

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**ELECTED OFFICERS***President*

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It is my great honor to have been selected to serve as the President of the Maryland Sleep Society.

For those of you who do not know me, I am behavioral sleep specialist, eg expert in the non-drug treatment of sleep disorders. After completing a 2-year fellowship at Johns Hopkins, I co-founded and developed a comprehensive sleep medicine center in Howard County. Most recently, I joined the faculty at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, where I direct the Insomnia Program.

The more I have become involved with the MDSS, the more I have come to appreciate the importance of our activities and the great efforts of our leaders. I would especially like to thank immediate Past President Dr. Brian Bohner for his service and dedication. Under his leadership we have grown to be one of the most robust state societies in the nation.

None of us individually has time to manage all of the various issues affecting our ability to practice sleep medicine. But by working together as part of our society, we are better able to provide input and exert influence over some of these matters. This year we hope to increase the visibility of the society for sleep-related issues statewide and will focus on growing our membership (with the ambitious goal of recruiting ALL sleep specialists/ RPSGTs in our state).

In addition to hosting our Annual Conference, we plan to develop additional professional training and networking offerings for both technologists and physicians. We also hope to increase the opportunities for member engagement and want to hear from you. Please feel free to share your thoughts with me and the leadership on how the society can further enhance its value. The MDSS exists to provide the finest relevant educational opportunities as well as political awareness pertaining to our profession, while affording camaraderie to its membership. Your input is crucial to refining our effectiveness as a major specialty organization.

Emerson M. Wickwire, PhD

SAVE THE DATES**SEVENTH ANNUAL
CONFERENCE****APRIL 29-30, 2016****BOARD NOMINATIONS AND THE ELECTION CYCLE**

The Nominating Committee of the Society has reviewed the nominations received for the open board positions and recommends the following members to serve on the Board of Directors of the Maryland Sleep Society during the 2015-2017 Term:

John E. Brown, MD, FCCP

Katherine S. Maul Buki, MD, FCCP, FAASM

Linda Hurley, RPSGT, CCSH (Treasurer position)

Susheel P. Patil, MD, PhD (President Elect position)

Please take a few minutes to review the candidates and submit your vote. Your participation is an important part of our organization.

VOTE NOW

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.....

**Please e-mail us (info@marylandsleepsociety.com)
if you have suggestions for:**

- **Conference Speakers**
- **New Supporters**
- **Committees / Working group ideas**
- **Priorities as Members**

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**THE SEVENTH ANNUAL
EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE**

APRIL 29-30, 2016

Conference Center at Sheppard Pratt

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UPCOMING EVENTS.....

[PEDIATRIC SLEEP MEDICINE MEETING - NOV 12-15, 2015](#)

[A WOMAN'S JOURNEY - NOV 14, 2015](#)

**[HICKORY HOUSE RESPIRATORY CARE & SLEEP CONFERENCE -
DEC 2, 2015](#)**