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Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
January 7, 2013 Zucchini's Restaurant, Pittsfield, MA

Chair's Report: Dr. Michael Williams

Dr. Len Radin was awarded a Life Membership pin for his continuous membership in the ADA, MDS and BDDS.

MDS Trustee's Report: Dr. Jay Wise

The Non-Covered Service Bill drafted by MDS was not signed by the governor. Despite the "pocket veto", it was felt that the Governor did look favorably upon the bill. Our Bill did pass through the State House and State Senate on the first attempt. MDS plans to "re-file" the bill before January 15 to restart the entire legislative process. Dr. Wise would like to Thank those members that contacted their State Legislators and the Governor. Grassroots help will be needed again with the second filing of this Bill.

A new 2.3% federal excise tax went into effect January 1, 2013 that applies to the medical devices that dentists and physicians use. The ADA fought to prevent its passage. Practicing dentists will not directly pay this tax. It will fall primarily on the dental equipment manufacturers and dental laboratories. Unfortunately as this tax will increase manufacturing and lab costs, this tax will likely result in a bump in equipment and lab costs to the practicing dentist.

Treasurer's Report: Dr. Thomas Sakshaug

Current Balances as of 1-6-2013:

Checking: \$ 3,115.90
Money Market: \$36,008.52 0.25% APY
Available for use: \$39,124.42

CD 37 Month:	<u>\$ 7,401.74</u>	2.20% APY, matures 7-9-13
CD 37 Month	\$10,808.31	1.50% APY, matures 7-9-14
Total CDs:	\$18,210.05	
Total funds:	\$57,334.47	

Recent dues receipts: 12/20/12: \$500; 1/9/13: \$400

A \$100 donation in memory of Wendell Webber was made to the Friends of the Berkshire Athenaeum.

Thank-you notes were received from Volunteers in Medicine Berkshires and Shriners Hospitals for Children for recent donations.

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.

Committee Chair's Report:

Dr. Tom Sakshaug is the Nominations Chair for BDDS. It is time to nominate officers and committee members and state representatives for our district. Any member dentist who would like to represent us as District Chair, District Council or State Council please contact Dr. Sakshaug at doctom1977@gmail.com . We become a better society with everyone's assistance.

Items from the Floor:

A motion was made to make a memorial donation for Wendell Webber to the Berkshire Athenaeum. The motion was seconded and carried by the membership. (Mr. Webber was Dental Sales Representative for Smith Holden out of Springfield for 43 years and serviced the Pittsfield area.)

Dental Continuing Education Meeting:

Dr. Pat Carsell hosted tonight's meeting. Dr. Erich Schmidt gave a talk on Peri-Implantitis.

Next General Membership Meeting:

Dr. Jolene Krol will host our next Monday Night Meeting on February 11, 2013. Dr. Fred Hyman will speak on Ear Symptoms associated with TMD.

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