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Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
March 16, 2015 Mazzeo's Restaurante, Pittsfield, MA

Chair's Report: Dr. Lisa Gamache

Allison Murphy and Linda Tracy received the Allied Health Stipend this evening. This was a monetary award of \$1,000. This award was given by BDDS in conjunction with MDS. They are both currently enrolled at McCann Technical School in the Dental Assisting Program. (A third recipient was unable to attend this evenings meeting.)

Dr. Lisa Gamache moved to review and accept the 2015-2016 Nominations Ballot as presented to the membership. Dr. Tom Sakshaug mentioned that he is willing to train any member who wishes to become the next BDDS Treasurer. The motion was seconded and the Ballot was passed unanimously.

MDS Trustee's Report: Dr. Jay Wise

Dr. Wise encouraged the membership to represent BDDS in the Massachusetts Legislature for Beacon Hill Day this year on April 15, 2015. There are many actions pending legislation that will affect our daily practice. This event will include a lunch meal and a stimulating keynote speaker. Additional information can be obtained from Dr. Wise at info@drjaywisedds.com .

The MDS House of Delegates will take place on June 12, 2015 at the Burlington Marriot. This year there will be a resolution to consider creating the Boston District. This new District will result from a partition of the Metropolitan District. This resolution will likely yield a lively debate from the House floor. If any member has an opinion in this matter that they wish to express please contact Dr. Wise at info@drjaywisedds.com .

Treasurer's Report: Dr. Thomas Sakshaug

Current Balances as of 3/15/15:

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| Checking: | \$ 2,319.64 |
| Money Market: | \$ 8,236.72 0.06% APY |
| Available for use: | \$10,556.36 |
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| CD 30 Month | \$ 8,078.88 0.60% APY, matures 1-10-16 |
| CD 36 month | \$ 8,105.29 0.80% APY, matures 7-10-16 |
| CD 36 Month | \$17,085.56 0.80% APY, matures 7-14-17 |
| CD 48 Month | \$12,075.44 1.00% APY, matures 7-14-18 |
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| Total CDs: | \$45,345.17 |
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| Total funds: | \$55,901.53 |

Total funds reflect the three Stone Scholarships awarded 3/16/15. Total BDDS contribution is \$2000.00. Total MDS contribution is \$1000.00.

The Spring 2015 All Day Meeting speaker will be paid \$7000 within days. This is in addition to a \$1000 deposit paid previously. Please attend the All-Day Meeting!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: The BDDS is beginning to get hurt financially at certain restaurants due to dentists' failure to RSVP or to show up. If you plan to come, please inform the person running the dinner. If you do so, please come to the meeting! We sometimes must pay based on RSVPs. Please plan ahead and stick to your plan.

Committee Chair's Report:

Dr. Louis Yarmosky represents the Berkshire District as the Chair of the Nominations Committee.

Our next ALL DAY meeting will be held on Friday, May 15, 2015. Dr Ruis will make a presentation on Implant Dentistry.

Dr. John Svirsky contacted Dr. Yarmosky to reschedule his presentation to the Berkshire District concerning Oral Pathology. He will present in October 2016.

Dr. Yarmosky will continue to research a new projector and possible portable PA system for our future Monday Night Meetings.

BDDS Representative's to MDS Council's Report:

Dr. Ed Helitzer represents the Berkshire District by sitting on the Council of Dental Care and Benefits. He made the following two announcements.

Dentists need to become some type of Medicare provider. This will allow their patients who have a Medicare prescription plan to have a Dentist generated prescription paid for by the Medicare insurance. There are three types of Medicare providers that a Dentist can register as.

Enroll as a Medicare ordering and referring provider

Regardless of whether a dentist has opted in or out as a Medicare provider, the dentist may enroll as a Medicare ordering and referring provider. As an ordering and referring provider, dentists do not send claims to Medicare for payment. By registering as an ordering and referring provider, dentists will be placed on the Medicare Ordering and Referring Registry and will be able to order and refer patients to Medicare-enrolled providers and suppliers.

Dentists should take action regarding their Medicare provider enrollment by June 1, 2015, to minimize negative impact to their patients, local pharmacies and other dental providers. Pharmacies, specialists and pathologists may not be reimbursed for prescriptions, treatment and lab work when referred by a dentist who has failed to enroll as a Medicare provider, enroll as a Medicare ordering or referring provider or opt out of the program altogether.

To enroll as an "Order/Refer" provider, you need to complete the 8550 form

Form 8550 is available on the MDS website (<http://www.massdental.org>) in the members section.

On December 31, 2014, BORID mandated that all Dental Assistants in Massachusetts be registered and licensed. At this time, it is estimated that BORID has received only 3000 applications and has issued even less actual Licenses. It is unsure when this Dental Assistant Licensing process will be complete.

Items from the Floor:

Dr. Craig Fischer announced that after 42 years of active Orthodontic Practice in the Berkshire District has retired. Dr. Ray Meandro will oversee his patients in the Pittsfield area. Dr. Mike Cestone will oversee his patients in the Great Barrington area. Dr. Fischer made a point to Thank his Berkshire colleagues for their contributions in a personally and professionally exemplary career.

Dental Continuing Education Meeting:

Dr. Paul Gamache hosted tonight's meeting. Drs. Michael Williams and Erich Schmidt gave a talk on Prevalence and Treatment of Periodontal Disease.

Next General Membership Meeting:

Dr. Patrick Carsell will host our next Monday Night Meeting on April 13, 2015. Dr. Fredrick Hyman will speak on New Perspectives in Sleep Bruxism.

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