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Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
November 9, 2015 Cork N Hearth Restaurant, Lee, MA

Chair's Report: Dr. Jolene Krol

Dr. Jolene Krol welcomed those members in attendance to this evenings meeting.

Dr. Peter Shelsy was awarded a Life Membership Pin from the American Dental Association.

Treasurer's Report: Dr. Thomas Sakshaug

Current Balances as of 11/7/15:

Checking: \$ 16,471.78*
Money Market: \$ 1,237.30 0.05% APY
Available for use: \$ 17,709.08

CD 30 Month \$ 8,111.36 0.60% APY, matures 1-10-16
CD 36 month \$ 8,148.75 0.80% APY, matures 7-10-16
CD 36 Month \$17,177.18 0.80% APY, matures 7-14-17
CD 48 Month \$12,156.33 1.00% APY, matures 7-14-18

Total CDs: \$45,593.62

Total funds: \$63,302.70*

*We have not yet received the Williams Inn bill, which will be in the \$5000 range.

Spring 2015 All-Day:

Income:	Tuition	13,520.00
Expenses:	Crowne	5707.73
	Speaker	8737.99
	Printing	895.26
	Mailing	429.56
	Stipend, Barb	100.00
Total Expenses		15,870.54
Net		(2350.54)

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. Charlie Nemser represents BDDS by serving on the Committee on Dental Education. (Below is his report.)

Inspections of Dental offices will occur on a regular basis in the future. State inspectors who might not have any background in Dentistry can come into your off with a checklist to inspect the office. These inspections can come unannounced if a complaint has been lodged against a dental office. Inspections can also occur with a two-week prior notice. The "Dental Office Compliance Inspection Form" can be downloaded at <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/hcq/dhpl/dentist/dental-facility-compliance-inspection-form.html> of the Massachusetts Government web site or the Massachusetts Dental Society web site. It would be prudent to download this check-list and see how your individual offices comply with BORID mandates. The inspectors that arrive at Dental Offices do not necessarily have any back ground in Dentistry. These Commonwealth inspectors also visit medical offices, barbershops, tattoo parlors and other Massachusetts Licensed facilities.

BORID is working on the backlog of Dental Assistant License Applications. However, the Primary Dentist of the office is ultimately responsible for all Assistants to have their License.

There is consensus with in the NERB examination to eliminate the live patient portion of Dental Licensure Examination.

Dr. Ed Helitzer represents BDDS by serving on the Council of Dental Practice and Insurance. (Below is his report.)

X-ray heads need to be calibrated every three years. This is a mandate by BORID that will be enforced when x-ray heads are inspected. The calibration process can be completed by any of the major Dental Supply houses. MDS is working with the supply houses by attempting to standardize the process and the fees.

A Radiology manual will also need to be kept in the dental office at some time in the future. This is a manual analogous to the office OSHA manual.

Amalgam Separators registration will need to be renewed next year. BORID is giving Dental Offices any extra year to re-register as most offices have their first five-year initial registration expiring this year.

All Dentists who are not providers of Mass Health Dental insurance will need to apply to DentaQuest (third party administrator) as a Non-Billing Provider. Renewal of ones Massachusetts Dental License for March 31, 2018 will depend on this action. This is a mandate linked to the Affordable Care Act. More information is available on the members-only section of the MDS website at <http://www.massdental.org/acamasshealth.aspx>

All Dentists will automatically become participants of the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) when they renew their Massachusetts Controlled Substance Registration. However, it is mandated that all Dentists prescribing a Schedule II, III, IV or V controlled substance to a patient for the first time, research that patient in the PMP database to assess possible medication abuse. Enrollment information can be found online at <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/hcq/drug-control/ma-online-prescription-monitoring-program/>

United Concordia (a National Dental Insurance provider) is trying to change the way they reimburse for individual peri-apical radiographic images. They plan to deny payment of individual PA's if the insurance claim lacks a specific written notation as to the reason for taking such a radiograph. The ADA is attempting to prevent this policy change, as other Dental Insurance programs will likely adopt it.

State Representative William Smitty Pignatelli is behind a bill proposing a Mid-Level Dental Provider in Massachusetts. This bill would allow current Dental Hygienists to

enroll in a 12-18 month educational program after which they would have ability to provide restorative and surgical services. Minnesota, Alaska and Maine currently have such programs. The Deans of the Massachusetts Dental schools as well as the Massachusetts Dental Hygiene Association are in favor of this proposed bill. MDS has come out against this legislative effort.

Committee Chair's Report:

Dr. Louis Yarmosky stated that the next BDDS All Day meeting will be held on Friday, June 17, 2016. We will host Catherine Sarkis who will present on Legal Documentation and Record Keeping. This is an important topic to be in compliance with given our increasingly bureaucratic working environment.

Items from the Floor:

Dr. Gene Messenger introduced a new Dentist associated with him in his North Adams practice.

Dr. Mohammed Forhad received his DMD at University of Pennsylvania and completed a GPR residency in Brooklyn, NY at the Brookdale Hospital. He has been in practice for twelve years before moving to the Berkshires.

Dr. Gene Messenger stated he has a periodontist also practicing in his office.

Dr. Van S. Stevens received his DMD at Temple University and completed his Periodontology Residency at the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in 1977.

Dr. Anna Marie Messenger is currently serving our country with the practice of Dentistry in the United States Army.

Dr. Louis Yarmosky discussed a Salivary test, which can be used to quantify cancer risk in patients. SaliMark OSCC from PeriRx is available from all major dental supply warehouses at a cost of \$20 to the Dentist and \$170 for the lab test. In 30 years there has been no increase in oral cancer detection rate yet there is a 90% cure rate if detected early. More information is available at www.PeriRx.com .

Items deferred to next meeting:

Dr. Alan Gold represents BDDS as Chair of the Nominations Committee. He is charged with nominating BDDS members for positions within our District. Current members

wishing to take a greater part in contributing to the continued success of organized Dentistry, please contact him at agoldds@gmail.com . A list of nominations will be presented for the 2016/2017 cycle in early 2016.

Dental Continuing Education Meeting:

Dr. Louis Yarmosky hosted tonight's meeting. Dr. David Keith gave a talk on Pain Management.

Next General Membership Meeting:

Dr. Fred Hyman will host our next Monday Night Meeting on December 14, 2015. Dr. Elena Nazarova will speak on Removable Partial Dentures.

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