

Berkshire District Dental Society

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Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
December 3, 2012 Cork N Hearth Restaurant, Lee, MA

Chair's Report: Dr. Michael Williams

Dr. Michael Williams welcomed everyone to this evenings meeting.

Dr. Thomas Sakshaug is the Chair for the BDDS Nominations Committee for 2013/2014. If there are any members who would like to represent the Berkshire District as a council or committee member, please contact Tom at doctom1977@gmail.com.

MDS Trustee's Report: Dr. Jay Wise

The MDS Bill for Non-Covered Services has been approved in the Massachusetts House of Representatives and is now before the Massachusetts Senate. Please call Senator Ben Downing today. Call his Boston office at 617 722 1625. Tell them that you are a dentist in Berkshire County and that you are in strong support of the non-covered services legislation (refer to bill HB.4265) currently before the Senate. It is OK to leave a voicemail if staff does not answer--those guys are busy. But a live contact is better.

Request that they contact Senate President Murray's office to move HB 4265, *An Act Relative to Financial Services Contracts for Dental Benefits Corporations*, to the floor for a vote. If you need a talking point in your conversation, say this: "This bill protects both the providers and patients of the Commonwealth from unfair practices that dental benefits companies seek to implement. Under this legislation, dental benefits companies would not be permitted to set the fees a provider must charge a patient for procedures for which the benefits company will not reimburse the provider."

Treasurer's Report: Dr. Thomas Sakshaug

Current Balances as of 12-3-2012:

Checking:	\$ 4,255.90
Money Market:	<u>\$36,002.42</u> 0.25% APY

Available for use: \$40,258.32

CD 37 Month:	<u>\$ 7,388.11</u>	2.20% APY, matures 7-9-13
CD 37 Month	\$10,794.69	1.50% APY, matures 7-9-14
Total CDs:	\$18,182.80	

Total funds: \$58,441.12

Recent dues receipts: None.

Donations of \$50 each were made in memory of:
Dr. George Hashim, to Shriner's Hospital for Children.
Dr. Ronald Myers, to Habitat for Humanity.

From this point on, we would like everyone to make their dinner checks out to BDDS rather than the restaurant. This will simplify our dealings with our friends who host our meetings.

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.

Items from the Floor:

Dr. Tom Sakshaug stated that it might be easier for the restaurants that host our Monday Night Meetings to receive one payment check from BDDS rather than many individual checks. For future Monday Night Meetings, please make out dinner checks to the Berkshire District Dental Society rather than the participating restaurant.

Dr. Tom Sakshaug made a motion to donate \$1500.00 to the Volunteers in Medicine Dental Clinic to support their services in South County. The motion was carried unanimously by the membership in attendance.

Dr. Paul Gamache stated that he has applications for the MDS/BDDS Educational Stipend for current students of Dental Hygiene, Dental Assisting & Lab Technician. The applications are available to print from the BDDS website www.berkshiredental.org under the Continuing Education Tab. The applications are due by January 31, 2013. They can be mailed or hand delivered to 137 Elm Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

Dr. Paul Gamache stated that in accordance to BORID regulations, attendance at the BDDS Monday Night Meetings will be taken via a sign in sheet and kept in the District Archives.

Certificate of Attendance and Course Description. The licensee may only receive continuing education credit for those courses in which the sponsor or its agent (e.g. a nationally recognized professional registry) certifies the attendance and maintains attendance records for at least five years.

(a) Certification of attendance must include: 1. The name and address of the sponsor; 2. The name, address and license number of the licensee; 3. A brief statement of the subject matter; 4. Number of lecture and clinical or laboratory participation contact hours; 5. An indication of whether the course fulfills CEU requirements for dentists, dental hygienists or both; 6. The date and location of the program; and 7. Verification by the sponsor that licensee completed the program.

(b) The sponsor, or its agent, shall keep the following records for a period of five (5) years. All records shall be furnished to the Board upon request:

1. Course description; 2. Faculty; 3. Date of the course; 4. Location of the course; 5. Number of contact hours; and 6. Roster of attendees.

Dental Continuing Education Meeting:

Dr. Thomas Mullany hosted tonight's meeting. Dr. Michael Cestone gave a talk on Bio-Adaptive Orthodontic Treatment.

Next General Membership Meeting:

Dr. Pat Carsell will host our next Monday Night Meeting on January 7, 2013. Dr. Erich Schmidt will speak on Periodontics.

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