

The **Medical Society of Delaware** welcomes those members interested in involvement in MSD committees. If there is a committee on which you would like to serve, please indicate by checking the box of the corresponding committee. Some committees require election by the Council (Elected Committee), approval by the Executive Board (Standing Committee), or approval only from the MSD President (Special Committee), which may impact the turnaround time of the approval process. Some committees may also limit the number of members on the committee as indicated in the Society's Bylaws.

As part of a committee restructuring project, in 2013 the MSD Council approved the proposed changes to the committee organization. **Committees encompassing similar interests (such as those pertaining to community health or education) have been placed under the general oversight by a parent committee.** Issues/topics will be referred to the parent committee chair with the appropriate subcommittee tasked to deliberate the topic. In these circumstances where a parent committee exists, please indicate your desire for membership within one or more of the subcommittees falling under the purview of the parent committee (community health or education). Membership in a subcommittee designates membership also within the Parent Committee.

**Budget and Finance Committee** – The committee is charged with supervision of the financial affairs of the Society under the budget adopted by the Council and shall present a budget of the expected income and expenses of the Society for the ensuing year. (Council-Elected Committee)

**Committee on Bylaws** – The committee periodically reviews the Society's Bylaws and addresses recommendations it receives by providing recommended revisions and modifications necessitated by changing times, methods, or conditions and develops appropriate language to affect changes in the Bylaws as directed by the Council. All proposals for amendments to the Bylaws are submitted to the committee for consideration and recommendation. The committee provides interpretation of the Bylaws, resolutions, and rules of this Society. (Standing Committee)

### **COMMUNITY HEALTH**

**Elderly/Aging Health Subcommittee** – This special interest subcommittee focuses on geriatrics and the care of senior adults. Events could include representation at community health fairs (screenings) and occasional educational offerings. (Standing Committee)

**Disability Health Subcommittee** – This interest area focuses on issues pertaining to physical disabilities and may overlap with discussion of elderly/aging health topics. (Standing Committee)

**Health Care Access Subcommittee** – This special interest area helps promote and facilitate physician-led projects involved with providing medical services to the uninsured and underinsured population in Delaware. (Standing Committee)

**Environmental Health Subcommittee** – This interest area has a focus on environmental issues affecting the health of Delaware citizens and may overlap with public health issues. (Standing Committee)

**Public Health Subcommittee** – This interest area focuses on public health and wellness issues affecting the health of Delaware citizens. Prior activities have focused on the development tobacco cessation programs and air quality issues. Interest topics may overlap with environmental health issues. (Standing Committee)

**Prison Health Care Subcommittee** – The health and well-being of Delaware's prison inmates is the major concern of this interest area. (Standing Committee)

## EDUCATION

- Historical Subcommittee** – Encourages contribution of historical medical items and information to develop a perspective of the practice of medicine and surgery in Delaware. Main activity is assisting in determining items to accept into the historical collection, maintaining an inventory of such items, and developing the display in the MSD Building. Collections could be developed into an educational program. (Standing Committee)
- Educational Program Planning Subcommittee** – Assist in determining the character and scope of the scientific proceedings of the MSD Fall Annual Meeting and planning other relevant, timely education subject to the instructions of the MSD President, Executive Board, or Council. (Standing Committee)
- Professional Education Subcommittee** – Interest in oversight of the Society's Continuing Medical Education program and compliance with the Essentials for Accreditation of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). Also establishes education programs on issues of interest concerning the medical profession and health care delivery. Learn how accreditation for medical education is obtained. (Standing Committee)
- Public Education Subcommittee** – Helps to develop and plan education directed for the public utilization, as necessary. (Standing Committee)
- School Health Subcommittee** – Interest in being involved in issues related to health care in the school setting. Annual "Healthy Living Week" school presentations are arranged and presented in November each year with physicians providing the various presentations for this event, as well as other school presentations (such as through the Campaign for Kids... "It's OBVIOUS" initiative). (Standing Cmte)
- Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** – The committee is composed of not more than eleven members of which up to eight members are from the Society's membership with no more than three lay members. The committee is charged with working to mitigate health disparities and propose effective strategies for improvement for equality. The committee will work to build a culture of belonging by actively inviting the contribution and participation of all people; promoting physician and community awareness; and providing education, support, and mentoring programs for health care professionals, patients, community partners, and the public. A quorum requires the presence of at least five committee members of the Medical Society of Delaware participating in a meeting, which depends upon the commitment and dedication of those committee members to participate. (Standing Committee)
- Committee on Ethics** – The committee considers and makes recommendations to the Executive Board for formal policy statements on timely issues concerning the ethics of medical practice, the profession, and health care delivery. The committee is required to meet at least two times per year and has a maximum requirement for the number of members on the committee. (Council-Elected Committee)
- Government Affairs Committee** - Areas of Responsibility are Legislation (Regulatory and Legislative) and Advocacy. The committee is comprised of specific members as identified in the MSD Bylaws (MSD officers, AMA Delegation representative, specialty societies with active interest). (Standing Committee)
  - Primary Care Subcommittee** – The Government Affairs Committee (GAC) oversees this committee, which is comprised of not less than 7 members to include the Chair of the GAC, an additional member of the GAC who shall serve as Chair, a representative from the Third Party Payer Cmte, a representative from MedNet, and representatives from the 3 main primary care specialties (family medicine, general internal medicine, and general pediatrics). The Subcommittee is charged with making recommendations to the GAC on issues that are of interest to members of MSD in the 3 main primary care specialties. This includes, but is not limited to, legislative and policy issues and payment and reimbursement issues.
- Maternal and Child Care Committee** – The committee addresses health issues concerning women and children. Members also receive regular updates from the Child Death, Near Death, and Stillborn Commission and the Delaware Healthy Mothers and Infants Consortium. (Special Committee)
- Medico-Legal Affairs Committee** – The committee works with legal professionals to review and develop guidelines on issues as they relate to both the medical and legal professions. Prior accomplishments include suggested guidelines for medical record copying fees. (Special Committee)

**Committee on Membership** – The committee is charged with establishing programs to encourage the recruitment and retention of members in the Medical Society of Delaware, as well as addressing membership approval, membership termination, and changes in membership status. There are established seats based on representation from the residents, young physicians, primary care, counties, and other specialties. (Council-Elected Committee)

**Editorial Board** – The Editorial Board supervises the publication of the papers and transactions of the Society, of the program publicity for the Interim and Annual Meetings, and any special books and documents issued in the name of the Society. Committee members are asked to submit articles for publication and/or peer review submitted articles for publication consideration. (Standing Committee)

**Physician Relations Advisory Committee** – The committee reviews background and service information on various companies under consideration for potential Affinity relationships with MSD. The committee evaluates potential service benefits for MSD members. (Special Committee)

**Third Party Payer Committee** – The committee concerns itself with the policies, procedures, and practices of third party payers in Delaware and advocates for Society members in these matters. (Standing Committee)

**Are you interested in serving as a member on the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline?** The BMLD is charged with protecting consumers of the Delaware health care system through proper licensing and regulation of physicians and other health care professionals. To qualify as a member of the Board, you must be a registered physician in good standing and shall have practiced medicine or surgery under the laws of Delaware for a period of not less than five years prior to such appointment. No member of the BMLD while serving on its Board shall be an officer of any state or local allopathic or osteopathic medical society. No member of the BMLD while serving on its Board shall be a member of the Board of Directors of a professional review organization. If you qualify as a member of the Board, your name may be submitted by MSD to the Governor for consideration. Nominations are approved by the MSD Council prior to submission. A “Boards and Commissions” application is required to be submitted for consideration by the Governor.

Would you be interested in participating in community speakers’ bureaus, such as School Health Talks (to include Healthy Living Week and the MSD Campaign for Kids It’s OBVIOUS initiative)?

**Please explain your interest in membership on and whether you have any special expertise regarding the committee(s) you have indicated joining:**

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*Thank you for supporting your Medical Society of Delaware*

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