

2020 Maryland Psychiatric Society Annual Report

Financial

2020 ended slightly in the red after the pandemic eliminated in-person events and advertising income declined. Total Assets \$429K, Total Liabilities \$150K, and Net Assets (equity) \$279K. This is similar to 2019, aside from the \$3K loss = total income (\$305K) - expenses (\$308K).

Membership

2020 concluded with 740 members, up 12 for the year mainly due to more Resident-Fellow Members. There was a concerning loss of 8 early career members. A new [ECP resource page](#) on the website launched in November. The MPS continues to add to its lifer member rolls. Recruitment activity: two postcards mailed early in the year and outreach via a survey in the fall.

Scientific Programs and Meetings

- The second annual Trivia Night for Residents and Fellows was another great success.
- The spring annual meeting became a virtual event in October due to COVID-19. We reviewed the year in Maryland psychiatry, and recognized Paper of the Year, poster competition and Lifetime of Service winners, and other member achievements via Zoom.
- Two successful virtual CME meetings were held: a documentary film event on the impact of gun violence on communities and a multi-day, joint meeting with the Southern Psychiatric Association.
- Career & Practice Night evolved into a digital exchange among members, employers and vendors.
- [Committee](#) and Council meetings were held via Zoom during the pandemic.

Government Relations

- Over 2800 bills were introduced, of which MPS reviewed close to 100 (about 3%). The MPS supported 19 bills, opposed 12, offered amendments on 7, and followed 11 others. MPS provided oral testimony on 3 bills: two scope of practice bills and the physician assisted suicide bill. Due to the coronavirus, Maryland's 188 lawmakers passed about 500 bills in a matter of days and adjourned nearly three weeks early.
- On Advocacy Day, members discussed MPS legislative priorities with General Assembly leaders.
- [MPS Endorses BPA and AAMC Statements; Condemns Racism, Violence and Police Brutality](#)
- Appealed to state and federal officials on a range of issues, e.g., UTP form, network adequacy, telehealth, congregate settings, BH funding, etc. for a total of [16 advocacy initiatives](#) in 2020.
- MPS and WPS executed an MOU for joint representation of psychiatry in the Maryland legislature.

Outreach and Member Engagement

- Publications: The annual MPS Membership Directory was mailed to all members. Monthly [MPS News](#) and two issues of [The Maryland Psychiatrist](#) were emailed and posted online.
- Listserv: Popular way for members to quickly ask each other 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 online are an opt-in [Find a Psychiatrist](#) tool, a rich collection of practice resources, news, and advocacy information.
- Social Media Accounts: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#).
- Interest Groups: [10 email groups](#) facilitate member connections around sub-specialty areas.
- Telephone referral service was less active due to reduced office hours because of COVID.
- New monthly post of members accepting new patients on the [website](#)
- New [Curbside Conversations](#) connects members around specific practice-related topics.