



## **MOCPA 2020 BUSINESS MEETING**

*December 13, 2020*

*This past year was a difficult one, in light of the pandemic, which effectively halted nearly all MOCPA activities. We had a successful continuing education workshop in February that was attended by both MOCPA and non-MOCPA members and was well attended and well received. However, the pandemic arrived in March and curtailed further in-person activity. Another continuing education workshop delivered remotely was tentatively planned for November, but unfortunately fell through due to speaker unavailability. In the interim, MOCPA disseminated important practice-related information to the membership in light of the pandemic, particularly with respect to financial assistance and unemployment information for those negatively impacted by the pandemic, as well as additional mental health resources available to the public. Members were also invited to share their feelings and experiences if needed, and one member chose to share his poetry conveying hope.*

*Additional continuing education workshops will hopefully continue in 2021 and be delivered remotely via video chat or webinar platforms. Our next workshop has been secured for early 2021, the speaker now preparing his presentation for NJPA application submission, and several additional interested speakers are also potentially available for future presentations.*

*Social events during 2021 will also likely continue to be impacted by the pandemic and may have to be put on hold for another year, or occur virtually. Prior to the pandemic, social event attendance had been dwindling over time, so reviving enthusiasm for socializing and networking may need to be a priority for 2022 as we sustain another year of social distancing and intense infection control measures.*

*Another area in need of invigoration is participation on the board in the form of volunteering for officer positions. Although we have thus far managed to replace a few officers who have resigned or concluded their terms, we have not been able to do so entirely, necessitating either the elimination of board positions beyond the most essential ones required to perpetuate our existence, or the extension of officer positions beyond natural term limits. Ideas to generate member interest in joining the board would be most welcome.*

*Finally, we continue to publish member directories and classified ads on the website, and deliver mass email announcements as needed. We invite members to reach out to the association with any feedback and requests that would improve the association and what it can offer its members. In the meantime, please have a safe and healthy 2021.*