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Minutes of the General Membership Meeting  
November 17, 2014 Zucchini's Restaurant, Pittsfield, MA

**Chair's Report: Dr. Lisa Gamache**

Dr. Lisa Gamache welcomed all the members in attendance to the meeting this evening.

The October All Day Meeting had to be cancelled at the last moment due to an unexpected hospitalization of the speaker. All checks sent in as payment will be destroyed/shredded by the CE Chair rather than mailing each individual payment back. We will be unable to reschedule this meeting at this time. We will host our May All Day Meeting on May 15, 2014.

The Allied Dental Health Scholarship for current students of Dental Hygiene, Dental Assisting and Dental Lab Technicians is due on January 31, 2015. The application form can be found on the BDDS website ([www.berkshiredental.org](http://www.berkshiredental.org)) under the "Continuing Education" tab. The completed form needs to be submitted to the office of Dr. Paul Gamache.

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

Current Balances as of 11/17/2014:

Checking:	\$ 3,054.54
Money Market:	\$ 9,634.93 0.06% APY
Available for use:	\$12,689.47

CD 30 Month	\$ 8,063.01	0.60% APY, matures 1-10-16
CD 36 month	\$ 8,084.09	0.80% APY, matures 7-10-16
CD 36 Month	\$17,040.87	0.80% APY, matures 7-14-17
CD 48 Month	\$12,036.02	1.00% APY, matures 7-14-18

Total CDs: \$45,223.99

Total funds: \$57,913.46

The Fall 2014 All-Day Meeting was cancelled. I have refunded the vendor fees and the tuition checks have been destroyed. No bill has been received from The Williams Inn. There have been expenses for printing and mailing totaling \$1196.15.

**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.

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

Dr. Ed Helitzer represents BDDS by sitting on the MDS Council of Dental Care & Benefits. He stated that all Dental Assistants need to be licensed by December 31, 2014. The MDS website ([www.massdental.org](http://www.massdental.org)) contains registration guidance in their "For Professionals" tab under "Laws & Regs"

**Initial Fee:** \$60

**Who:** All dental assistants, including certified assistants, expanded function dental assistants, formally trained assistants, on-the-job trained assistants

**Registration opens:** 10/15/2014

**Registration process:** All dental assistants must go to the [Board's Dentistry/Licensing/Applications web page](#) and follow the links for the licensure application.

**Deadline to Register:** ALL dental assistants are required to apply for licensure by December 31, 2014.

**Dental Assistant Renewal:** All dental assistants will need to renew their licenses by October 31, 2015.

**CE Requirements:** To renew their licenses for the first renewal cycle, all dental assistants are only required to take classes in infection control and CPR.

**Renewal Registration Fee: \$45**

If there are any questions regarding the requirements for dental assistant licensure, please contact the

Board by phone at (617) 973-0924 or by email at [dentalasst@state.ma.us](mailto:dentalasst@state.ma.us)

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

Dr. Jim Whitman took a moment to Thank the Berkshire District Dental Society on behalf of the Dental Clinic at Volunteers in Medicine. He stated that the money donated will be used to cover administrative cost associated with running the clinic. Dr. Whitman emphasized that only through the generosity of donors can the clinic continue to provide services to underprivileged patients.

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

Dr. Matt Ballinger hosted tonight's meeting.

Dr. Lance Smagalski gave a talk on Surgical Management of Cysts and Tumors.

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

Dr. Fred Hyman will host our next Monday Night Meeting on December 8, 2014.

Dr. Lisa Nelson will speak on Nutrition and Health.

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