

## **The First 100 Days: “The Barry Process”**

I am very proud of the work done by *The Executive Committee* during the summer. The first meeting in June met to discuss the findings of The Finance Committee led by Dr. Lind, (Treasurer) with input from committee members Drs. Fletcher (President-Elect), Dr. Giobbe (Secretary) and consultation from Dr. Wallen (Audit Chair). Using a MSNJ computerized financial accounting process, Director Mills structured the committee’s decisions into a clear path for fiduciary solvency.

The July meeting met to discuss the findings of the Strategic Planning Committee led by Dr. Fletcher (President-Elect), and Dr. Brand (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President), with input from membership coordinator, Dr. Coyle. This committee met at the suggestion of Director Mills. The Executive Committee focused on steps to increase membership, to deal with insurance company abuse and to address the new national healthcare plan for reforms still being debated in Congress.

Finally, the August Executive Committee meeting met together with committee chairs to discuss the work that they would be doing during the year. Board meetings will be held in September, October, and November to complete the work of the summer executive sessions. The January and March Board meetings will prepare for The House of Delegates. There will be an Executive Committee session in February. The Annual Meeting will be the beginning of May. Efforts are being led by Dr. Wallen to fundraise for a daytime lecture program as part of the May Annual Meeting. The lectures were suggested by Dr. Fletcher as a way to attract new members.

The November Board meeting will be abbreviated in order to allow for the newly instituted Founders Day ceremony, run by The History Committee, to honor ECMS leaders, and Dr. Caggiano has graciously agreed to be our first honoree.

I have made the bicentennial preparation a presidential priority and will work with the History Committee, Dr. Hill (Chair) and Dr. Lippmann. The pride of this work includes, the new Founders Day ceremony, the book being written about ECMS which includes Founders Day speeches and the documentary movie about ECMS still in process.

Other ongoing committee work deals with the Pandemic Flu Response, led by Dr. Wallen who as you know tied ECMS into the Office of Emergency Management when he was President. We are grateful to Dr Mike Festa, County Health Director and member of ECMS for his guidance in leading the Essex County Pandemic Flu Response.