



MOCPA 2022 BUSINESS MEETING

December 4, 2022

We had another quiet year, with the pandemic not entirely behind us yet. In July, we hosted an outdoor social event during a heat wave at Fox Hollow Vineyards in Holmdel. Ten people, which included a combination of members and their significant others, attended the event and enjoyed connecting with each other despite the hot weather. In October, we offered a continuing education workshop on child abuse reporting, delivered virtually and attended by both MOCPA and non-MOCPA members. Twenty-three people signed up, ten of whom were outside the association. In light of plentiful availability of virtual continuing education workshops, we continue to have lots of competition.

Additional continuing education workshops will hopefully continue in 2023 and again be delivered remotely. We have had interest from a few people, and hopefully some of them will commit to a workshop. We have also adjusted our honorarium in order to further entice outside speakers. And we always welcome MOCPA members to volunteer to present as well. Nearly all topics are welcome.

Given that the pandemic is not entirely behind us, social events during 2023 will likely remain limited and restricted to outdoor venues during the warm weather months. We are interested in what members may be interested in doing, and all suggestions are welcome.

We have been considering different technology options for our accounting and remote meetings/workshops. We have been getting by with borrowed virtual meeting platforms thus far, but that will not be sustainable in the long term. In addition, given that our accounting is rather simple, it may be that our current

application is too advanced for our needs. We continue to weigh our options as we proceed through the decision making process.

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. A few other county affiliates 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 2023.