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Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
February 9, 2015 Cork N Hearth Restaurant, Lee, MA

Chair's Report: Dr. Jolene Krol (proxy for Dr. Lisa Gamache)

Dr. Krol welcomed everyone to this evenings meeting.

MDS Trustee's Report: Dr. Jay Wise

Dr. Paul Gamache would like to thank Dr. Jay Wise for his assistance in compiling the notes necessary to submit minutes of tonight's' meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Dr. Thomas Sakshaug

Dr. Tom Sakshaug announced that the BDDS has elected to sponsor three candidates for the scholarship program in the coming year. There are two dental assisting students and one dental hygiene students. The motion to approve passed unanimously. Dr. Sakshaug made it clear that the \$ 500 BDDS scholarship for two of the students will be matched by MDS.

Dr. Tom Sakshaug encouraged members to get involved by volunteering for one of the BDDS committees. He has served us as Treasurer for many years and is ready to pass the torch. He says the job is not difficult or time consuming. His plea for someone to step up and take the position was convincing. He encouraged younger members of BDDS to consider a leadership position--especially the Treasurer position.

Committee Chair's Report:

Dr. Michael Williams represents the BDDS as the Chair of the Nominations Committee. He presented the nominations ballot for 2015-2016 and asked anyone who had a change, addition, or deletion to come forth so that this could be voted on at next meeting. There were paper copies available for all.

There are also several committee positions available with MDS committees. Dr. Williams encouraged anyone interested to consider a position. This helps us keep a stronger Berkshire representation in the Massachusetts Dental Society.

Dental Continuing Education Meeting:

Dr. Louis Yarmosky hosted tonight's meeting. The scientific presentation was made by Lonny Jarrett, an acupuncturist/Chinese Medicine Specialist practicing in Stockbridge. Lonny provided an interesting and compelling presentation on the differences in Western Medicine and Chinese Medicine. He described his diagnosis as being inductive as opposed to deductive. He showed examples of how the tongue and oral cavity are a primary focus of his diagnostic process. Lonny was very well spoken and well received and we left hoping he may return for an additional presentation in the future.

Next General Membership Meeting:

Dr. Paul Gamache will host our next Monday Night Meeting on March 16, 2015. Drs. Michael Williams and Erich Schmidt will speak on Periodontics.

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