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Minutes of the General Membership Meeting  
November 14, 2016 Cork N Hearth Restaurant, Lee, MA

**Chair's Report: Dr. Jolene Krol**

Dr. Robert Edwards was awarded ADA Life Membership for his association with organized dentistry.

Dr. Peter Sheffer was awarded ADA Life Membership for his association with organized dentistry.

**MDS Trustee's Report: Dr. Jay Wise**

MassPAT (Massachusetts Prescription Awareness Tool formally know as PMP – Prescription Monitoring Program) is online. All Dentists are required to register for access by October 15, 2016.

Registration occurs at <http://www.massdental.org/pmp.aspx> .

BORID requires all Dentists prescribing opiate medications to consult this database before writing out prescriptions. Delegation of this duty is allowed. Dental employees may research the site for the dentist. Delegates are under the same obligations as the Dentist regarding patient confidentiality. Dental offices can ONLY search for patients who are in the practice's database. The Dentist is still making the same clinical judgments concerning prescribing he/she would normally make. (MassPAT is just another tool to help with those decisions.)

Electronic Health Records:

Original and still published deadline for dentists to have EHR fully functioning in office is Jan 1, 2017.

Enforcement has been delayed.

The Feds/State must provide dentists with ONE YEAR of notice prior to any enforcement. (They are not even close.)

MDS is suggesting it will likely be several years at the very earliest before this happens. Mass Health Information Highway: [www.masshiway.net/](http://www.masshiway.net/)

Encrypted Email resources:

<http://www.massdental.org/content.aspx?id=9911&terms=encrypted+email>

Guidelines for Moderate Sedation changed this year by the ADA House of Delegates. Mass BORID will be quick to pick up these recommendations and make them regulations.

1. End-Tidal CO<sub>2</sub>/Waveform Capnography *mandatory*.
2. 60 hours of training plus 20 live patient experiences required to get licensed for moderate sedation.

RDH License Renewal date is March 2017.

24 CEU's of CE must have been accumulated in last 2 years. The Board of Registration in Dentistry recognizes one Continuing Education Unit (CEU) as a minimum of 50 minutes of education. All programs use the same formula: 50 minutes of a lecture, hands-on, or workshop = 1 CEU. Hygienists may only use four (4) CEU's as "general attendance" for attending dental conventions every licensing cycle. Part of the CEUs required for all hygienists include a course in Infection Control in the dental health-care setting, and Certification in CPR/AED, or BLS (or a certification in ACLS or PALS in accordance with requirements for the level of anesthesia permit issued). A hygienist may earn a maximum of 10 CEUs per renewal cycle by completion of an individual study course (home study, on-line, correspondence, audio or video. Such courses must include a test, which the licensee must pass to obtain credit.

Section 1557 Affordable Care Act

<http://www.massdental.org/1557.aspx?terms=1557>

If a Dentist provides care to MassHealth patients or is part of a community dental clinic, there will be a need to post two notices. One is a notice of non-discrimination and the second is translator services provided without additional charge. The legislation is unclear and ambiguous but enforceable as of October 16, 2016.

Delta Dental of Massachusetts has announced that effective November 1, 2016, it will begin to implement its non-covered services policy, which requires participating dentists to accept the applicable fee schedule amount as payment in full if reimbursement would have been available, except for the application of contract limitations. This language is consistent with the National Conference of Insurance Legislators. The policy was first announced in October 2015, but due to technical challenges, Delta delayed implementation. MDS expects other Dental Insurance companies to implement similar policies.

Midlevel Provider debate will continue in the Legislature. All financial efforts (Pew and others) are directly aimed at Massachusetts. Some form of mid-level is likely going to pass. As dentists, we need to stop coming to the table and just saying no. We need to be part of the solution. MDS has solutions.

1. Focus on Access to Care overall not just benefits of midlevel.
  2. CDHW: as viable alternative to ADHP
  3. If ADHP: must practice in underserved population; must take near 100% MassHealth.
  4. Promote funding for community water fluoridation
- Fluoride: Video: [ADA.org/fluoride](http://ADA.org/fluoride)  
Link: [www.MouthHealthy.org/fluoride](http://www.MouthHealthy.org/fluoride)

John Fischer, DDS (Salem, MA): Better Oral Health Massachusetts Coalition  
<http://massoralhealth.org/community-water-fluoridation/>

Yankee Dental is January 25 to 29, 2017

Gonna be good

Mass Dental Booth: check it out for information and free stuff

Yankee: <http://ydc2017.org/>

150-Year Anniversary ADA Code of Ethics

The 5 Promises ADA Dentists Make to Their Patients:

1. Respect patient's wants and needs
2. Do no harm
3. Do good
4. Be fair
5. Be truthful

<http://www.ada.org/en/about-the-ada/principles-of-ethics-code-of-professional-conduct/>

BDDS will need a new trustee a year from now.

This esteemed position will allow a Dentist to learn more about organized dentistry, travel to various Dental meeting in the country and get to know *every last inch* of the MassPike from memory. The Trustee will also meet and hobnob with dental colleagues from all over. (Show them that we are not hillbillies out here in the Berkshires.) Be in a decision-making role for policies and things that really matter to dentists and patients.

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

Dr. Erich Schmidt recommended that BDDS members should attempt to utilize the same email encryption software to ease the technical burden on their referring specialists.

PBHS, Inc ( <http://www.pbhs.com/securemail/> ) has been endorsed by the ADA and seems to currently be the most popular with BDDS members.

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

Dr. Ed Helitzer represents BDDS by sitting on the MDS Council of Dental Benefits. Linda Vidone is a representative from Delta Dental and she will be present at the next Council meeting. If there are any members who wish present issues or questions to her, please contact Dr. Helitzer at [edwinhelitzer@yahoo.com](mailto:edwinhelitzer@yahoo.com) .

Dr. Charlie Nemser represents BDDS by sitting on the MDS Council of Dental Education. Registered Dental Assistants will be required to have 6 CEU's. The Board of Registration in Dentistry recognizes one Continuing Education Unit (CEU) as a minimum of 50 minutes of education. All programs use the same formula: 50 minutes of a lecture, hands-on, or workshop = 1 CEU. Part of the CEUs required for all Assistants include a course in Infection Control in the dental health-care setting, and Certification in CPR/AED, or BLS (or a certification in ACLS or PALS in accordance with requirements for the level of anesthesia permit issued). Assistants may only use (2) CEUs as "general attendance" for attending dental conventions (i.e., Yankee Dental Congress, ADA, etc) every licensing cycle. An assistant may earn a maximum of 6 CEUs per renewal cycle by completion of an individual study course (home study, on-line, correspondence, audio or video. Such courses must include a test, which the licensee must pass to obtain credit.

## Treasurer's Report: Dr. Thomas Sakshaug

Current Balances as of 11/14/2016:

Checking:	\$ 9,514.51
Money Market:	\$ <u>6,433.04</u> 0.05% APY
Available for use:	\$ 15,947.55

CD 36 month	\$10,025.75	1.144% APY, matures 8-10-19
CD 36 Month	\$17,314.65	0.80% APY, matures 7-14-17
CD 48 Month	\$12,277.89	1.00% APY, matures 7-14-18
CD 37 Month	\$ 5,074.56	1.85% APY, matures 2-10-19
Total CDs:	\$44,692.85	
Total funds:	\$60,640.40	

Fall 2016 All Day Meeting:

Tuition:	16,837.00
Vendors:	0.00 (No payment yet)
Total income:	16,837.00

Williams Inn:	6,448.54
Speaker:	8,186.47
Printing:	0.00 (No bill)
Mailing:	385.42
Staff:	100.00
Total Expenses:	15,120.43
Net Income:	1,716.57 Thank-you Louis, Barb, and all who helped!

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE:** The BDDS is 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.

**Dental Continuing Education Meeting:**

Dr. Jolene Krol and Dr. Elena Nazarova hosted tonight's meeting.  
Dr. Peter Barndt gave a talk on Digital Dentistry.

**Next General Membership Meeting:**

Dr. Ed Helitzer will host our next Monday Night Meeting on December 12, 2016.  
Dr. Terri Cooper will speak on Oral Cysts.

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