance Recording Secretary

Minutes from the 2019-2020 meetings are available upon request: sanasaleh101@gmail.com
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Corresponding Secretary

A listing of appropriate cards sent according to subject follows:

CONGRATULATORY
- Sue Ann Greco, St. Louis Metro, elected to be AMA Alliance National President 2020-2021.
- Jana Wolfe, Greene County, elected to the AMA Alliance Board of Directors.
- Donna Corrado, Direct Member, received the Sandra Mitchell Member of the Year Award.
- Barbara Hover, Greene County, received the Jean Wankum Spirit of the Alliance of Award.
- St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society Alliance, awarded the Health Awareness Promotion Award (HAP) at the AMAA meeting.
- Dr. David Barbe, MSMA and AMA Past President upon being elected President-Elect of the World Medical Association.
- Gill Waltman, St. Louis Metropolitan, was successfully granted a $500 grant by the AMA Alliance Initiative (AHIE) Health Education Initiative Grant Foundation. This grant shall be used by the MSMA Alliance for the “Stop the Bleed” project.
- Barbara Hover, Greene County, upon the birth of a 5 lb 6 oz granddaughter, Isabelle Grace on March 2.

THINKING OF YOU
- Kathy Weigand, Buchanan County
- Angela Zylka, St. Louis Metro

SYMPATHY
- Sandra (Sandy) Mitchell, Kansas City Metro, Past President of the AMA Alliance and of the MSMA Alliance, passed away May 31, 2019. Card sent to Dr. Jock Mitchell and family.
- Debbie Schaaf, Buchanan County, upon the loss of her mother, Elizabeth Schoenlaub, June 18, 2019
- Barbara Hover, Greene County, upon the loss of her father, John Sadowski, October 19, 2019.
- Sue Ann Greco, St. Louis Metro, upon the loss of her mother, Jeanette Smriga, March 17, 2020.
- Julie Gipson, Greene County, upon the loss of Dr. Jack Gipson’s mother, Betty Jean, March 25, 2020.
- Minou Arbab, Kansas City Metro, upon the loss of her husband Dr. Ali Arbab who died recently on April 7. A sympathy card will be sent to Minou.
- Kathy Riscoe, former Jasper County member, died April 9, 2020. A condolence note will be sent to her husband, Dr. James Riscoe in Joplin.

Hopefully this report is complete. If any occasion or award, need for a sympathy card or thinking of you note has not been acknowledged, it was not intentional. Your understanding is appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan M. H’Doubler
MSMA Alliance Corresponding Secretary
MSMA Alliance MMPAC Report – 2019-2020

The Missouri Medical Political Action Committee is a bipartisan fundraising committee whose goal is to support and elect pro-medicine candidates at the state level. It is important to have informed candidates in these offices.

During the year, alliance members receive legislative information through Show Me Alliance News, and the MSMA Progress Notes and monthly Legislative Reports during the Jan-May legislative session, and updates from the MSMA Alliance VP for Legislation. The MSMA and AMA websites are also good sources of information.

Enthusiastic alliance members attended the MSMA White Coat Day on March 3 and visited legislators. The briefing held the night before at Madison’s Café with the MSMA lobbying staff is always highly informative as they explain which bills are of greatest importance to medicine. They list the bills MSMA supports and opposes.

As the MMPAC representative from the Alliance to the MSMA, I am responsible for collecting donations from Alliance members to support pro-medicine candidates. I encouraged members to donate to this important cause. I was unable to attend Fall Conference, but MMPAC envelopes were circulated in the meeting packets. Two donations were made (total $150) at the Winter Board Meeting, and the Annual Meeting was cancelled. There will be a better opportunity to collect donations at the summer Executive Board Meeting as it will be only a few months before the general election.

The scheduled annual MMPAC meeting was to have taken place on April 3, 2020 in St. Louis at the MSMA convention – which was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It has been rescheduled as a conference call the evening of Thursday April 28. I will be on the conference call and will pass on any updates for this election year to the incoming MMPAC Chair, Sandra Murdock.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Corrado
MMPAC Chair 2019-2020
The 2019-2020 awards committee met by phone and made a selection for the Jean Wankum Spirit of the Alliance Award. We had no entries for the Sandra Mitchell Member of the Year Award Award.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Hover

Chair of the Awards Committee
SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT
Jana Wolfe

2019-2020 has been a year of “Looking Through Rose Colored Glasses, with Gill Waltman, once again, at the controls and our Great Alliance! It is always exciting to post what the MSMA Alliance is accomplishing throughout the year.

We began the year with postings of our 2019 Annual Meeting saying “Hello, again”, to Gill, her unprecedented second term as our MSMAA President with photos capturing the moments. We went from “Looking on the Bright Side” to “Looking Through Rose Colored Glasses”. This was followed by our outstanding Fall Conference in Hannibal, MO! We started 2020 with our Advocacy for Health Care, Day at the Legislature in Jefferson City. We finished off Gill’s year with a great sadness as our 2020 Annual Meeting was canceled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Besides publication postings for our MSMA Alliance meetings, we were able to post announcements from AMAA, about our Alliance campaigns, the S.A.V.E campaigns from our counties, the MSMA Alliance Holiday Sharing Card benefiting Missouri State Medical Foundation, our student “Drugs are NOT for Me” contest directing our 6-7-8th grade Missouri students against drug misuse, Membership Drive and our encouragement for submission of our prestigious MSMAA Awards. We sadly said “Good-Bye” to our dearly beloved Sandra Mitchell in May 2019.

Perhaps our most exciting news for the 2019-2020 year was the announcement that our very own, SUE ANN GRECO, is to be installed as our AMA Alliance President. She is the sixth AMA Alliance President from Missouri! Previous AMA Alliance Presidents were Mrs. George Hoxie 1929-30, Mrs. Arthur McGlothian 1931-32, Mrs. Richard Sutter 1965-66, Mrs. William McPhee 1985-86 and Mrs. Sandra Mitchel 1996-97. We are so very proud of Sue Ann’s accomplishments. We support you, Sue Ann, and look forward to your great leadership.

We appreciate Gill and all her hard work the past two years and look forward to the leadership of Diana Corzine.
At this time, we are unsure of our next meeting, as social distancing is still present. But whenever we get together, it will be an occasion to be greatly celebrated with friends of medicine who are our family!

As of this writing my postings being share are consumed with the COVID-19 virus.

Be sure to check us out and “like” us on Facebook!!

See you on Facebook!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Jana Wolfe

Metrics:

205 postings 2019-2020

We currently have 197 followers
MSMAA Nominating Committee Report

The MSMAA Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following slate of officers to be installed at the MSMAA Annual Meeting in April 2020.

- President-elect: Barbara Hover
- Vice-President, Foundation: Kelly O’Leary
- Vice President, Health: Angela Zylka
- Vice President, Legislation: Kirk Doan
- Vice President, Membership: Jennifer Gast
- Recording Secretary: Mary Catherine Heimburger
- Treasurer: Debora Snyder

I want to thank Sue Ann Greco, Barbara Hover, Mary Shuman, Jana Wolfe, and Mary Catherine Heimburger for serving on this committee. Filling the officer positions with the best-qualified people is not an easy task, and the efforts put forth by each of these committee members was invaluable. I also want to thank each nominee for the willingness to serve our Missouri State Medical Association Alliance in our important mission of “advocating for a healthy Missouri.”

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Conant
Nominating Committee Chair
MSMAA Immediate-Past President
Missouri State Medical Society Alliance

Medical Student Spouse and Resident Spouse Liaison Report- 2019-2020

The Medical Student and Resident Committee has conducted several projects this year for and with medical students and residents throughout Missouri, in addition to the annual Match Day activities.

February 7, we hosted four St. Louis University medical students at the annual Doctors’ Day event. The students are active in the SLU Health Resource Clinic which was recognized at the event. Dr. Eva Frazier and her students accepted a $2000 donation from the Alliance on behalf of the HRC. Dr. Elie Azrak, a St. Louis interventional cardiologist, was this year’s Doctor of the Year Award recipient.

Match week began on Monday, March 16th in Columbia for the University of Missouri. Gina Graves from student affairs invited the students and set up the atrium event. Mary Catherine Heimburger and Donna Corrado were to donate sodas, etc., and serve with MSMA staff. The pizza was ordered by the Army. The event had to be cancelled due to the crisis. We will plan again for next year.

Friday, March 20th wrapped up with a big event at the University of Missouri Kansas City (UMKC) with the assistance of the Dean and the student affairs associate and the Army. The Alliance was not allowed to attend so only students received their match. We were greatly missed as there were no gifts, pizza or food. Many thanks to Allene Wright for sending out $250.00 to the school. The event was organized in detail, even though it did not get to be presented as planned. We plan to give the gifts and scholarships out at a later time.

In St. Louis, SLU planned to hold its annual event on the 20th also. The St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society Alliance was one of the event sponsors giving cash awards to students and travel luggage. Cash awards were raised from the SLUMMSA Cabi event. These will be given out next year. Angela Zylka and Sandra Murdock’s committee includes: SueAnn Greco, Kelly O’Leary, Dr. JoEllen Ryall, and me — Millie Bever. Funds raised were enough for gifts for the students. Remember the old saying about graduation — they all are “doctors”. Well, we believe all are eligible for awards so the students each receive a ticket to participate in a drawing for the gifts and ‘scholarship’ gift cards.

Graduation day activities are attempting to be coordinated at the two other schools in Missouri. Dr. Jim DiRenna is working with us on this project. The crisis will determine if we are able to complete this activity. Underwriting is secured with the Army and staff. This is a big project that is on hold until the crisis is lifted.

Also, Angela and I thank everyone in the Alliance for their support. At last count, the student section was over 1,000 members again this year.

Respectfully submitted
Millie Bever and Angela Zylka
Medical Student Spouse, Resident Spouse Liaisons
MSMA Alliance Liaison Report
2019-2020

It is an honor and a privilege to assist the Alliance in its activities. I attended the Executive Board meeting in May, the Fall Conference in October, and helped organize the annual Day at the Legislature/White Coat Day in March. We produced three newsletters and sent numerous email blasts to get information to the members.
MSMA looks forward to assisting the Alliance in 2020-2021.
Missouri State Medical Foundation – Report for 2019/2020
Allene Wright, MSMF Liaison for MSMAA

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The next meeting will be 2:30 pm on Saturday, April 4, 2020 at the Renaissance Airport in St. Louis during the Annual MSMA Convention/MSMAA Annual Meeting. This will be my last meeting. President-elect Diana Corzine has asked Debora Snyder to serve the next term as MSMAA Liaison.
Buchanan County Medical Society Alliance Annual Report – 2019-2020

It is hard to believe another year has flown by so quickly! Buchanan County Alliance is still intact with 16 members currently. Several new members have rejoined after being absent for a few years! Although we do not meet on a set schedule, we are in contact through other activities in the community. Several members have attended the meetings of the Medical Society and enjoy their educational and interesting programs, along with a catch-up visit!

Our annual Christmas Dinner with the Medical Society did not include our traditional raffle fund raiser, but with the generosity of our physicians we did make $210 to help defray the costs of our Bullying Books which the St. Joseph public school counselors again requested. These educational booklets are used by the counselors with their third graders for the "You Don't Have to be Bullied" curriculum. They used 800 books this year, and again, the PTA Council participated by giving us a check for $500!! We also were very fortunate to have the help of Barbara Hover who negotiated with a Springfield printer for a much reduced cost for printing these booklets!! THANK YOU BARBARA HOVER!!!!

Our dedicated members who serve on the state level continue their efforts on behalf of Missouri physicians! Their time and dedication to the Alliance is to be commended by all the rest of us! Our Diana Corzine is to be installed this year as State President and we look forward to her year of leadership!!

There is, of course at this time (March) some uncertainty of how this year's meeting schedule will be handled, and only time will answer that question. We certainly hope for the best outcome of the virus issues coming out of China these past several months......and so wish each of you within the Alliance Family good health, happiness, and continued success in your service to the Missouri State Medical Association Alliance!!!!

Eileen Dyer for the Buchanan County Medical Society Alliance Committee
Cape County Area Medical Society Alliance - Annual Report 2019-2020

The Cape County Area Medical Society Alliance kicked off in September of 2019. Sara Crocker is the current president and provided a detailed agenda to all members for the year. Each meeting had a different theme and took place in different homes. We are still trying to build our membership and we’re slowly getting there! We continue with our backpack program where we provide food to children during the weekends. My Student Santas organization also had a very successful year. Many Alliance members volunteered as we helped nearly 2,000 children and fed 400 people on Christmas Day. Student Santas is a non-profit organization that provides toys, clothing, bedding, and food to those less fortunate. It is my goal and dream to expand into different counties!

Our year ended early due to COVID-19. It is my hope that we continue to grow here in Cape County.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Gast
Central Missouri Medical Alliance – Annual Report 2019-2020

Formerly Boone County Medical Society Alliance

In January, 2020, the Alliance announced its formal name change to the Central Missouri Medical Alliance. Trends over the past decade indicate that local membership is decreasing and would benefit from incorporating members from surrounding counties in Mid-Missouri. We strive to bring members living outside Boone County into our expanding network.

On February 1, Alliance members Donna Corrado and Mary C. Heimburger attended the Boone County Medical Society Gala and reported on Alliance activities while inviting prospective members to join. Three to six new members and renewals resulted in the following weeks. Increasing membership allows the Alliance to more effectively undertake its goals along with the Medical Society. The Alliance is in the process of establishing a new charter, writing new bylaws, and formally establishing the new organization.

On February 1, the Alliance will attend the MSMAA Mid-Winter board meeting in Jefferson City. On the following day the Alliance will participate in White Coat Day at the Legislature. We believe in organized medicine and want to show the legislators our support of the MSMA legislative agenda.

In January and February, CMMA participated in an AMA Alliance National Task Force by way of weekly teleconferences to address simplifying the national website and streamlining the organization from the top down. CMMA is likely targeted for this project because it is designing a new local Alliance that will need to adapt significantly to changes in medicine, the medical family and society.

On Monday, March 16, Alliance members planned to be present at UMC Medical School for the annual Match Day activities. We were to provide pizza, fruit, and beverages for the class of 2020 as they go on to residency. We looked forward to celebrating with the students, but sadly the event was canceled due to COVID-19.

CMMA members also made plans to attend the MSMA Alliance Annual Meeting in St. Louis in April – also canceled.

Mary C. Heimburger, President
Central Missouri Medical Alliance
Greene County Medical Society Alliance End of Year Report

Greene County Medical Society Alliance had a successful year with good attendance at our social events. We also added a new male board member who is enthusiastic about our organization and really wants to help organize new activities. Jana Wolfe and Barbara Hover are again co-presidents.

On September 7, 2019, we celebrated Physician Family Day at Lake Springfield where we reserved the air conditioned boathouse and served an old fashioned picnic style dinner. Kid friendly outside and inside games, kayak and canoe rental were available and rock painting was a big hit again this year. We also collected peanut butter for the food pantry in our area. All physicians and their families were invited to this free event.

On September 26, 2019 we held a dinner and reception for physicians and their significant other entitled Physician Wellness: Recognizing Trauma in Patients and Ourselves: Building Resilience with speakers Dr. Kayce Martin DO, FAAP, SFHM and Dr. Deana Wisner Hubbard MD, FAAP. This also was part of the GCMSA Taking Care of Our Own project which we started several years ago and is sponsored by Mercy and Ferrell Duncan Clinic.

In December we held a Dutch treat brunch at a local restaurant which is when we had our new board member join the GCMSA.

On March 2, 2020 we held the 3rd annual Physician Family Night at the Museum. We rented the Discovery Center, after hours, from 6-9 pm. This is a wonderful interactive hand- on science museum. We served kid friendly foods, cookie decorating and had 119 in attendance. This free event was again open to all Physicians and their families in the area.

We are blessed to have the support of Ferrell Duncan Clinic and Mercy Health System for our activities promoting Physician Wellness. We also could not survive without the help of Cathy Leiboult managing director of Greene County Medical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Hover co-president GCMSA
Metropolitan Medical Society of Greater Kansas City Alliance
Report 2019-2020

Annual Meeting, April 3-5, 2020

The Metropolitan Medical Alliance of Kansas City consists of nearly 30 members. We meet monthly socially or gather for our pillowcase project. Our challenges have been recruiting young members and having an aging membership that has been slowly dwindling. Here is a summary of our activities for 2019-2020.

- Our first gathering in September was hosted at the home of Sana Saleh who invited area ambassador for “Noonday Collection” a socially responsible business that uses fashion to create meaningful opportunities with 33 Artisan Business Partners in 15 Countries.
- In October we met for a fun painting at the Ceramic Café.
- In November we toured the Johnson County Heritage Center and learnt about the history of Kansas and Johnson counties.
- Our Annual Holiday Luncheon took place in December at the Webster House in the heart of the Crossroads Art District in Kansas City. We enjoyed a beautiful luncheon in the company of our St. Louis visitor Angela Zylka and new member Cheryl Douglas.
- In February, we celebrated our annual Doctor’s/Valentine’s Day hosted at the home of Dr. and Mrs. David Hazuka with a very good turn-out. Also celebrating the Chief’s win of the superbowl was a plus.
- In March our a sewing gathering at the home of Renae Butler’s home was postponed to the start of the COVID-19 outbreak.
- March 20th was UMKC’s match day where the MSMAA provided financial support of $ 250. We did not attend the event due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The gifts we were supposed to give as a drawing have been saved till next year.
- The scholarship committee reviewed applications submitted to the Truman Heartland Foundation to award a total of $2,000 from the Alliance annually, to students in need who are in the nursing or health allied fields.
- In April, we were hoping to attend the Annual meeting in St. Louis and gather for another sewing session at Renae’s house but did not as were stayed home under lockdown.

Respectfully Submitted,

Millie Bever and Sana Saleh
St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society Alliance Annual Report 2019-2020

The SLMMS Alliance Installation Luncheon took place on Friday May 24, 2019 at the Racquet Club Ladue. MSMA Alliance President Gill Waltman was the installing officer. Kelly O’Leary (continuing a second term) and Angela Zylka (incoming first term) were installed as Co-Presidents with the Vice Presidents for Health (Kelly O’Leary), Membership (Sue Ann Greco), Legislation (JoEllyn Ryall, MD), and Foundation (Gill Waltman). Also installed were Treasurer (Sandra Murdock), Recording Secretary (Gill Waltman), and Corresponding Secretary (Jean Raybuck.)

Successful Cabi Fashion Show fundraisers were hosted at the home of Sue Ann Greco on Thursday Sept 12 and Sat Sept 14. Proceeds raised benefit the SLMMS Alliance community health programs and support charity donations.

Sandra Murdock presented the Hands are Not for Hitting program on October 24 to 3rd graders at Combs Elementary School in the Ferguson/Florissant School district, with the help of teacher Ellen Ferguson.

Kelly O’Leary and Angela Zylka presented the Drugs are not for Me program to the 6th grade at Loyola Academy. The boys participated in the contest with artwork. The 7th and 8th graders wrote 4-question essays addressing Smoking is Not for Me and Juiling. Contest Awards were given out at a luncheon downtown held at the Missouri Athletic Club on Nov 5. Cash prizes and certificates were awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placements in each grade.

Several Alliance members attended the MSMA Alliance Fall Conference in Hannibal Oct 29-30. They participated in the Stop the Bleed demonstration by general surgeon Patricia Hirner, MD and vascular surgeon Michael Bukstein.

The Holiday Luncheon took place at Kelly O’Leary’s home on Friday December 13. The Medical Society grants the Alliance $1,000 annually and a check was presented to Treasurer Sandra Murdock on behalf of SLMMS. Carrie Kreutz, our Cabi Associate, donated $800 from the September fundraiser sales. The Alliance donated $500 to St. Martha’s Hall, $300 to Loyola Academy and $200 to the St. Louis Area Food Bank, plus individual checks.

Alliance members attended the annual Installation of SLMMS officers on Saturday January 25. The event was held at the Saint Louis Zoo. The incoming SLMMS President Jason K. Skyles, MD acknowledged the Alliance members present and thanked the Alliance for its role on behalf of the Medical Society in the community.

The Doctor of the Year dinner was held on Friday Feb. 7. Dr. Elie Azrak, an interventional cardiologist was the 2020 recipient. Underwriting was received from several primary care practices, including Dr. Tom Greco’s practice. The Health Resource Clinic for St. Louis University
received a $2000 donation from the Alliance. Four second-year medical students who help run the HRC were invited to the dinner.

Sandra Murdock, Dr. JoEllyn Ryall and Gill Waltman represented St. Louis at the White Coat Rally in Jefferson City on Tuesday Mar 3.

The designer clothing resale fundraiser planned at The Vault in April has been postponed until after the stay-at-home order is lifted. The Vault donates 10% of clothing sales to SLMMSA.

The May installation of officers is being postponed until after the stay-at-home order is lifted. An outdoor event is tentatively planned for June or July at the home of Sue Ann Greco.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly O'Leary
Angela Zylka
2019-2020 SLMMS Alliance Co-Presidents