



The Maryland State Medical Society

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MEDCHI HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING; APPOINTS LORALIE MA, MD AS NEW PRESIDENT

BALTIMORE, November 12, 2021 – Loralie Ma, M.D., was inaugurated as the 174th President of MedChi at its Annual Fall House of Delegates meeting held on Saturday November 6th. A radiologist in Baltimore County, Dr. Ma received her medical degree from University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago and currently serves as President for The Center for a Healthy Maryland. Also accomplished was the review and establishment of MedChi’s agenda of legislative, regulatory, and operational priorities for 2022; several of these issues will be included in MedChi’s 2022 legislative advocacy platform.

The Laughlin Award for Distinguished Member was awarded to Dr. Richard Bruno for his exemplary leadership and dedication to organized medicine and Maryland’s public health (Dr. Bruno was appointed as a member of the SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine Technical Advisory Group in October 2020). Established in 1974, the Laughlin awards were created by longtime MedChi member Dr. Hank Laughlin and his wife, Page, and are presented annually to recognize physicians, public officers, legislators, and others who contribute significantly to the betterment of Maryland’s health care.

Presidents’ Awards were given to the following members for their outstanding contributions:

- Benjamin Stallings, M.D., for his dedication and leadership as Chair of MedChi’s Committee on Ethics and Judicial Affairs
- Renee Bovelle, M.D., for her enthusiastic volunteerism in organized medicine
- Willarda Edwards, M.D., for her dedication and talents as role model and mentor to her colleagues in organized medicine
- Jack Gatti, for his dedicated leadership in helping fellow medical students find their voice in organized medicine

Along with the new President, other changes to MedChi’s Board of Trustees included the voting in of Dr. James York as the President-Elect; Dr. Benjamin Lowentritt, M.D., as Speaker of the House; Padmini Ranasinghe, M.D., as the new Vice Speaker of the House; and Gurdeep Chhabra, M.D., as the Trustee for Prince George’s County.

MedChi would like to thank everyone who attended our Annual Meeting and express our excitement for the upcoming year.

About MedChi

MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, is a non-profit membership association of Maryland physicians. It is the largest physician organization in Maryland. The mission of MedChi is to serve as Maryland’s foremost advocate and resource for physicians, their patients and the public health of Maryland. For more information, please visit www.medchi.org.