



MOCPA 2024 BUSINESS MEETING

November 24, 2024

Due to a late start this year after a brief pause in operations, in light of our near dissolution precipitated by difficulties securing a new treasurer, we had a year of low activity. Updated membership directories were distributed later in the year, and we hosted just one social event at Source Brewery in Colts Neck, a family-oriented brewery with both indoor and outdoor spaces and plenty to keep young children occupied while adults enjoyed their craft beer. We had hoped to offer one more winter event before year's end, but holiday plans for most folks precluded such an activity. We hope to instead offer something during the winter in the new year.

Social events remain sparsely attended, despite being outdoors for infection control purposes and free to attend on weekends with children and pets welcome. Most of us are overscheduled with family, friend, and work commitments, so meeting together en masse has been difficult. We continue to be interested in what members may like to pursue, and all suggestions are welcome.

We did not offer any continuing education events this year. NJPA has altered its protocol that affiliates must follow in order to garner approval for their continuing education workshops. The changes in protocol place additional burdens on the affiliates, and given that MOCPA does not have a continuing education committee or a dedicated person devoted exclusively to continuing education, it makes future continuing education events difficult without more support. We are therefore considering asking for a volunteer among the membership to join the board as a Continuing Education Coordinator. The board will be discussing this idea soon, as well as how best to proceed regarding continuing education events for the future in light of the new protocol.

Our dues remain high, and considering our lower activity levels, the board has repeatedly discussed reducing dues or altering their structure and is doing so again. We would like to put something into place that is fair and commensurate with what members receive from their membership with us.

Finally, we continue to publish member directories and classified ads on the website, which continued to be fairly active this year, 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. We welcome anyone interested in joining the board as well, as the association's survival requires perpetual interest among our full members in manning officer positions as the years pass. In the meantime, please have a safe and healthy 2025.