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President's Report – Joseph Benevenia, MD

Welcome to another summer, busy and productive year for the Musculoskeletal Tumor Society. First, I want to express my sincere gratitude to our many volunteer committee members, and especially to the Executive Committee members, for their time, effort, and dedication to the Society. Thank you also to our strong administrative support team: Amy Sherwood, Abu Muhammad, and Deborah Meyer. Congratulations to Dr. Wakenda Tyler and Dr. Megan Anderson for a successful 2018 Specialty Day in New Orleans. MSTS presented Dr. Franklin H. Sim with a plaque acknowledging his lifelong commitment to the Tumor Society,

Orthopaedic Oncology, and wishing him the best as he begins his retirement.

The energy and productivity of the Society is only as good as its members and committees. Our committees are busier than ever and advancing the mission of the Society at a rapid pace. Our society remains financially sound. Continued efforts by the Finance Committee, chaired by Dr. Carol Morris, further our efforts to remain strong and maximize support in challenging financial times. Under the energetic leadership of Dr. Francis Young Lee, the Research Committee has facilitated some exciting grant



Left to right (Joseph Benevenia, MD, MSTS President, Franklin Sim, MD, and Kristy Weber, MD)

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Treasurer's Report

- Carol D. Morris, MD

Greetings MSTs members! As the 2018 fiscal year ends, I am happy to report the Society maintains excellent financial health. This allows us to continue to meet our administrative overhead without difficulty as well pursue new initiatives. We are fortunate to have gainful Annual Meetings and Specialty Day. Profits from our Annual Meeting, Specialty Day, membership dues, and portfolio interest essentially covered all our annual expenses this year. Our restricted funds (Hatcher Fellowship and Sarcoma Research Fund) also maintain a comfortable cushion.

Our ability to support research proposals is largely met by the generosity of Dr. Matthew DiCaprio's Sarcoma Strong annual fundraising event to be held on August 18th this summer. Thank you Matt! Our OREF designated giving was particularly low this year compared to previous years. OREF giving is an opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to the research efforts of the society and I would encourage active members to consider giving if feasible.

As always, details of our income and expenses will be reviewed at our Annual Meeting in October. Should anyone have questions or suggestions regarding our finances, do not hesitate to reach out to me at cmorri61@jhmi.edu.

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opportunities with the Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF), Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation (MTF), and Dr. Matt DiCaprio's Sarcoma Strong fundraising efforts.

New research priorities for the Society have been defined. The MSTs Mentored Research and Scholar Program Award is being launched. Details on these initiatives can be found on the MSTs website (www.msts.org).

The National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference (NOLC) held in Washington, June 6-8, 2018 is the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) premier advocacy event where participants meet with their congressmen/women and discuss key issues related to Orthopaedics. This year, the MSTs was represented by Dr's. Michael Mott, Robert Quinn, Joel Mayerson, Theodore Parsons and Joseph Benevenia.

Dr. Valerae O. Lewis and the Education Committee have completed the "Online Pathology Course" along with other successful AAOS ICL'S Symposia and Scientific exhibits.

Dr. Adam Levin and the Practice Management Committee continue to protect and advance our interests in the billing/coding world. New allograft codes have been approved by the American Medical Association Relative Value Scale Update Committee (RUC). Dr. Rajiv Rajani and the Fellowship Committee continue to advance issues of importance to our fellowship programs. They are currently working with the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) to update fellowship requirements.

Now that 2018 is upon us, we have begun revamping the pillars of the new 3-year Strategic Plan: 2018-2021. We have identified the main pillars and assigned the strategic plan pillars to the

corresponding committees: Research led by the Research Committee: Dr. Francis Young Lee, Chair, with a Subcommittee on Registry led by Evidence Based Medicine Committee: Dr. Ben Miller, Chair, Education led by the Education Committee, with its Chair Dr. Valerae O. Lewis and the Advocacy led by the MSTs Executive Committee Presidential Line. We have begun the process with a new member survey and appreciate all the participation and input received!

We are all very happy to congratulate Dr. Kristy L. Weber who became the first vice president of AAOS at 2018 Annual Meeting, a historic event that represents the first female in the Academy's Presidential Line. Congratulations! We look forward to working with you.



Kristy L. Weber, MD,
AAOS 1st Vice President

As technology and software are constantly changing and advancing, we have decided that it was time to give www.msts.org a much needed overhaul. Website reconstruction is in the works!

Finally, our Annual Meeting in New York is coming up quickly. We have an exciting venue planned and we look forward to seeing you all there! As you can see in this newsletter, there is currently a lot of energy in the Society, from members of all age groups and practice types. We welcome your continued participation and feedback. More to come on what we believe will be a great and profitable Annual Meeting in New York, October 10-12, 2018!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President. I look forward to seeing you in the Big Apple!

OUR MISSION

The Musculoskeletal Tumor Society will advance the science of orthopaedic oncology and promote high standards of patient care through excellence in education and research.

OUR VISION

The Musculoskeletal Tumor Society will be a recognized authority on all aspects of orthopaedic oncology, an influential participant in policy-making for orthopaedic oncology services, and responsive to the needs of orthopaedic oncologists and their patients.



Annual Meeting Program Committee

- Nicola Fabbri, MD, Chair



Exciting news! The MSTS 2018 Annual Meeting is quickly approaching and will be held October 10-12, 2018 in New York, at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Abstract submission has recently closed providing more than 250 submissions!

We are finalizing a rich and dynamic program as background for a fruitful and pleasant interaction with your MSTS colleagues and friends. The meeting will kick-off with a welcome reception on Wednesday evening. Thursday will offer a full day of education, clinical research and opportunities to explore new products, technologies and surgical demonstrations, visiting the exhibits and the product theater. Thursday night, attendees will enjoy an evening of food and fun at Cipriani 25 Broadway. The meeting will adjourn on Friday afternoon.

Register Today!

Registration is now open for the
**2018 MSTS Annual Meeting
and the Allied Health Professionals
Symposium**

October 10-12
at the Memorial Sloan Kettering
Cancer Center in New York, NY.

[Click here to register!](#)

The 2018 MSTS Annual Meeting will include exceptional education sessions, vital research presentations, industry exhibits, and great social and networking opportunities. Social events include an evening Welcome Reception on Wednesday, October 10th. MSTS will also host attendees at an exquisite three-course dinner at Cipriani Restaurant on Thursday, October 11th. Attendance at both events are included in your registration!

Attendee Category

Registration Fee

| | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| MSTS Members (Active, Associate, Affiliate, Candidate and Emeritus) | \$500.00 |
| MSTS Resident Members | \$300.00 |
| RN/PA/Research/Allied Health Professionals | \$300.00 |
| Non-Members | \$600.00 |
| Spouse/Guest ** | \$200.00 ** |

The Spouse Guest registration includes the Welcome Reception and dinner at Cipriani Restaurant. **Spouse/Guest participants ARE NOT eligible to attend any education courses or meetings.

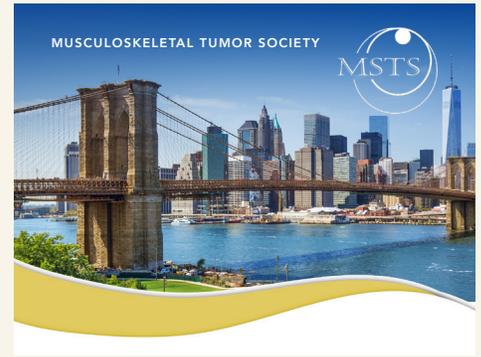
Housing is also now open – [book your room today.](#)

MSTS has secured a small room block at Loews Regency Hotel, 540 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10065. The MSTS room rate is \$469.00 per night. MSTS anticipates that rooms will fill quickly at the Loews hotel. To receive the MSTS group rate at, please [click here](#) to make your room reservation at Lowes Regency Hotel. The housing deadline is **September 10, 2018.**

Additional options for hotel accommodations in close proximity to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center are listed below. Please note that MSTS has not negotiated room blocks at these hotels.

| Hotel Name | Address | Distance to Sloan |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| The Bentley Hotel | 500 E 62nd Street | .8 mile |
| Loews Regency Hotel | 540 Park Avenue (BET 61st & 62nd Street) | .8 mile |
| Helmsley | 1320 York Avenue (BET 70th and 71st) | 2 blocks from Sloan |
| Courtyard New York Manhattan/Midtown East | 866 Third Avenue (BET 52nd and 53rd Street) | .7 mile |
| Fitzpatrick Manhattan | 687 Lexington Avenue (BET 56th and 57th Street) | .6 mile |
| Lowell Hotel | 28 East 63rd Street, Madison Avenue | .5 miles |
| The Carlyle | 35 E 76th Street | 1.1 miles |
| The Lombardy Hotel | 111 E 56th Street | 1.1 miles |
| The Kimberly Hotel | 145 East 50th Street | 1.2 miles |
| The Courtyard New York UES 92nd Street | 410 E 92nd Street | 2 miles |

Please contact us at info@msts.org with any questions.
We look forward to seeing you in October.



Research Committee

– Francis Young Lee, MD, PhD, Chair

MSTS Mentored Research and Scholar Development Program Award Announcement

MSTS is enthusiastic about nurturing a culture of discovery and fostering mentorship for our society. MSTS has established a new Mentored Research and Scholar Development Program Award. The purpose of the award

is to foster mentorship, enhance collaborative research and facilitate career advancement for young MSTS Candidate/Associate/Full Members. Please click [here](#) for further information on award description and sample grants.

National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference

– Joseph Benevenia, MD, Board of Specialty Societies Presidential Line Representative

– Michael P. Mott, MD, Board of Specialty Societies Member Representative

The AAOS held its National Orthopaedic Leadership Council meeting in Washington, DC, June 6-9, 2018. Advocacy for “House of Orthopaedics” is always the focus of this annual event. During the Capitol Hill visits on Thursday, June 7, our elected officials and, or, their staff were presented with the AAOS positions on:

1. Opioid drug use, misuse, and abuse legislation. Additionally, the AAOS prescription safety campaign public service announcement was given as a leave behind.
2. Support for the “Good Samaritan Health Professionals Act” at the federal level.
3. Regulatory relief for Coordinated Care and a thank you for repeal of the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB).

The next two days included six sessions outlining sessions on:

1. Orthopaedic Affiliates- who should the AAOS reach out to affiliate with and “What to expect when you’re electing”- discussing key candidates in the next national election cycle.
2. AAOS leadership update- A question and answer session with the AAOS Presidential Line.
3. Blurred Lines- a session discussing inappropriate workplace behaviors.
4. Youth and Tomorrow’s leaders- a discussion on mentoring and leadership opportunities.

5. Payment models where different payment systems in the US and Canada were discussed
6. Disaster Relief Orthopaedics Here and Abroad- a discussion about the need to for vigilance and preparedness for disasters and the important role the orthopaedic community plays during these events.

Lastly, a number of advisory opinions were voted upon for the AAOS Executive Committee to consider moving forward including opinions on joint registry, GRADE methodology for clinical practice guidelines, opposition to recognizing the shoulder as one anatomic site, a firearm public safety statement, prescription drug monitoring for methadone, and support for expansion of resources for hospital employed orthopaedic surgeons.

Please feel free to contact your Board of Specialty Representatives if you desire further information:

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Evidence Based Medicine Committee

– Ben Miller, MD, Chair

The Evidence Based Medicine (EBM) Committee has completed our first clinical practice guideline “The use of imaging prior to referral to a musculoskeletal oncologist.” It is currently available on the MSTS website (under the “Education and Meetings” tab). This guideline has been adopted by the AAOS and will soon be available on Ortho Guidelines – please help us diffuse the results of this effort by promoting the document and information therein to referring providers, trainees, and cancer colleagues!

The appropriate use criteria “Surveillance of local recurrence and distant metastasis after surgical treatment of bone and soft tissue sarcoma” (PI Dr. Raj Rajani) is in its final version and awaiting approval by the MSTS and AAOS. There was great support and participation by members of the MSTS, AAOS, Connective Tissue Oncology Society (CTOS), Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO), American College of Radiology (ACR) and American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC).

Drs. Felasfa Wodajo and Patrick Getty were awarded an AAOS/BOS Quality and Patient Safety grant for their project “Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Medical, Radiation, and Surgical Treatment of Metastatic Carcinoma and Myeloma to the Femur.” This effort is partially funded by the MSTS. We have engaged our medical and radiation oncology colleagues to help create a document that is relevant and recognized by all providers that manage metastatic disease of bone.

As always, if you have any ideas for clinical practice guidelines, appropriate use criteria, information statements, or quality improvement projects, please reach out to the EBM committee.

Register Today!

2018 MSTS Annual Meeting
October 10 - 12, 2018

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
New York, New York

[Details on page 3.](#)

2018 Dues Renewal

Friendly Reminder –
Please submit payment for your 2018 membership dues. Pay your 2018 Membership Dues [online](#).

Forgot your login information?
Contact MSTs for assistance at 847/698-1625 or info@msts.org.

Fellowship Committee – Rajiv Rajani, MD, Chair

Welcome from the Fellowship Committee. The committee serves to improve the quality of our trainees pursuing a career in orthopaedic oncology. We also serve to provide oversight and guidance with the match process, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), while assisting Fellowship Directors as they navigate guidelines. The Fellowship Committee is updating contact information for all MSTs recognized fellowships as we continue to add training programs. Fellowship Directors should contact Dr. Fran Patterson (patterfr@njms.rutgers.edu) for updates after reviewing the information on the MSTs website. The MSTs encourages all fellowships to become MSTs recognized fellowships so that graduates may become MSTs members.

We continue to collect data on case volumes during fellowship. Dr. Dieter Lindskog is compiling a list of surgical procedures that would be used by applicants as a guide to measure clinical volumes during fellowship. We plan to use this data to provide recommendations for programs on appropriate clinical volumes to support fellows and ensure our trainees are qualified to treat patients with musculoskeletal oncologic conditions.

The ACGME is currently reviewing recent modifications to the MSK Oncology Fellowship Program Requirements. Working with Drs. Theodore Parsons and Joel Sorger, updates have been made but require final approval which should occur by mid-2019 after a delay secondary to ACGME changes.

Future work includes a meeting with fellowship directors at the annual meeting so that guidelines can be established. The guidelines will ensure that trainees will be adequately qualified to provide excellent musculoskeletal oncologic care after entering the workforce.

Membership Committee – Michael Mott, MD, Chair

The Membership Committee is here to serve you! We are constantly looking for ways to improve and enhance your membership experience. If you have any ideas which you feel can improve membership in the MSTs please feel free to contact me or any membership committee member.

We need you to stay in touch! Please visit the MSTs website and make sure all your information is up to date so that we can keep you informed on society events and important announcements.

The Membership Committee would like to welcome the following new members who were recently approved by the Executive Committee:

ACTIVE Members
Santiago A. Lozano Calderon, MD
Vincent Y. Ng, MD

ASSOCIATE Members
Harzem Ozger, MD

CANDIDATE Members
Matthew Houdek, MD
Louis B. Jones, MD
Susan McDowell, MD
Kyle Sweeney, MD

RESIDENT Members
Mitchell Stephen Fourman, MD
Eugene Jang, MD
Joshua Michael Lawrenz, MD
John E. Nolan, III, MD

Encourage your colleagues to join MSTs! Membership application deadline is August 1, 2018. Learn more about membership requirements and classes of membership by visiting the [MSTs Website](#).

Your membership committee consists of Drs. Michael P. Mott- mmott2@hfhs.org, Nicholas Bernthal- NBernthal@mednet.ucla.edu, Cynthia Emory- clemory@wakehealth.edu, Howard Rosenthal- hrosenthal@kumc.edu, Pietro Ruggieri- pietro.ruggieri@unipd.it and Joel Sorger- joel.sorger@cchmc.org.

Practice Management Committee – Adam Levin, MD, Incoming Chair

The Practice Management Committee has continued to be active in multiple areas. We have been successful in creating new allograft codes for limb reconstruction, which will take effect January 1, 2019. The AAOS is also working to develop new codes related to nonbioabsorbable antibiotic delivery implants, which is being surveyed together with the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgery (AAHKS).

Some members have reported denials for inpatient stays following the removal of total knee arthroplasty from the inpatient-only designation. This is not the intent or meaning of the change in designation, and it should not be grounds for denial. Please let the Practice Management Committee know in the case of any denials for this reason, so that we can continue working

with the AAOS to address any concerns regarding this matter.

In addition, the committee is working on developing content to be available on the website regarding practice management and coding considerations. This is intended to facilitate and disseminate an understanding of best practices. We welcome any additional pertinent questions and issues related to practice management that may be of interest to the membership for further discussion and presentation. We have also begun to investigate potential opportunities for new CPT codes for local adjuvant therapy and pathologic fracture management. Additional analysis of normative values for orthopaedic oncology productivity is planned as well.

Education Committee - Valerae O. Lewis, MD, Chair

Musculoskeletal Oncology ICL Track Education

The 2018 AAOS meeting was a successful meeting for our organization. Shortly after the meeting, the Academy began to accept applications for Instructional Course Lectures (ICLs), Symposia, Orthopaedic Video Theater, Paper, Poster and Scientific Exhibits for the Academy's 2019 Annual Meeting. The Education Committee has proposed tracks for Specialist and Generals along with a Symposium.

Track 1 for the Specialist:
How to Approach and Treat Metastatic Disease - Interactive and Case-Based Discussion and Soft Tissue Tumors: A Pictorial and Guide to Diagnosis and Treatment

Track 2 for the Generalist:
Bone and Soft Tissue Tumors for the General Orthopaedic Surgeon: How to Diagnose, Manage, and Avoid Errors & Tumor Operations for the Non Tumor Patient

Symposium
A Quick Guide to Oncology for the General Orthopaedic Surgeon

Theses ICL's and symposium are co-branded with the MSTs.

On-line Pathology Course

The on-line AAOS/MSTs virtual musculoskeletal pathology course is complete. Musculoskeletal Oncology Review: Clinical, Radiographic and Pathologic Overview and Treatment Principles is an online, independent study course will present the essential knowledge on musculoskeletal tumors and disease required to prepare for the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery Part 1 examination or the Academy's Orthopaedic In-Training Examination. This is an excellent resource for residents and fellows.

Future Endeavors

With the on-line course behind us, we seek continued opportunities to provide educational opportunities to our membership. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Education Committee with your ideas at info@msts.org.

SARCOMA STRONG



5th Annual Sarcoma Strong 5k Run/Walk

Saturday, August 18th, 2018 9am

UAlbany Certified 5k Run Course

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Raise funds for Sarcoma Research



MSTS Wants You!

Current MSTS Committee Openings

MSTS is now accepting volunteer applications for several key positions. There are many great opportunities to be involved with the increasing spectrum of MSTS programming. You are encouraged to apply for a position that suits your interests. We are seeking to benefit from the ideas, experience and wisdom of younger, mid-career, and more seasoned members alike.

Applications are being accepted for the following positions:

Treasurer

Eligible applicants must be a current committee chair or former committee chair who has served in the last three years. This is a six (6) year leadership commitment that leads through the Presidential Line. Please read the [job duties](#) for a full description of this role, and the other MSTS Officer positions.

To apply for **Treasurer**, please [click here](#).

Executive Committee – Member-at-Large (Over 40)

Eligible applicants must be an Active or Associate member in good standing at the time of application, and over the age of 40 on October 10, 2018. This is a two (2) year term. Please read the [job description](#) for additional information about this role.

To apply for **EC Member-at-Large**, please [click here](#).

2019 Nominating Committee – Member-at-Large

Eligible applicants must be an Active or Associate member in good standing at the time of application. This is a one (1) year term. Please read the [job description](#) for additional information about this role.

To apply for **2019 Nominating Committee Member-at-Large**, please [click here](#).

Other Open Committee Positions

- **Education Committee Member-at-Large** [View description here](#).
- **Membership Committee Chair** (1 position) [View description here](#).
- **Research Committee Member-at-Large** (2 positions) [View description here](#).
- **Fellowship Committee Member-at-Large** (1 position) [View description here](#).
- **Finance Committee Member-at-Large** (1 position) [View description here](#).
- **Annual Meeting Program Committee Member-at-Large** (1 position) [View description here](#).
- **Practice Management Committee Member-at-Large** (1 position) [View description here](#).
- **Evidence Based Medicine Committee Chair** (1 position) [View description here](#).
- **Evidence Based Medicine Committee Member-at-Large** (1 position) [View description here](#).

NOTE: Open committee positions are reviewed and appointments are made by the MSTS Executive Committee. To apply for any of the open positions, please [click here](#).

The applications for all positions will remain open until July 16, 2018.

Visit the MSTS Volunteer page on the website for additional information about all open positions: <http://msts.org/aboutMSTS/Volunteer.html>

If you have any questions regarding the open positions, please feel free to reach out to us at info@msts.org.

NOTE: The Treasurer, Executive Committee Member-at-Large, and 2019 Nominating Committee Member-at-Large applications are reviewed by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will develop and present the slate of candidates to the voting membership prior to the October MSTS Member Business Meeting. The slate requires a full election by the membership during the October MSTS Member Business Meeting at the MSTS Annual Meeting.

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2018 MSTs Specialty Day - Megan Anderson, MD, Co-Chair



A huge thank you to the speakers, moderators, and most of all to you, the society members, for making the 2018 Specialty Day Meeting a resounding success. Dr. Richard Gorlick gave an outstanding talk summarizing pediatric sarcoma therapy and Dr. Pietro Ruggieri spoke thoughtfully

about education and mentorship, as our two featured speakers. The session on career development featured Dr. Dempsey Springfield with his thoughts on how to retire, and I would like to extend my special gratitude to him for coming out of retirement to do so. The research forum gave us the opportunity to hear about some of the great work our colleagues are doing and especially how they are using the MSTs/OREF grants to accomplish research goals. The session on complicated clinical practice problems was fantastic with thoughts from senior members on sentinel papers in orthopaedic oncology and tough cases. Drs. Ginger Holt and Jay Wunder never disappoint and this was no more true than with their presentations on healthcare delivery: informative and entertaining as always.

Special words of appreciation go to Dr. Wakenda Tyler for leading the Specialty Day Committee and working so diligently to bring together all the moving parts to make this meeting happen. She has been a tremendous leader and I have big shoes to fill working to lead the committee for Specialty Day 2019. Thank you Wakenda!

If you have not already, please mark your calendars for Specialty Day 2019 at the Venetian/Sands Expo in Las Vegas, Nevada on March 16, 2019. We are working hard to put together a syllabus with great speakers, topics and we hope to see you there!

Committee for Registry Development - Ben Miller, MD, Chair

The MSTs registry working group has been collaborating with the AAOS and Epic to progress toward a society-wide sarcoma registry. Six centers (Iowa, Dartmouth, Ohio State, Stanford, Cleveland Clinic, and Johns Hopkins) have volunteered to participate in a pilot project to create the infrastructure that will be the basis of registry expansion to additional centers. We continue to finalize the scientific questions and data elements, create electronic health record forms for automated data collection, and envision the ultimate administrative structure. The AAOS has expressed interest in building a sarcoma registry with us in the near

future, and we are optimistic that we will have some tangible progress by the end of the year. The positive feedback we have received from the AAOS, despite our small numbers and limited direct impact to many orthopaedic surgeons, is due to the continuing engagement and advocacy of the members of our society regarding this important effort. Please continue to emphasize to those in leadership and influential positions how important the sarcoma registry will be to the specialty and our patients.

Future Meetings



2018 MSTs Annual Meeting

Date: October 10-12, 2018
Location: New York, NY



2019 Specialty Day Meeting

Date: March 16, 2019
Location: Las Vegas, NV



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