

Washington Psychiatric Society – Report to Area 3 – September 29, 2018

Member Services:

- Current WPS membership stands at 909, with 55 Inactive members. WPS has increased its dues for 2019 which represents the first dues increase in more the 14 years.
- WPS and MPS are undertaking a joint affiliate membership campaign beginning in September.
- The WPS magazine, **Washington Psychiatrist**, was published in March and September 2018.
- The WPS **Career, Leadership and Mentorship (CLM)** Program held a reception on August 2, 2018 to welcome PGY1s and will hold a dinner with presentations on *Healing the Healers* on October 18, 2018. The dinner topic was first addressed at the March 2017 CLM dinner.
- The **Global Mental Health & Psychiatry Newsletter** was published in July 2018.

Diversity:

- An **ECP Networking Dinner** was held on July 30, 2018. Attendees represented a diverse group of members and provided valuable feedback on future programs and benefits for ECPs.

Advocacy:

- WPS submitted comments to CMS on September 15th on the Proposed Rule on the 2019 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule.
- WPS held an advocacy planning meeting on September 20, 2018 to begin building a grassroots network of engaged members to support our advocacy work at the federal level with APA and in DC, Maryland and Virginia.

Education:

- A CME Workshop on **Cannabis: The Good, the Bad and the Regulated** was held on June 16, 2018. 50 people attended.
- The **Fall Symposium: Psychiatric Genetics Update: Risk of Illness, Implications for Treatment** was held on September 15, 2018. 73 people attended.
- On November 10, 2018, the final CME workshop of the year will be held on **Brain Stimulation Update: New Approaches, New Options**.

Strength of Organization/Group:

- WPS submitted three Action Papers for the May Assembly and two were passed: Addition of Adequate Amounts of Phosphatidylcholine (choline) to all Prenatal Vitamins and Psychiatric Management of the Impact of Racism on Social and Clinical Events.
- The Call for Nominations will be mailed to members the first week of October inviting members to consider serving on the WPS Board for the 2019-2020 term.

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