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Dear Fellow MPS Member:

Since its inception, the Maryland Psychiatric Society has represented Maryland's psychiatrists and our patients, while promoting education, advocacy and professional development. As with all organizations, the strength of the MPS comes from the involvement of our members. Over the past few years, the MPS has dealt with a broad range of issues affecting psychiatrists and patients including parity, access to treatment, scope of practice, firearm regulation, the opioid epidemic and Maintenance of Certification (MOC).

Many of us have been involved with MPS committees in the past and know firsthand of their importance to the MPS, and more broadly for psychiatrists in Maryland and for our patients and community at large.

Below is a list of MPS committees. They vary in size and by the amount of time required for active engagement, but all are important. I encourage you to consider joining one or more of them to help support our mission. The active participation of individual members on all committees is critical to our success.

I am happy to speak with you should you have any questions or concerns. My email address is ptriple@jhmi.edu.

Thank You,



Patrick Triplett, M.D.
President-Elect

YOUR NAME: _____
(Please print)

___ ACADEMIC PSYCHIATRY – works to enhance collaboration between the MPS and the academic community and focuses on the needs and highlights the accomplishments of the academic community. Active

___ BOOK CLUB - provides an opportunity for members to meet quarterly to discuss a book, fiction or non-fiction, chosen by the group in advance. Book Club meetings attract members who want to get together socially for a stimulating discussion and light refreshment, whether or not they have participated in MPS activities. Active

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___ DISTINGUISHED FELLOWSHIP - selects the Society's nominees for APA Distinguished Fellowship each year in accordance with APA guidelines. Its members must be Distinguished Fellows or Distinguished Life Fellows. Meets once per year.

___ DIVERSITY – advocates for integrating the elements of diversity into the MPS by acting as a liaison to other community organizations with related interests both clinically and academically. Very Active

___ EARLY CAREER PSYCHIATRISTS - made up of ECPs, this committee plans and implements educational, career planning, and social events for ECPs to engage them in MPS activities and convey MPS information to them. Active

___ EDITORIAL ADVISORY BOARD - is responsible to the Council for supervising and advising the Editor of *The Maryland Psychiatrist* regarding policies, selections for publication, and general management of the publication. Active

___ LEGISLATIVE - pursues the interests of the membership in all mental health matters, initiating and responding to proposed state and federal legislation. Liaison with our lobbyist, other MPS committees, MedChi, and other patient and professional advocacy groups is integral to this committee's work, which is concentrated during the legislative session from early January to early April each year. Members will critique bills and can testify in Annapolis on bills the committee feels are most important. Very Active

___ MEMBERSHIP - recruits and evaluates applicants for membership, in accordance with the MPS constitution and by-laws and APA policy. It also considers special member requests, works on recruitment initiatives, including outreach to residency training programs in the area, and carries out retention efforts. Very Active

___ PAYER RELATIONS - represents MPS interest and concern on issues relating to third party payers and health care management. Its activities range from gathering information on and assisting with complaints, to recommending Society positions, to legislative, regulatory and public awareness initiatives. Active

___ PROGRAM AND CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION - plans MPS scientific programs and ensures that programs qualify for CME credit. Active

___ PUBLIC PSYCHIATRY - represents the MPS in all issues related to public psychiatry, including the proper use and role of psychiatrists in public settings and advocacy for quality psychiatric care for patients treated in the public sector. Active

___ RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS - made up of Resident-Fellow Members (RFM) from the accredited training programs in Maryland, the committee plans and implements educational, career planning, and social events for RFMs. It also brings RFM issues to the attention of the Council and conveys MPS information to residents and fellows. Active

Please check all committees you would like to join and return to the MPS:

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