

# 2018 Maryland Psychiatric Society Annual Report

## **Financial**

2018 was a financial success! Total Assets \$383K, Total Liabilities \$102K, and Net Assets (equity) \$281K. Total income (\$335K) - expenses (\$322K) = \$14K surplus (best in >10y).

## **Membership**

2018 ended with 707 members (down 11 from 2017) - most losses were early career.

## **Scientific Programs and Meetings**

- Two profitable CME events were held - on risk assessment and psychopharmacology.
- The annual meeting in April recognized the Paper of the Year, poster competition and Lifetime of Service Award winners, as well as other member achievements.
- A Winter Party and Fall Open House were informal events for members to connect.
- A Career Night for residents brought new psychiatrists and employers together.
- A baseball game night provided early career psychiatrists with networking and fun.
- A Federal Parity law 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary seminar provided updates and resources.
- Various committee meetings and resident luncheons gave members a framework to work towards common goals.

## **Government Relations**

- In the 2018 election year, MPS analyzed over 50 pieces of legislation. On MPS Advocacy Day (February), members met with leaders of the General Assembly to discuss legislative priorities. Successes included the passage of a ban on sexual orientation conversion therapy for minors, passage of involuntary admissions procedure updates, and more.
- The MPS also worked with the Maryland Department of Health, including the Behavioral Health Administration, and the Insurance Administration. MPS participated in several government relations initiatives, including a candidate backgrounder and gubernatorial candidate questionnaire, and provided comments on regulatory proposals and letters of concern to the Secretary of Health, and others.

## **Outreach**

- Publications: The annual MPS Membership Directory was mailed to all MPS members. Monthly "MPS News" and Winter and Summer issues of "The Maryland Psychiatrist" were emailed to members and posted online.
- The MPS Website: With a login, members can update their profiles, pay dues, register for events, view the online membership directory. The opt-in *Find a Psychiatrist* tool is useful to members as well as the public. The site also features a rich collection of resources for psychiatrists, as well as news and advocacy.
- MPS Social Media Accounts: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#) accounts were created to help members and the public connect with MPS and each other.
- The telephone referral service connected callers 989 times with participating psychiatrists.