



MDCGC QUARTERLY

Official member newsletter of The Maryland and DC Society of Genetic Counselors

Welcome to the first issue of *MDCGC Quarterly*!

The vision of the MDCGC is to ensure the quality of genetic health care and to promote the field of genetic counseling in Maryland and the District of Columbia (hereafter referred to as DC). *MDCGC Quarterly* is your source for updates on our past accomplishments, current projects, and upcoming events.

Committee Updates

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- Creating an official voting system to be used for next year's MDCGC leadership elections
- Continually looking for ways to increase membership and recruit!

MDCGC Membership by the numbers

88 number of MDCGC members as of 2/8/19

77 are full members

3 are associate members

8 are student members



Click here to renew your MDCGC membership for 2019

Why Join?

Benefits of MDCGC Membership...

- Educational opportunities, including an annual symposium
- Access to the newsletter - this first issue is public, but future issues will be for members only
- Get involved - volunteer for committee membership, task forces, or leadership roles to help advance GCs in the MD/DC area!
- Participation in salary surveys
- Never miss an announcement for other genetics-related educational events in the area
- Networking and social opportunities - meet your colleagues at other institutions in the area!

SOCIAL MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Follow us on social media for regular updates!

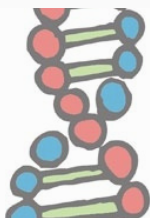


@MDCGeneticCounselors



@TheMDCGC

- Curating content for social media profiles, including Facebook and Twitter, to help promote visibility of the MDCGC
- Creating and distributing the *MDCGC Quarterly*
- Working to update the MDCGC Website, including creation of new pages such as a newsletter archive, job postings board, and calendar of events - will be live soon!
- Planning networking events
- Promoting other GC-related events in the area



Committee Updates, continued

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

- Current primary goal is to pass licensure in MD and DC
- Working to introduce a bill in 2019 with hopes that it will be passed in 2020
- Future goals include creating a MD/DC Professional Status Survey for help with salaries and reimbursement

STATE MEETING & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- Planning the inaugural educational symposium for late 2019 - in future years, the symposium will likely take place earlier in the year
- The proposed length of the conference is either a half or full day, and will likely include an Annual Business Meeting
- We are working hard to be able to provide CEUs for the symposium; however, this may not be feasible for the first year
- Committee updates and accomplishments may also be presented at the time of the symposium
- The location of the meeting has not yet been determined - please contact the committee chair Elizabeth Kramer (kramer.eliz@gmail.com) or co-chair Christy Haakonsen Smith (chaakon1@jhmi.edu) if you have ideas or suggestions

Interested in joining a committee? Email the committee chair to learn more about how you can get involved!

- **Membership Committee Chair:** Lydia Hellwig (lydiadhellwig@gmail.com)
- **Social Media & Communications Chair:** Kristen Leppert (kleppert@jhmi.edu)
- **Public Policy Committee:** Carolyn Applegate (cdapplegate@jhmi.edu)
- **State Meeting & Education Committee:** Elizabeth Kramer (Kramer.eliz@gmail.com)

save the date



Thursday, February 21st at 6 pm
MDCGC Networking Happy Hour
Victoria Gastropub - Columbia, MD



Thursday, February 28th at 5:30 pm
Baltimore-Washington Genetics Group Meeting
Location: GBMC | Dinner sponsored by Biomarin
Talks hosted by UMD Genetics Group



Friday, April 12th from 8:30 am - 4 pm
UMD MGC Program Supervisors Workshop
Location: UMD School of Medicine

[Click here to learn more & register!](#)

