



MDCGC QUARTERLY

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

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

Annual Education Conference 2020

We hosted our first AEC on January 31 at Johns Hopkins Hospital, and were joined by 125 registrants! We hope you'll join us next year for CEU & networking opportunities at this fabulous event.



Special thanks to all of the meeting coordinators, sponsors, speakers, and attendees for making our first meeting an enormous success!



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2021...

If you're interested in presenting at next year's conference or know someone who might be, please be on the lookout for the call for speakers later this year!



Committee Updates

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- As of March 2020, the MDCGC is 128 members strong!
- Are you or a colleague interested in learning more about what the Maryland & DC Society of Genetic Counselors (MDCGC) has to offer? Representatives from the Membership Committee are available to give a presentation via Zoom video meeting to any individuals or groups wanting to learn more. Contact info@mdcgc.org to schedule a meeting.
- The MDCGC Bylaws are in the process of review for potential updates. An open comment period will be announced soon, and members should contact the Membership Committee with proposed updates to our Bylaws.
- We're working hard to launch specialty-specific listservs as a new, members-only benefit - we want to keep you in the loop with local colleagues in your specialty. Stay tuned!

STATE MEETING & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- In addition to planning next year's conference, the State Meeting & Education Committee is also working to update the MDCGC website with current educational opportunities in the area. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many upcoming events have been cancelled. Please continue to check the MDCGC website for the most up-to-date information regarding future opportunities for CEUs!
- If you are aware of an upcoming event in the area, please let us know so we can spread the word to membership!

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

- Members of our committee went to Annapolis on 2/26 to testify before the MD State Senate Health, Education & Environment Committee regarding SB 0763, and on 3/6 to testify before the MD House of Delegates' Health & Government Operations Committee regarding HB 1040. If passed, the cross-filed bills would grant licensure for certified genetic counselors in MD. **SB 0763 passed unanimously in committee** and was headed to the full Senate for a vote before the General Assembly closed due to COVID-19. We are very optimistic for the future, and ever thankful for our legislative sponsors, physician champions, and patient advocates who testified in support of licensing CGCs!

Interested in joining a committee? Please visit www.mdcgc.org/committees to learn more and contact committee chairs!



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Why Join?

As an MDCGC member, you can...

- Have access to a wide variety of educational activities, including our annual symposium
- Stay up-to-date on local genetics-related events and volunteer opportunities
- Keep abreast of state licensure
- Participate in salary surveys
- Network with your colleagues at nearby institutions
- Access the members-only newsletter
- Shape the future of MDCGC through involvement in committee membership or leadership roles to help advance GCs in the MD/DC area!

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