

Berkshire District Dental Society

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Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
November 5, 2012 Flavours Restaurant, Pittsfield, MA

Chair's Report: Dr. Michael Williams

Dr. Williams welcomed the District Members to this evenings meeting. The current 2012-2013 BDDS meeting schedule is listed at www.berkshiredental.org under the Continuing Education tab.

MDS Trustee's Report: Dr. Jay Wise

Non-Covered Services Act is still alive. It is imperative that Dentists contact their legislators to speak/write against this bill. Make it a priority to respond to email requests from MDS to voice your opinion. Legislators listen to their constituency more than their lobbyists.

Dr. Wise represented BDDS at the ADA House of Delegates meeting in San Francisco. A \$10 ADA dues increase was passed. There was discussion on decreasing the number of attending delegates and eliminating some Vice-President positions with the goal of increasing efficiency.

It is time to register for the Yankee Dental Conference. This is an excellent venue for Continuing Education, Equipment purchases and Big City Social Events.

Treasurer's Report: Dr. Thomas Sakshaug

Current Balances as of 11-4-2012:

Checking:	\$18,861.40	Pending Crowne Plaza payment
Money Market:	<u>\$31,996.59</u>	0.25% APY
Available for use:	\$50,857.99	

CD 37 Month:	<u>\$ 7,374.94</u>	2.20% APY, matures 7-9-13
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CD 37 Month	\$10,781.52	1.50% APY, matures 7-9-14
Total CDs:	\$18,156.46	
 Total funds:	 \$69,014.45	

Recent dues receipts: None.

Fall 2012 All Day meeting:

Income:

Tuition: 18,910.00

Vendors: 1,500.00

Total income: 20,410.00

Expenses:

Speaker: 9,500.00

Crowne Plaza: 9,649.50

Postal expense: 392.52

Printing: 819.50

Total Expenses: 20,361.52

Net Income: \$48.48

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.

BDDS Representative's to MDS Council's Report:

Dr. Charlie Nemser stated that effective January 1, 2013, ALL practitioners who prescribe controlled substances will automatically be registered in the Massachusetts Prescription Monitoring Program. Each practitioner will be provided a unique user name and access code that will allow him/her to access prescription information on current patients and be required to review it for new patients.

Dr. Charlie Nemser represents BDDS on the MDS Council of Dental Education. Dental Assistants (CDA's and OTJ's) will soon have to be registered with BORID. There will be a two-year cycle of registration for a fee and CE requirements. More information will be available to Dr. Nemser at the Councils' next meeting.

The Yankee Institute provides year round Continuing Education opportunities at MDS Headquarters in Southborough. They have many courses available for all members of the Dental Staff to enhance the capabilities and productivity of any office. Review their offerings at www.massdental.org to see how they can contribute to your practice.

Dr. Ed Helizer represents BDDS on the Council of Dental Care and Benefits. This council met on Wednesday. Delta Dental had some computer problems, which resulted in delayed payments to Dentists on certain claims. The delay generated a small interest payment due certain dentists, which Delta stated would be too cumbersome to payout. The Council recommended that Delta make a lump payment to the MDS Foundation.

Items from the Floor:

Dr. Paul Gamache has applications for the Education Stipend available to Berkshire students of Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene and Dental Lab Technicians. The completed forms are due on January 31, 2013 to Dr. Paul Gamache. Forms are also available for printing at www.berkshiredental.org under the Continuing Education tab.

Dental Continuing Education Meeting:

Dr. Eric Holmgren hosted tonight's meeting. Dr. Lance Smagalski presented a lecture on Dental Trauma.

Next General Membership Meeting:

Dr. Tom Mullany will host our next Monday Night Meeting on December 3, 2012. Dr. Mike Cestone will speak on Bio-Adaptive Orthodontic Therapy.

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