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Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
April 8, 2013 Perigee Restaurant, Lee, MA

Chair's Report: Dr. Paul Gamache for Dr. Michael Williams

Dr. Michael Wasserman will become President of the Massachusetts Dental Society for the 2013-2014 cycle with his June 14 Inauguration at the House of Delegates. Included among his many duties will be Presiding at Yankee in January. Drs. Paul & Lisa Gamache will Chair the Yankee Committee involved with the volunteers needed to help out as Room Coordinators and Presiding Chairs. They are asking BDDS members to consider volunteering at next years Yankee and support Dr. Wassermans' Presidency. A strong presence of BDDS members will reflect well upon the Berkshire District.

Dr. Tom Sakshaug awarded the Stephen Stone Educational Stipend to Ms. Katielynn Hoffman. She will soon graduate from McCann Tech as a Certified Dental Assistant.

Dr. Tom Sakshaug stated that Dr. John Moresi passed away in his office on March 5. A contribution to the "Patient Satisfaction Fund at NARH" was made in his memory. Dr. Moresi served on the MDS Membership Council, MDS-PAC Committee & BDDS CE Committee. Any BDDS member who would be interested in taking over these roles for Dr. Moresi, please contact Dr. Sakshaug at doctom1977@gmail.com.

MDS Trustee's Report: Dr. Jay Wise

Dr. Wise introduced Dr. Cassandra Jones. She will be practicing in Great Barrington at the CHP Dental Clinic. She was trained in Arizona and her husband Steve is going to be entering STCC for dental hygiene in the fall 2013.

Treasurer's Report: Dr. Thomas Sakshaug

Current Balances as of 4-7-2013:

Checking: \$ 2,503.51

Money Market: \$34,026.28 0.25% APY
Available for use: \$36,529.79

CD 37 Month: \$ 7,441.56 2.20% APY, matures 7-9-13
CD 37 Month \$10,848.07 1.50% APY, matures 7-9-14
Total CDs: \$18,289.63

Total funds: \$54,819.42

Recent dues receipts: 3/8/13: \$140.00; 3/18/13: \$59.17 ... Payment for those on the new 12-month installment plan. 20 members are using this plan (16-full active, 1-second year, 3-active life).

One Stephen Stone Educational Scholarship was awarded this year, to Katielynn Marie Hoffman. The BDDS matched the \$500 provided by MDS.

Contributions were made in memory of Dr. Joseph Farrell Jr. and Dr. John Moresi.

A reminder: Any member of an MDS Council, Committee or Task Force who travels to attend a meeting thereof and submits a report to the District at a BDDS meeting or via the minutes will be given a \$50 stipend by the BDDS each time upon request. The Trustee will receive annual reimbursement for dues in lieu of travel expenses.

Committee Chair's Report:

Dr. Louis Yarmosky stated that on May 14, 2013, a meeting will be held in his home to plan the Continuing Education Meetings for our 2013/2014 cycle. He will attempt to plan two mandatory CE events needed to maintain our professional license. An invitation to all members of the CE Committee will be sent out. Any BDDS member with a speaker recommendation can contact Louis at lyarmosky@gmail.com.

BDDS Representative's to MDS Council's Report:

Dr. Ed Helitzer represents BDDS as our Representative to the Council of Dental Benefits. Dental Insurance Coverage for children under 19 is now mandated. An estimated 20 million non-Medicaid eligible children will have coverage in 2014. Delta Dental will send forms to their network Dentists to sign them up for this new plan.

Dr. Helitzer mentioned that MDSIS (the insurance providing program though MDS) is also planning to offer insurance programs for children under 19. MDSIS is setting up a Cooperative to provide care in this mandated category. The Affordable Care Act will affect the practice of Dentistry.

Dr. Helitzer mentioned one recent incident of Delta Dental running an audit on their dental providers and searching for outliers in practice. One provider was found to have performed a very large amount of one-surface cervical composites. Delta reviewed the clinical notes and found that there was no mention of decay being excavated in these lesions. This did not comply with Deltas processing policies or descriptors in the ADA CDT. The provider was asked to return all reimburses (\$10,698) made for these insurance claims. MDS Peer Review agreed with Deltas findings in this case.

Dr. Alan Gold Represents BDDS for the MDS Nomination Committee. This year there are two MDS members running for Speaker of the MDS House of Delegates. Dr. John Fisher and Dr. Charles Silvius have submitted their resumes to the District Secretary. Dr. Gold has asked for a motion that the BDDS Executive Committee review these resumes and after input from the BDDS membership, provide him with a nomination by May 7. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Items from the Floor:

Dr. Louis Yarmosky along with Dr. Steve Yarmosky, Dr. Lauren Ballinger, Dr. Tom Sakshaug and Dr. Mike Wasserman represented BDDS at the Annual Beacon Hill Day.

The main issue discussed was a bill, which would allow insurance companies to dictate fees for procedures they no longer reimburse for. Although the Non-Covered Services Act did not pass this year, our governor is committed to studying this issue again.

The Hygiene Society of Massachusetts has entered a bill to allow a mid-level provider of dental care. (There is a plan for CODA to come up with guidelines for a mid-level dental care provider.) This bill is stating that this will increase access to care.

There is discussion that in the efforts to decrease the cost of dental care, dental assistants should have more expanded functions.

Dr. Tom Sakshaug and Dr. Pat Carsell will be attending a fundraiser event for State Representative Paul Mark of the 2nd Berkshire District. This will take place on April 9, 2013 where they will present Representative Mark with a MDS-PAC contribution. Any BDDS member is welcome to join them.

Dr. Erich Schmidt (erichschmidt@gmail.com) along with Dr. Eric Shapiro are volunteering their time on Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8 for a "Mission of Mercy" in Bridgeport, Connecticut. They have room in their car for anyone who wishes to help. The Connecticut Board of Dentistry will allow license reciprocity for this event. Register at www.csda.com .

"The Connecticut Mission of Mercy is affectionately referred to as CTMOM. The two-day clinic provides free dental care to the underserved and uninsured in Connecticut – those that would otherwise go without dental care. Oral health is inseparable from general health and can affect a person's self-esteem, compromise their ability to work, attend

school and lead a normal life. The Connecticut Foundation for Dental Outreach (CDFO) in collaboration with the Connecticut State Dental Association (CSDA) held the state's first Mission of Mercy project in 2008. Every year, the Connecticut Mission of Mercy project is held in a different location throughout the state."

Dental Continuing Education Meeting:

Dr. Paul Gamache hosted tonight's meeting. Dr. Carlo Ercoli gave a talk on "Implant Use with Removable Prosthetics".

Next General Membership Meeting:

Dr. Louis Yarmosky will host the upcoming All Day CE Meeting on Friday, May 17, 2013. Dr. Neil Gotthehrer will speak on "Early Diagnostics: The Future of Successful Dental Care."

*Minutes of Monthly Meeting submitted by District Secretary – Dr. Paul Gamache
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