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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear colleagues,

It was great to see so many of you in April - thank you to all who attended our Annual Conference. A record number of our members, guests, and colleagues enjoyed the panel of outstanding, nationally recognized speakers. Thank you also to the exhibitors for their ongoing support of our annual meetings and educational efforts – we couldn't do it without them.

An additional meeting highlight was the introduction to the Payer Relations Committee by Dr. Katherine Buki. This committee seeks to optimize the working relationship between providers in the field of sleep and the insurers in our area. The goal of the Payer Relations Committee is to improve timely access to appropriate patient care. Many of you expressed an interest in participating; you will be contacted in the upcoming months as the committee prepares for this collaboration.

Although the MDSS boasts many strengths, your personal engagement and participation is the single greatest key to our continued success. In this vein, please mark your calendars for our next educational function: the Fall Business Meeting will be held at Sheppard Pratt on October 20th. It promises to be an excellent evening of camaraderie, learning, and growth.

The next month represents the conclusion of my two-year tenure as President of the Maryland Sleep Society. It has been my great honor to serve our Society in this way, and I have very much enjoyed getting to know so many of you. As I prepare to pass the reins over to the very capable hands of Dr. Susheel Patil, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all of our leadership – past, present, and future – who volunteer their time, effort, and collective support on behalf of the society.

Best wishes for a safe and relaxing summer, and I look forward to seeing you on October 20th.

Emerson M. Wickwire, PhD

MDSS CALENDAR

FALL BUSINESS MEETING

OCTOBER 20, 2017

THE NINTH ANNUAL

EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

APRIL 27-28, 2018

Both will be held at the Conference Center at Sheppard Pratt

We are pleased to welcome:

AMY ARONSKY, DO

Medical Director & Healthcare Strategist with CareCentrix

FALL BUSINESS MEETING

October 20, 2017, 6-9 pm

Stay tuned for registration information....

CONGRATULATIONS to STEVEN C. SCHERR, DDS

Recipient of the

***AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DENTAL SLEEP MEDICINE
2017 Distinguished Service Award***

Steve serves as Secretary on the MDSS Board



SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS IN THIS NEWSLETTER

Your colleagues and friends in the Maryland Sleep Society would like to hear YOUR news! Share an interesting article, an update regarding your current research, or news about your staff. As a way to increase visibility and interaction among members, the Maryland Sleep Society invites member contributions to its quarterly newsletter.

Please submit any sleep-related content that you would like to share.

Some suggestions:

- Your work on a subject relevant to Sleep Research or Sleep Medicine
- New science the sleep community should know about
- Sleep in the News – an article you found interesting
- A notable story of success (patient improvement, community awareness, one of your experiences, etc.)
- Something interesting you learned at a meeting (with the speaker's permission)
- Other sleep related events and activities in the area

Submission Guidelines

How to submit to the newsletter: Simply email your information, article or link to info@marylandsleepsociety.com. There is no limit on the number of submission you may provide, but depending on the available space/number of submissions, the editors may only publish one of your items, or we may delay publication until a following month.

Deadline: Because the newsletter is published quarterly, all information for each quarter's newsletter must be submitted in final form by the first day of the month – January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1.

New or revised articles arriving after the cutoff date will be included in a future issue. The deadline is especially important if you are submitting something that is time sensitive.

Length of Articles: Submissions should be between 100-250 words. If you have a shorter or longer submission or idea, please notify us in advance.

Editing: The editors reserve the right to correct grammar and reduce the length of your article. But, we will not alter the intent or meaning. We will send you the edited copy for your final approval prior to publication.

Credit: We will publish your article with a "by-line" consisting of your name and title. If you wish to have your article published anonymously, please let us know at the time of submission.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

An important change for CMS has come out stating that reimbursement is tied to sleep center accreditation. In addition to the AASM, there are options through the Joint Commission and ACHC. It is crucial to note that general hospital-wide accreditation through the JC is not sufficient. You need to do a specific center application as well.

<http://www.sleepreviewmag.com/2017/04/sleep-specific-accreditation-catches-centers-medicare-patients-surprise/>

<http://www.sleepreviewmag.com/2017/04/aasm-offering-expedited-accreditation-sleep-facilities-impacted-revised-medicare-policies/>

While not directly linked to sleep, there is a comment period open on the Federal Healthy People 2030 initiative. This is a population health program and the MDSS recognizes that sleep is an integral component of the task force's state goals of health promotion and disease prevention. More information can be found here and we encourage members to submit comments relating to sleep's key role in wellness.

<https://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/About-Healthy-People/Development-Healthy-People-2030/Public-Comment>

NOMINATIONS AND THE ELECTION CYCLE

We encourage anyone who is interested in a position on the Maryland Sleep Society Board of Directors to submit a brief statement (2-4 paragraphs) summarizing your qualifications and how you feel you can contribute to the Board by September 15th. Please submit by e-mail to pat@marylandsleepsociety.com.

ALSO OF INTEREST . . .

[AAST—Current Concepts in Sleep and Epilepsy](#)—September 1-2, 2017

[AAST—Current Technology Trends in Sleep Medicine](#)—October 13-14, 2017

[2017 VASM Conference](#)—November 2-3, 2017

Maryland Sleep Society Members receive a discounted rate on [Registration](#)

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