

MOCPA 2021 BUSINESS MEETING

December 5, 2021

We marched on through another pandemic year, which curtailed most MOCPA activities outside continuing education workshops, delivered virtually. We had two successful continuing education workshops, one in June and one in November, attended by both MOCPA and non-MOCPA members. Both groups were small, numbering 16 and 11 participants respectively. It is possible that numbers are smaller in light of plentiful availability of virtual continuing education workshops.

Additional continuing education workshops will hopefully continue in 2022 and again be delivered remotely. Our treasurer is exploring contacts through his hospital job to potentially procure future speakers, and we welcome MOCPA members to volunteer to present as well. Nearly all topics are welcome.

Social events during 2022 will also likely continue to be impacted by the pandemic and may have to be put on hold for another year. A poll conducted among the membership earlier in the year indicated that members are not yet interested in social events during the pandemic and are mainly interested in continuing education at this time.

The ability to replace board members perpetually into the future remains a challenge, as there has been little interest among membership to volunteer for positions. This may result in current board members remaining longer in their positions than originally designed or anticipated and/or may ultimately become a threat to the continued existence of the association. Other county affiliates, aside from one or two groups, have been experiencing similar challenges. Ideas to generate member interest in joining the board continue to 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 2022.