MSMA Convention at St. Louis

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On Tuesday April 17th, the four members of AMA listed above left Kansas City on a four hour trip to St. Louis, Missouri in order to attend the MSMA Convention the following day at the Renaissance Hotel in St. Louis. On the way, we stopped in Columbia. We reached St. Louis at 10 o’clock pm on Thursday.

The next day, we woke up at 7 o’clock and prepared for the conference. We arrived at the site of the conference at 8 o’clock and registered. Then we went to the exhibit hall where we looked at the different booths where different companies were advertising their products or services. For example, there were many booths on malpractice insurance and new technology that was coming out in relation to the field of medicine. Additionally, the booths each had free items that were meant to attract more people to the booths so as a result, we all received a lot of free “stuff.”

After traveling around the booths and doing some networking with the doctors that were present, we headed over the opening session meeting in which the MSMA House of Delegates discussed both old and new business. They also handed out some awards to some physicians who were members of MSMA. The meeting took quite a long time. Afterwards, we attended the Reference Committee meetings. All of us went to the Ref Com A meeting in which 9 different resolutions were discussed and debated. These resolutions included things like representation of physicians on the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, the concept that physicians should not have to do a history and physical examination 24 hours before a surgery, and childhood obesity.
After the Ref Com meetings there was a small break before the medical student section (MSS) luncheon began. During this time, we mingled with medical students from 5 of the 6 medical schools in Missouri and did more networking with physicians. At the luncheon, delicious food was served and then the MSS meeting started. At this meeting, the medical students once again discussed old and new business. We had two speakers who talked about how important organized medicine is. We also had elections for the MSS executive council. From UMKC, Sandeep Krishnan was promoted from chairperson to alternate delegate, Nikoo Cheraghi became the secretary/treasurer, and Kathleen Doo became the community service chair for the state.

Finally, after the luncheon, we headed over the UMKC medical school alumni reception in which we met and conversed with many UMKC alumni and faculty. This was where the most effective networking occurred. Food and beverages were also provided at this event.

Although the convention lasted until Sunday, we left Friday night in order to attend the MSAC Home-Run-For-Health event on Saturday. Therefore, we left at 7:30 for a four-hour trip back to Kansas City from St. Louis. Once again, we stopped by at Columbia for food.

The conference was a great learning opportunity for all of us and we all did a lot of networking that will be beneficial for the future.