

2019 Maryland Psychiatric Society Annual Report

Financial

2019 ended in the black, solely because of a large gain on MPS investments. Total Assets \$432K, Total Liabilities \$150K, and Net Assets (equity) \$282K. Assets and liabilities are up vs 2018 because MPS billed its own 2020 dues. Total income (\$347K) - expenses (\$346K) = \$1K surplus.

Membership

2019 ended with 731 members, up 21 for the year due to a large increase in Resident-Fellow Members at the UMD/SP program that offset losses of full dues paying members. Completed a psychiatrist data project to help with recruitment.

Scientific Programs and Meetings

- Three successful CME events were held: dangerous patients, a movie event on suicide and the annual fall psychopharmacology symposium.
- The inaugural Trivia Night for Residents and Fellows was a great success.
- 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 baseball game night provided early career psychiatrists with networking and fun.
- A Career & Practice Night Happy Hour brought members, employers and vendors together.
- Committee meetings and resident luncheons facilitated engagement and collaboration.

Government Relations

- The General Assembly, with 17 new Senators and 43 new Delegates, introduced 2,480 bills, 16 Joint Resolutions, and 2 House Simple Resolutions in 2019. The MPS reviewed 85 pieces of legislation and actively worked 56 of those bills.
- On Advocacy Day in February, members met with leaders of the General Assembly to discuss MPS legislative priorities.
- [Position on Integration of Mental Health, Substance Use, and Primary Care](#)
- [Call for Administration to Provide Humane Care for Asylum Seekers at U.S. Border](#)
- Worked with the Maryland Department of Health, Behavioral Health Administration and Insurance Administration on initiatives addressing parity, network adequacy and Maryland's Behavioral Health System of Care, including workgroups that are guiding public sector changes. Signed on to BH coalition recommendations and requested higher Medicaid rates. A new MPS Health Policy Advisory Group was established.

Outreach and Member Engagement

- Publications: The annual MPS Membership Directory was mailed to all members. Monthly "MPS News" and three issues of "The Maryland Psychiatrist" were emailed and posted online.
- Listserv: Popular way for members to quickly ask questions, share resources and ideas.
- Website: With a login, members can update their profiles, pay dues, register for events and view the online membership directory. Also includes the opt-in *Find a Psychiatrist* tool, a rich collection of resources for psychiatrists, news and advocacy.
- Social Media Accounts: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#) accounts help members and the public connect with MPS and each other. Member Spotlight continues.
- Interest Groups: Launched 10 email groups to facilitate member connections focused mainly on sub-specialty areas.
- The telephone referral service connected callers over 400 times with participating members.