Approval of Minutes – On motion, duly seconded, the minutes of the March 25, 2018, meeting were approved.

Report of the President – MSMA President, Joseph Corrado, MD, reported on his travels. He and his wife have visited five out of Missouri’s eight contiguous states, attending state society annual meetings. He also attended the AMA National Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C., and the AMA Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Report of the Executive Committee – Dr. Corrado reported that the Committee met on Saturday, July 21. They discussed the 7.1% decline in membership numbers for the period September 2017-August 2018. They approved hiring a marketing firm to assist with membership.

Dr. Corrado also reported that the Mineral Area and the Perry-Ste. Genevieve medical societies are becoming inactive.

MSMA staff has created a tool within the website to help physicians recruit new members: www.msma.org/engage.

The Committee recommends that Resolution 13 (Improved Nomination Process) not be adopted.

Dr. Corrado reported that several members of the MSMA and staff, along with our attorney, will be attending an Opioid Policy Advisory Council meeting on July 25. They will be addressing the issue of letters being sent by MO Healthnet to prescribers.

The Board of Healing Arts will be reviewing 2018 legislation, Missouri Physicians Health Program and Colorado’s Safe Haven law at its August board meeting.

Dr. Corrado stated that work continues to get Missouri Medicine published online through PubMed Central.
He gave an update on repairs being made to the MSMA headquarters building.

The MSMA Annual Convention will be held April 5-7, 2019, at the Westin Crown Center in Kansas City.

On motion, duly seconded, the Committee’s recommendation to not adopt Resolution 13 was accepted.

On motion, duly seconded, the report of the Executive Committee was approved.

Report of Budget and Finance Committee – MSMA Treasurer, David Pohl, MD, reported that the Committee met on Saturday. He stated that dues revenues are down; revenue from outside sources such as the KaMMCO SHINE venture should be helpful.

Dr. Pohl outlined the current member dues structure. On motion, duly seconded, the report of the Budget and Finance Committee and the recommendation to maintain the current dues structure were approved.

Report of the Executive Vice President – Mr. Patrick Mills welcomed members to the Lake of the Ozarks.

Mr. Mills stated that staff will be meeting in the coming week with the Opioid Policy Advisory Council.

He directed members’ attention to several sign-on letters in their folders. These letters concern the veto of Missouri HB 1516 (chiropractors billing for services provided to MO HealthNet patients), the U.S. Senate Bill 2575 concerning audiologists’ access to Medicare patients, and the APRN Compact.

Mr. Mills shared MSMA’s recommendations for physicians to serve on the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts.

He encouraged members to utilize the one-page synopsis of MSMA’s activities (in folders) when engaging non-members.

Mr. Mills stated that MSMA has gained new members by recruiting non-member physicians who have stepped up to serve on the Education Commission.

The following vote was taken to fill an anesthesiologist vacancy on the Missouri Medicine Editorial Board: On motion duly seconded, Kathy Perryman, MD, will replace Jim Gibbons. MD

Mr. Mills reported that Liz Fleenor and John Hagan, MD, are continuing to work toward making all issues of Missouri Medicine available online through national indexing.

The following vote was taken to fill a vacancy on the MSMA Council: On motion, duly seconded, Amanda Turner, MD, will fill the unexpired term of 6th District Vice Councilor Benjamin Wilson, MD.

Report on SHINE – Mr. Jonathan Smith, Regional Manager – SHINE of Missouri, outlined the many benefits of the health information exchange and shared information on the approximate annual cost to connect. There will be a live, open demonstration online on July 25. Mr. Smith encouraged members to invite him to their society meetings or CME events; he will be glad to give a presentation on SHINE.

Report of the Commission on Continuing Education – George Hruza, MD, referred members to the Commission’s report in the Council folders.

Peggy Barjenbruch, MD, thanked Betty Drees, MD, for her years of work as Chair of the Commission. Dr.
Barjenbruch stated that planning has begun for the 2019 Annual Convention.

On motion, duly seconded, the report of the Commission on Continuing Education was approved.

**Report of the Commission on Medical Economics** – David Kuhlmann, MD, reported that the Commission met on July 9 and discussed Resolution #5 – Creating a Standardized Priority Menu for Physicians Calling in Prescriptions. The following is offered for MSMA Council’s consideration:

Motion: the Missouri State Medical Association work with the Missouri Pharmacy Association to identify measures to promote speedy and safe communication between physicians and pharmacies in the State of Missouri, including, but not limited to, seeking to have a physician access number placed very early in the automated queues of as many pharmacies as possible.

On motion, duly seconded, the motion and the report of the Commission on Medical Economics were approved.

**Report of the Committee on Legislative Affairs** – Ravi Johar, MD, presented the report. On July 21, 2018, the MSMA Committee on Legislative Affairs met at 3:00 pm. The Committee received a recap of the recently completed legislative session, and a few insights into what MSMA has planned for 2019. There will be a White Coat Rally on March 5, 2019. There were no action items before the Committee.

**Actions and Recommendations on Resolutions** – Dr. Hruza referred members to the handout that outlines the disposition of the resolutions from the 2018 Annual Meeting.

**Report of the Membership Committee** – Warren Lovinger, MD, reported on the challenges faced regarding membership, and provided an overview of MSMA membership across the state. He encouraged members to take credit for the accomplishments of MSMA, and to point out those accomplishments when engaging potential members.

Dr. Lovinger reported that Stephen Foutes, MSMA staff, is now Executive Director of Boone County Medical Society, following the retirement of Bev Wilcox.

**Report of the Physicians Health Committee** – Lisa Thomas, MD, reviewed the MPHP reports and discussed the importance of the MPHP. Hospital contributions are down, though hospitals realize a great financial benefit when physicians receive assistance.

On motion, duly seconded, the report of the Physicians Health Committee was approved.

**MSMA Alliance Report** – Mrs. Marsha Conant offered the report in the absence of Mrs. Gillian Waltman, President.

**Councilor Advisor Appointments** – Dr. Hruza appointed the following as Councilor Advisors: David Kuhlmann, MD – Commission on Medical Economics; Peggy Barjenbruch, MD – Commission on Continuing Education; George Hubbell, MD – Commission on Public Affairs; Lisa Thomas, MD – Physicians Health Committee.

On motion, duly seconded, the Council approved the appointments.

**Councilor District Reports**

**District 3** – I.J. Singh, MD, reported that SLMMS hosted its opioid symposium for physicians on Saturday, April 21; approximately 75 physicians attended. He offered an overview of the results of SLMMS’ Second Annual Physician Insurance Survey. Results will be released to the media and the St. Louis business community, and a summary report will appear in the August issue of the St. Louis Metropolitan Medicine magazine. On Monday, September
24, SHINE of Missouri will host a CME program in St. Louis on Quality Matters: The New Data Dilemma.

District 5 – Dr. Lisa Thomas welcomed Stephen Foutes as the new executive director of the Boone County Medical Society. She reported that Mrs. Donna Corrado and Mrs. Mary Heimburger are trying to reorganize the BCMS Alliance, which has been dormant. BCMS is offering a new benefit, Legal Shield, at a discount to members. The situation in Columbia will be changing, as Boone Hospital’s lease with BJC ends in 2020. BCMS hosted a SHINE dinner on June 25.

District 6 – David Kuhlmann, MD, introduced Amanda Turner, MD, as the new District 6 Vice Councilor.

District 7 – Lancer Gates, DO, reported that KCMS hosted its summer social for Kansas-based members on June 14, with 11 legislators attending. The summer social for Missouri-based members will be held on August 29 at the Boulevard Brewing Company. There are five trainings scheduled over the next three months for the “Stop the Bleed” campaign.

District 8 – Brian Curtis, MD, reported that KCU-Joplin and KCU-Kansas City graduated over 400 progressive first-year medical students. KCU-Joplin will be seeking full accreditation.

District 9 – Lirong Zhu, MD, reported that a physician from Mercy has become the chief medical officer of Phelps County Regional Medical Center, and they are looking forward to greater collaboration between the two organizations.

District 10 – Sharon Wallace, MD, introduced Douglas Wallace, MD, as the new District 10 Vice Councilor.

Medical Student Section – Scott Berndt – University of Missouri-Columbia - reported that they will be hosting a Residency Directors’ dinner in October. He encouraged members to reach out to medical students to assist with writing resolutions.

Resident and Fellow Section – Joanne Loethen, MD, reported that membership and engagement continue to be a top priority. They will be encouraging participation in White Coat Day.

Organized Medical Staff Section – Peggy Barjenbruch, MD, reported that about 100 representatives had met in Chicago. Eight resolutions were presented, and she discussed in particular Resolution 717 regarding the independence of medical staff.

AMA Report – Edmond Cabbabe, MD, reported on the delegation’s experience at the AMA meeting in Chicago; details in report in folders. The AMA Foundation Missouri Honor Fund grant of $40,000 (combined with AMA Foundation grant) was presented to a St. Louis clinic that serves the immigrant population. The AMA interim meeting will be held November 10-13, in National Harbor, Maryland.

Prerogatives of the Chair – Dr. Hruza informed members that there will be an advocacy workshop in conjunction with the January 2019 MSMA Council meeting and referred members to the listing of future meeting dates in their folders.

Adjournment - On motion, duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Council Meeting – The next meeting will be held October 14, 2018, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Jefferson City.