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NYRMS President's Report
August 1, 2019

This year has been both a challenging and productive year for the New York Region Management Society (NYRMS) and its Executive Committee. With our election in 2018, we saw many changes in the Executive Committee, particularly in representation of Operation Supervisors. It is encouraging to see how many new members have expressed an interest in becoming involved.

I would like to express a sincere "Thank You" to the entire NYRMS Executive Committee. As President, I could not ask for a more dedicated group of people, who are passionate about what they do and are willing to work tirelessly for our members as their voice, both at the regional and national level.

The following summarizes some of the NYRMS key highlights since the NCCSSMA meeting in September 2018:

Regional Consultation – The NYRMS enjoys an excellent relationship with New York Region leadership, marked by mutual respect. This results in open, timely and frank communication on all issues. On June 19, 2019, the Executive Committee met in preparation for our consultation with the Deputy Regional Commissioner (DRC), Assistant Regional Commissioner-Management Operation Support (ARC-MOS) and Executive Officer of the New York Region on June 20, 2019. The meetings proved to be very productive, with open and honest dialogue between those in attendance.

NYRMS and NCCSSMA Annual Meeting: In September 2018, the NYRMS had the pleasure of hosting not only our own annual

meeting, but also the 2018 NCSSMA annual meeting, in beautiful Atlantic City, NJ. We had an outstanding turnout for the NYRMS meeting, with 117 members attending from all Areas of the New York Region. As the result of our hosting the NCSSMA annual meeting, we will forego an NYRMS meeting in 2019 and plan to hold our next meeting in Spring 2020.

During the Friday evening banquet, it was our honor to award two individuals for their dedication and service. We recognized the outstanding service of NYRMS member Eric Hong, Operations Supervisor, Hackensack, NJ, with the NYRMS Anthony T. Perrotti Distinguished Service Award. The 2018 NYRMS Regional Employee Recognition Award was presented to Bridget Beirne, Supervisory Social Insurance Specialist in the New York CHR LMER.

Membership: We have all seen many SSA management retirements since the beginning of the year. Despite these losses, the NYRMS continues to be one of the most vibrant regional associations, with our membership percentage currently at 93%, which is the highest percentage among all 10 regional associations!

NCSSMA EC/DCO/Hill Meetings: As the NYRMS President, I was pleased to represent our organization in meetings in Central Office in March and again in July. We had the opportunity to meeting with Grace Kim, Fred Maurin, Erik Jones and a host of other component leads. During these meetings we discussed a multitude of topics, including the new contract, Performance Quality Reviews (PQRs), current court cases, overtime, hiring authorities, and the Preliminary Claims System and Universal Customer View, to name a few.

In March, we also met with several members of Congress, as well as well many Congressional committees, to provide our issues and perspectives regarding agency endeavors. These meeting proved to be quite insightful and productive.

2019 NYRMS Scholarship: Since 2006, the New York Region Management Society has sponsored a members-based

scholarship. This memorial scholarship is named after past NYRMS President, Stephen DeLisle. In June, working in tandem with the Chicago (CSSMSA) and Boston (NESSMA) management associations, we completed the application process. On June 25, 2019, it was my pleasure to announce this year's winner, Alexis Barnes, daughter of Yasmin Barnes, Assistant District Manager in White Plains, NY.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of the NYRMS for their support. It is an honor to serve as the NYRMS President. We, as field office and teleservice center management, are on the front lines each day serving the American public. Our voice needs to be heard and I pledge to deliver the message on your behalf. NCSSMA and the NYRMS continue to be the unfiltered and independent voice of field office and teleservice center management.

Valerie Fisher
NYRMS President