

ELECTED OFFICERS*President*

Emerson M. Wickwire, PhD

President-Elect

Susheel P. Patil, MD, PhD

Past-President

Brian Bohner, MD, FCCP, ABSM

Secretary

Steven C. Scherr, DDS

Treasurer

Linda Hurley, RPSGT, CCSH

Board of Directors

John Brown, MD

Katherine S. Maul Buki, MD, FCCP, FAASM

Agha W. Mirza, RPSGT

Jessica L. Schmidt, MA, RPSGT, RST

**THE EIGHTH ANNUAL
EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE****APRIL 28-29, 2017****Conference Center
at Sheppard Pratt****See pages 2 and 3
for more details...****EARLY BIRD
DISCOUNT****REGISTER BEFORE
APRIL 14TH
TO SAVE \$50****LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT****Dear Members and Friends of the Maryland Sleep Society,****I hope this note finds you well. In this issue, three updates:**

First, it was great to see so many of you at the **Fall Business Meeting**. Dr. Liesl Cooper, Vice President for Market Access at ResMed, delivered an outstanding presentation on economic costs associated with OSA, which was followed by a moderated discussion also featuring MDSS Past President Dr. Brian Bohner. Brief presentations addressed inpatient sleep medicine, dental sleep medicine, and more... the feedback on this event was superb. So very special thanks to our sponsors for this meeting - Novasom and Resmed - as we could not have put the meeting together without them. More to follow on the next Business Meeting planned for Fall 2017.

Second, the Board has recently approved a **payer relations initiative**. The Payer Relations Committee (Katherine Buki, MD – chair, Brian Bohner, MD, and Jessica Schmidt, RPSGT) will provide a brief overview at the annual conference. We also hope to have an update on drowsy driving, based on the current legislative session in Maryland.

Third, our **2017 Annual Conference is April 28 and 29**. As is our tradition, the annual conference of the Maryland Sleep Society will feature nationally known leaders sharing their insights on cutting-edge and important topics in sleep medicine. This year's loose theme is "sleep and the brain," and the event promises to be an excellent day and a half of learning and community building.

As always, please let us know any questions, concerns, or suggestions.**Looking forward to seeing you in April!****Warm wishes,****Emerson M. Wickwire, PhD****** SEE IMPORTANT NOTICES ON PAGE 3 ******Thank you to our Fall Business Meeting
Sponsors****AccuSom® Home Sleep Testing**
provided by  NovaSom
Delivering fast results through wireless data transmission
ResMed
Changing lives
with every breath**CLICK [HERE](#) FOR MORE CONFERENCE DETAILS & REGISTRATION**

8TH ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Enjoy Wonderful Speakers...Network within the Sleep Community... Fulfill all of your Continuing Education Credits.....

APRIL 28-29, 2017
Conference Center at Sheppard Pratt
Towson, Maryland

The Conference is a two-day event...full day Friday and half day Saturday.....and includes interesting topics presented by exceptional speakers:

SAIRAM PARTHASARATHY, MD
Health Services in Sleep Medicine

LARRY COHEN, DDS
Breathing Disordered Sleep: The Dentist as Part of the Management Team

JACOB COLLEN, MD, FACP, FCCP
Sexsomnia and Forensic Sleep Medicine

ANNE GERMAIN, PhD
Cerberus' Honey Cake: Promoting Trauma Recovery Through Sleep

RUBIN NAIMAN, PhD
Seeing in the Dark: A Mindful Approach to Sleep and Dreams

DAVID N. NEUBAUER, MD
Orexins and the Search for a New Hypnotic

TEMITAYO OYEGBILE, MD, PhD
Effects of Sleep Loss on the Brain

NARESH M. PUNJABI, MD, PhD
Sleep-Disordered Breathing in Heart Failure: Challenges in Diagnosis and Management

DANNA TAUBER, MD, MPH
Updates on the Management of Pediatric OSA

SYED A. SAYEEDUDDIN, MD
PATRICK R. SMITH, DO
DAVID SHAHA, MD
NASHWA WAHBA, DO
Literature Review in Sleep: Highlights of 2016

Members who pay their 2017 dues enjoy a discount on Conference Registration

**** REGISTER BY FRIDAY, APRIL 14TH FOR A \$50 DISCOUNT ****

IMPORTANT NOTICES

CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS—EFFECTIVE OCT 1, 2016: We want to remind our members that the Maryland Board of Physicians now requires Criminal History Record Checks (CHRC) for **renewals, reinstatements, and initial license applications, effective October 1, 2016.** Failure to submit to a Criminal History Record Check may result in a disciplinary action by the Board. For complete information, please visit the [Maryland Board of Physicians website](#).

CCSH TEMPORARY PATHWAY: All CCSH applicants using the CCSH Temporary Pathway #3 (the CSE Certificate), must apply by **11:59 EDT on March 31, 2017.** All applications must be submitted by this deadline; once approved, you will have up to one year to sit for the exam. If you are submitting a paper application through the mail, it must be postmarked by March 31. This temporary pathway is for those individuals who have earned the BRPT-issued Clinical Sleep Educator Certificate and who have a current healthcare credential or license. By using this temporary pathway you will save \$150 in CCSH exam fees. For more information on the CCSH examination, refer to the [BRPT website](#).

POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS IN MARYLAND: Individuals enrolled in a polysomnography educational program accredited by the AASM **MUST** obtain the required clinical hours **PRIOR** to completing the modules. Once the modules are completed, the individual is no longer enrolled in an educational program and, therefore, no longer a student... and, therefore, **NOT ELIGIBLE TO PRACTICE POLYSOMNOGRAPHY.**

The State has advised that the “workaround” is to NOT HIT “SEND.” To reiterate.....**DO NOT HIT ‘SEND’ ON THE LAST MODULE UNTIL THE REQUIRED CLINICAL HOURS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.**

For reference, see this letter posted on the [Maryland Sleep Society website](#).

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

You are invited to submit an abstract for the **Maryland Sleep Society 8th Annual Conference**, which will be held on April 28, 2017, at the Conference Center at Sheppard Pratt in Towson, Maryland. Abstracts will be accepted for poster presentations only. Posters for completed research, research in progress, and practice innovations will be considered.

Abstracts should be no more than 300 words. Research abstracts should contain sections for introduction, methods, results and conclusions. No references, tables or figures should appear in the abstract or be submitted with it.

Please email submissions to [Dr. Valerie Rogers](#) with the e-mail heading ‘MDSS Abstract’. The due date for submission is April 15, 2017. Abstracts will be peer reviewed, and notification of acceptance will be by email no later than April 21, 2017.

Posters should measure no more than 4’x4’, and should be clear and organized for viewing. The poster will be presented at the end of the scientific session on that day. During this hour, the author should be physically present to discuss the content and answer questions. Abstract presenters are expected to register for the meeting and be present at the poster session. Prizes will be awarded.

ALSO OF INTEREST . . .

[Sleep 2017 - 31st Annual Meeting of the APSS](#) - June 3-7, 2017.

[3rd Annual Johns Hopkins University Sleep & Circadian Research Day](#)—June 26, 2017.

Who: Basic & Clinical Researchers studying Sleep & Circadian Rhythms at Johns Hopkins and neighboring institutions

When: Monday, June 26, 2017, 9 am - 4 pm

Where: Chevy Chase Auditorium, Sheikh Zayed Building, Johns Hopkins Hospital

Keynote Speaker: Dr. James Krueger, Washington State University

Abstract Deadline: March 31, 2017

[Brown University—Pediatric Sleep Medicine Conference](#)—November 2-5, 2017.