

# The Italian-American Pharmacists Society of the State of New York

## Meeting Minutes

THURSDAY, April 15 th, 2010 at 8:30 pm

CE Presentation: Atrial Fibrillation by speaker Greg Guillory, PharmD.

Secretary Report: Minutes were approved and will be posted on website.

Treasurer Report: Account is the black and approved by chairman of board.

### Committee Reports :

**\*PSSNY Report** given by Joe Navarra and Ray Macioci. Joe pointed out that Pharmacy Day took place in Albany on April 13th. Two major issues were the focus of the Lobby Day: differential reimbursement for independent pharmacies and OMIG reform. Joe also mentioned that the OMIG reform bill, sponsored by Gottfried is "dead" and it's not sure if it will be rewritten. Senator Gottfried couldn't find the definition of independent pharmacy so Joe e-mailed him medicaid new applications form that defines independent pharmacy. Joe gave a briefing on two fund raisings for Senators Sampson and Adams. They were very receptive to our cause.

Ray also gave background on the senators: Sampson is the majority leader of the senate who is close to Senator Adams. The hope is that this will strengthen our relationship with them for support. Joe, Mahmood, Ray and other pharmacists met with speaker Silver who is the most influential member in NYS, to discuss the differential reimbursement and the need to rescue independent pharmacies. The issue is where is the money going to come from to pay for this differential. They understand the need to rescue independent pharmacies but need a way to do so.

**\*\*PSSNY Convention is July 7th -10th, 2010 at Fort William Henry in Lake George, NY.\*\*\***

The theme is Medieval Madness Conference. Mailings are mailed out and there maybe a CE schedule change.

Congratulations to the new incoming president of NYCPS, Ray Macioci.

Ray stated that every pharmacist should make at least one day visit to the PSSNY convention. We need more younger people to get involved with the societies. One way to do so is to come to the board meetings which are open

sessions to everyone and the PSSNY website has more info about it.

***Dinner Dance Report*** by Stephanie Vitale. She asked for feedback on the dinner dance before contacting Leonard's regarding their service. She stated that the service decreases as the contract comes near end. The complaint was about the Viennese hour which took place on the dance floor and there were less items to choose from this year. Overall the service was less than expected and unsatisfactory. Anthony stated that these concerns were raised at the board meeting held earlier that night and discussions are being made to move the dinner dance to Marina Del Rey for next year. There was a discussion with the members regarding the type of items for the silent auction and whether to change them for next year. Members offered different ideas for fund raising for the dinner dance.

***Good and Welfare:*** Congratulations to Stephanie Guzman and Maria Celentano. They are both having weddings in May and we wish them all the best.

**\*\*Next membership meeting will be held Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010\*\***

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