

2021 Maryland Psychiatric Society Annual Report

Financial

After a small loss last year, 2021 ended \$2K in the black despite the pandemic forcing MPS to hold virtual events. Sharing lobbyist expenses with WPS made the difference. Total Assets \$435K, Total Liabilities \$164K, and Net Assets (equity) \$281K. Income (\$291K) - Expenses (\$288K) = \$2K Surplus.

Membership

2021 concluded with 780 members, up 40 mainly due to 27 more Resident-Fellow Members and 16 Medical Student Members (a new dues-free category in 2021). MPS added a third year of graduated dues for new GMs to ease the transition for early career members. Along with APA, the MPS discontinued the Rule of 95 lifer status, which was replaced by retired and semi-retired dues rates. Recruitment activity: the Hopkins residency program added a group invoice which helped greatly.

Vision Mission Values

- [Council approved updates for these guiding statements on March 11](#)
- [Initial MPS Committee Goals for Addressing Structural Racism and Inclusion](#)

Scientific Programs and Meetings

- The April annual meeting was virtual 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 an interactive Zoom event.
- Virtual CMEs: [Impact of Racism in Maryland Psychiatry](#), and Psychiatry and Legal Interventions.
- [Committee](#) and Council meetings were held virtually; Trivia Night and Career & Practice Night were not held due to zoom fatigue.

Government Relations and Advocacy

- Over 2300 bills were introduced, of which MPS reviewed over 90 and submitted testimony on 57. A major telehealth bill that MPS supported was passed along with bills addressing involuntary commitment. Due to the coronavirus, public access was limited, and Advocacy Day was not held but a virtual Advocacy Workshop for members was a success.
- [MPS Endorses AAPA Statement on Atlanta-Area Mass Shooting](#)
- Appealed to state and federal officials on a range of issues, e.g., network adequacy, telehealth, parity compliance reporting, Medicaid rates, etc. for a total of [17 advocacy initiatives](#) in 2021.

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 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, and a wealth 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 impacted by reduced office hours due to COVID.