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## Saginaw County Medical Society Elects Officers Celebrates 119 Years of Serving Saginaw County Residents



**Anthony M. Zacharek MD**, Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon, was recently installed as President of the Saginaw County Medical Society. **Tiffany K. Kim MD**, Ob/Gyn, is President-Elect. **Mildred J. Willy MD**, Emergency Medicine, is immediate Past President. **Caroline G.M. Scott MD**, Retired Family Medicine, continues to serve as Secretary, and **Miriam T. Schteingart MD**, Ophthalmology, continues as Treasurer.

Elected to the Board of Directors:

- **Mark G. Greenwell MD**, Family Medicine
- **Elizabeth A. Paulus MD**, Oncology Surgeon
- **Furhut R. Janssen DO**, Psychiatry
- **Harvey K. Yee MD**, Radiology
- **Mary J. McKuen MD**, Ob/Gyn
- **Kai Anderson MD**, Psychiatry

**Louis L. Constan MD**, Retired Family Medicine, continues as Editor of the Society's monthly journal, *The Bulletin*. **Joan M. Cramer** is the Executive Director, and **Keri Benkert** is the Administrative Assistant.

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## Saginaw County Medical Society Physicians Elected to MSMS Leadership Positions

### Dr. Veverka to Serve as MSMS President-Elect



**Thomas J. Veverka MD** was voted President-Elect of the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) during the 156<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the House of Delegates held virtually on May 1, 2021.

Dr. Veverka is a board certified General Surgeon, a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and has received added certification in Surgical Critical Care. He served as the Associate Director of Trauma at North Memorial Medical Center in Robbinsdale, Minnesota before starting in private practice as a general surgeon and surgical intensivist in Saginaw in 1994. While in Saginaw, Dr. Veverka served in several physician leadership roles, primarily at St. Mary's of Michigan Hospital, as well as, on the Steering Committee for the General Surgery Residency program as the MSU surgical coordinator for the medical students. Dr. Veverka has served the SCMS as Director, Alternate Delegate and President over the past 15 years, most recently as Region 7 Representative on the MSMS Board of Directors. Dr. Veverka is a board member of the Michigan Health Improvement Alliance (MiHIA).

Dr. Veverka has a special interest in trauma care and trauma systems development, and served as the initial medical director of the trauma program at St. Mary's of Michigan Hospital which eventually was designated as a Level II Trauma Center by the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma. He subsequently became the initial Trauma Medical Director for MidMichigan Medical Center in Midland, which also successfully underwent verification as a Level II Trauma Center. He serves on the Michigan Committee of Trauma and performs Trauma Center Level III and IV verification visits for MDHHS. He also serves on the State Committee of Trauma in Michigan.

Dr. Veverka is very passionate about addressing the opioid crisis through volunteer activities at MidMichigan Medical Center, MiHIA and through his position on the Board of Directors of MSMS. He also serves on multiple other subcommittees.

Dr. Veverka received his medical degree from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. He completed his surgical residency at Saginaw Cooperative Hospitals, Inc., and returned to the University of Minnesota for his Surgical Critical Care Fellowship training. He maintains a passion for general surgery, trauma care and critical care, as well as, patient safety issues. Dr. Veverka has held a clinical faculty appointment with MSU College of Human Medicine

Department of Surgery for over 25 years, as well as, holding a current clinical appointment with CMU College of Medicine. He is married to Cathleen and is the father of five.

MSMS's presidents have greatly impacted MSMS' programs, position on policy issues and its prominence in Michigan. The MSMS president typically serves a term of one year and works with the Board of Directors to set the strategic agenda for the Society. Past MSMS Presidents from Saginaw are:

- James H. Jerome, MD (1867 and 1881)
- Lyman W. Bliss, MD (1890)
- Vernon V. Bass, MD (1977)
- Jack L. Barry, MD (1994)

### Dr. Willy to Serve as Region 7 Representative on the MSMS Board



**Mildred J. Willy MD** was voted Region 7 Representative of MSMS during the 156<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the House of Delegates held virtually on May 1, 2021. A graduate of the Indiana University School of Medicine, Dr. Willy will serve a three-year term on the MSMS Board representing physicians from Arenac, Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Midland and Saginaw Counties.

Dr. Willy is the Associate Dean of Student Affairs at CMU College of Medicine. Appointed in 2019, Dr. Willy oversees student services, career advising, wellness and professionalism. She has practiced emergency medicine for 22 years in the Great Lakes Bay Region at multiple affiliated hospitals including Ascension St. Mary's, MidMichigan Medical Center, McLaren Bay Region Hospital and Bronson Lakeview Hospital. She continues to practice clinically part-time. Dr. Willy recently completed a two-year term as President of the SCMS, and has served the SCMS as an Alternate Delegate, Delegate, Director and President over the past six years.

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