

**BIBB COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY**

Director: 11.20

SUBJECT: Annual Report  
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<b>Secretary</b>	<b>2018 MAG Members</b>	<b>2019 MAG Members</b>
Charles C. Snow, M.D. Macon	542	815
<b>Total</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>815</b>

1 From September 2019 through August 2020, Bibb County Medical Society, Inc., held 4 “in  
2 person” meetings for the membership as well as other activities.  
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4 In September, we hosted our Annual Membership Picnic, inviting local, state, and federal  
5 legislators and candidates and welcoming new physicians and their families. Our event was a  
6 Sunday afternoon family picnic at the lakeside area of Dr. Charles and Susan Ogburn, with a  
7 water slide and a combo climber for the children.  
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9 In October 2019, Bibb CMS’s Delegation to MAG House of Delegates was chaired by Dr.  
10 Zachary Lopater. Other Delegates were Drs. Maria H. Bartlett, William P. Brooks, Keisha R.  
11 Callins, John C. Ervin, Allen G. Garrison, Billie L. Jackson, Robert C. Jones, Malcolm S. Moore,  
12 Jr., Rana K. Munna, Darl W. Rantz, Cameka N. Scarborough, I. J. Shaker, Bridget M. Wright,  
13 and Michael M. Wright.  
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15 Dr. Rantz served on Reference Committee C, Legislation; Dr. Brooks served on Reference  
16 Committee F, Finance; and Dr. Jones was Chair of the Tellers committee. Dr. Jackson was re-  
17 elected Delegate to the AMA. Dr. Lopater was re-elected Chair of the Young Physician Section.  
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19 Ashley McNeal of Mercer University School of Medicine-Macon was elected chair of the  
20 Medical Student Section, and Jackson Landow, also of Mercer-Macon, was elected Vice Chair.  
21 Alyse Ragauskas served as the Mercer-Macon Medical Student Section Delegate, and Robert Hill  
22 was the Alternate Delegate. Other Mercer-Macon students attended House, and several  
23 participated in the Abstract Competition. Rema Elmostafa from Mercer-Macon won the “Best  
24 Pitch” award in the Abstract Competition.  
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1 The November 2019 Society meeting was the Middle Georgia Educational Foundation Lecture.  
2 Our topic was “Human Trafficking: What Central Georgia Physicians Need to Know.” Physicians  
3 and their spouses were invited to learn about forms of human trafficking, how trafficking  
4 organizations are structured, and how victims can be recognized. Additionally members were  
5 taught ways to help protect young people from becoming victims. The speakers were an FBI  
6 Special Agent, an FBI Victim Specialist, and a representative from a local anti-trafficking  
7 organization. Additionally a similar program was offered the next morning for the community.  
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9 Our December event was the annual President’s Party, with the installation of officers and  
10 presentation of awards. Dr. Zachary Lopater was installed as the 2020 President. Dr. Minor C.  
11 Vernon, Pediatrician, was named the 2019 Physician of the Year. He was recognized for his  
12 dedication to his patients’ care. He is now treating the children of children he previously cared  
13 for. He also has held numerous hospital and organized medicine leadership roles, including 1991  
14 President of Bibb County Medical Society.  
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16 In February 2020, BCMS members participated in Physicians’ Day at the Capitol. Our members  
17 met with area legislators and discussed various issues with them. Ten active practicing members  
18 and Mercer medical students participated. Additionally Dr. Rana Munna, Dr. Reneé Haynes, and  
19 Dr. Steve Tuck served as Doctors of the Day during the Legislature.  
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21 Bibb County Medical Society’s February meeting was a business-of-medicine program on Risk  
22 Coding. Ronnie R. Smith, M.D., MBA, presented an outstanding program on how to  
23 appropriately code for patient risk in order to be reimbursed accordingly. BCMS members found  
24 the presentation very interesting. Office staff were invited to attend this program.  
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26 A lecture by a hand surgeon and a tasting of craft beers were planned for March and for April.  
27 The events have been postponed indefinitely until the COVID-19 pandemic has subsided.  
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29 BCMS members held a number of key roles at MAG including AMA Delegate, Dr. Billie L.  
30 Jackson. Dr. Zachary Lopater has served as Chair of the Young Physician Section.  
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32 BCMS member Keisha Callins, M.D., M.P.H., is Chair of MAG’s Physician Resilience Task  
33 Force. The goal of the task force is to “prioritize physician wellbeing, address burnout, and  
34 promote physician resilience.” A page on the MAG website is devoted to information and links to  
35 numerous resources to support physician wellness.  
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37 Mercer University School of Medicine students in Macon have been very active. In 2019 the  
38 students worked with MAG to establish a Medical Student Section (MSS) chapter on the Macon  
39 campus.  
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