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Minutes of the General Membership Meeting  
November 4, 2013 Cork N Hearth Restaurant, Lee, MA

**Chair's Report: Dr. Michael Williams**

Dr. Williams welcomed everyone to this evenings meeting.

**Treasurer's Report: Dr. Thomas Sakshaug**

Current Balances as of 11/03/2013:

Checking:	\$12,250.55
Money Market:	<u>\$25,546.73</u> 0.20% APY
Available for use:	\$37,797.28*
CD 37 Month	\$10,943.19 1.50% APY, matures 7-9-14
CD 30 Month	\$ 8,014.95 0.60% APY, matures 1-10-16
CD 36 month	\$ 8,019.93 0.80% APY, matures 7-10-16
Total CDs:	\$26,978.07
Total funds:	\$64,775.35

Recent dues receipts: 10-23-13: \$59.17

\*The speaker expense for the Fall All-Day was \$6,190, which is pending and not reflected above. Vendor payments are also pending.

Spring 2013 All Day Meeting:

Income:	Tuition	\$13,635
	Vendor	<u>\$ 1,000</u>

Total income:	\$14,635
Expenses: Speaker	\$ 4,200.00
Williams Inn	\$ 4,602.60
Printing	\$ 1,192.75
Mailing	\$ 404.49
Total Expenses:	\$10,399.84
Net Income:	\$ 4,235.16

**BDDS Representative's to MDS Council's Report:**

Dr. Charlie Nemser represents BDDS by serving on Council on Dental Education. The following issues have been discussed:

*On April 3, 2013, the Board of Registration in Dentistry (BORID) adopted a policy on the use of lasers by dental auxiliaries. The policy states that delegation to auxiliaries may only occur when both the supervising dentist and registered dental hygienist obtain proper training on the use of dental laser devices, and use the devices within their licensed scope of practice, training, and experience. Guidance for the profession for safe dental laser use is provided by American National Standards Institute Standard Z136.1 Safe Use of Lasers and Z136.3 Safe Use of Lasers in Health Care Facilities. Specific training is also available from manufacturers and independent providers of continuing education, including professional organizations and academic institutions.*

*The Board of Registration in Dentistry (BORID) has released draft regulations that will require all dental assistants (OJT, CDA, FTDA, EFDA), to "register with the state and pay a registration fee, which has yet to be determined. They do not require all dental assistants be certified.*

*The proposed regulations will require 12 hours of continuing education every two years and mandate training in infection control, CPR, and OSHA. The MDS is working with several legislators and organizations to bring this process to a close as quickly as possible.*

*Dean Bruce Donoff from Harvard, Huw Thomas from Tufts and two members of the American Student Dental Association met with BORID to discuss PGYI. A Bill has been filed and has a two-year life span. The deans feel that PGYI is not a fifth year of dental school and is a residency program to enhance one's experience and expertise. BORID asked for stats: Dean Donoff presented a list of states and compared Board complaints against dentists who attended a PGY1 program vs. those that did not. NY: 2 vs. 1800; CT: 0 vs. 539;*

*MN: 0 vs. 817; Washington ST: 49 vs. 322 (FQHC) may or may not be a factor. Dean Donoff pointed out that PGY1 was not a substitute for taking an exam but more an issue of student choice. Most students will continue to take exam in order to have the potential to move from state to state. Dr. Mina Paul feels wording of the Bill is way too broad and may have to be tweaked. As worded now an ortho residency would count as a PGY1 to replace exam. The Deans agreed to work with the Board on amending the Bill as it passes through the legislative process.*

### **Items from the Floor:**

Dr. Paul Gamache stated that the applications for the BDDS/MDS Educational Stipend are available for any current student of Dental Hygiene and/or Dental Assisting living in Berkshire County. The completed form is due on January 31, 2014. The form is available on the MDS website [www.massdental.org](http://www.massdental.org) or by emailing [info@paulgamachedmd.com](mailto:info@paulgamachedmd.com).

Dr. Alan Gold stated that the Early Bird deadline for Yankee Registration would end on November 11, 2013. Register now at these reduced fees. Courses can always be added at any time after you have registered.

### **Dental Continuing Education Meeting:**

Dr. Michael Williams hosted tonight's meeting. Dr. Jamison Scotto gave a talk on Soft Tissue Grafting Techniques.

### **Next General Membership Meeting:**

Dr. Thomas Sakshaug will host our next Monday Night Meeting on December 9, 2013 at Flavours Restaurant in Pittsfield. Jerry Kaizer, CDT will speak on Removable Prosthetics.

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