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Update from Your MCMS President

Dear MCMS member,

Happy New Year! I thought I would provide an update on several key activities taking place with your county medical society. Earlier this month, the MCMS board of directors met with state Rep. Josh Shapiro at our monthly board meeting. We discussed the MCARE raid that took place and Rep. Shapiro's vote in that fiasco. We also discussed how we can move forward from this and try to prevent it from happening again next year. We made it clear to Rep. Shapiro that we are not happy with what took place. With this being an election year, other legislators have made similar requests to speak at future board meetings, but this has not been determined yet.

The medical legal committee will be meeting every other month. We welcome new members to help us identify ways that doctors and lawyers can interact in a productive fashion. Currently, we are working on a medical legal seminar, "The Anatomy of a Lawsuit," to host this spring. The seminar would talk about what happens when a doctor gets sued and the maintenance and deletion of medical records. We also hope to do a mock cross examination to illustrate the dos and don'ts of giving testimony. It would be open to all physicians and lawyers, and we are pursuing CME credit for the seminar. We are also looking for volunteers to participate in the mock cross examination.

For those of you who have a competitive and fun spirit, the medical legal committee has discussed organizing a doctor vs. lawyer softball game sometime this summer to raise money for a charity. Before this can happen, we need to know if there is enough interest. If you are interested in playing, you should contact our executive director Toyca Williams, montmedsoc@verizon.net.

Plans are underway to host the annual dinner with legislators this spring in Harrisburg. This is an opportunity to speak with legislators face to face, and let them know what is on your mind. Any member of your board of directors would welcome your comments to share with legislators.

Finally, our three task forces -- political, public relations and membership-- continue to meet as part of our new strategic plan and through them we are obviously looking to enhance publicity, increase membership and lobby for our political goals. Again we welcome involvement from members.

Board meetings are held monthly and are open to all who are interested. Our next meeting is on Feb 9, 6 p.m. at our office in King of Prussia. Further details about these events will be forthcoming in the MCMS Pulse. As always, you can get more information by e-mailing Toyca, montmedsoc@verizon .net or call (610) 878-9530. We would love to hear from you. You can have a say in what happens.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Lopatin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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