Join a Minority and Underrepresented (M/UR) Caucus Today. These caucuses provide networking opportunities, and educational events for members. 

The Cultural Competency Curriculum is designed to help psychiatrists provide care that matches their patient's cultural background. It is important to consider cultural factors when delivering mental health services.

BrainsWay's attractive business model can enable Deep TMS to become a viable treatment option for patients with depression. The company's technology has the potential to revolutionize how we treat neurological conditions.

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Faulkner, with Public Policy Partners, will make presentations to the WPS Group, and the WPS/SMPS Maryland lobbyists, Robyn Elliott and Rachael Towles. The WPS Virginia lobbyist, James Pickral, with Commonwealth Strategy Group will also be attending.

WPS members in Maryland should consider contributing to the Maryland PAC, which supports candidates who prioritize mental health issues. The PAC is an important tool for ensuring that the voices of psychiatrists are heard in Maryland politics.

The committee has held a regular meeting on the following bills:

- 2018 Maryland General Assembly legislation
- 2019 Maryland General Assembly legislation
- Medicaid expansion
- Mental health care funding

The next WPS Call for Nominations will be held on November 12, 2018. Get involved in WPS and consider running for a position.

The DC Council's 22nd Council Period is coming to a close and the Council is expected to make important decisions regarding mental health and healthcare reform. WPS, working with APA support, held a conference call with the Health Committee to discuss strategies for influencing these decisions.

The APF/John and Polly Sparks Early Career Grant is available for WPS members to support their research and career development. The grant provides up to $20,000 for research in the area of early career development.

The Washington Psychiatric Society is a member of the World Association for Social Psychiatry, which will be hosting a symposium during the World Congress of Social Psychiatry this year. WPS members are encouraged to attend and participate in this important event.

The Washington Psychiatric Society is also involved in advocacy efforts at the federal level. Last week, WPS worked with APA support to hold a conference call with the Health Committee to discuss strategies for influencing the upcoming Congressional elections. WPS members are encouraged to get involved in advocacy efforts and to consider running for a position in the future.

Contribute your voice, your perspectives and ideas to ongoing advocacy efforts. With your support, WPS can ensure that the voices of psychiatrists are heard in important policy discussions.