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Minutes of the General Membership Meeting  
September 16, 2013 Cork N Hearth Restaurant, Lee, MA

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

Dr. Michael Williams welcomed the district members to this evenings' meeting.

Dr. Philip Mamolito was awarded a Life Membership pin. Membership dues are reduced 25%. This is given to a member with 30 consecutive or 40 total years of membership and has reached a certain age.

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



## **Our esteemed President Dr. Michael Wasserman presenting a big check to the Jimmy Fund at Fenway Park this summer!!**

### **Points of Interest:**

- Non-covered Services: still alive, but still in committee. Legislature sluggish due to ongoing investigation of Speaker DeLeo and because Deval is essentially a lame duck and all are waiting to see whose hats are in the ring for next governor.
- YDC 2014:
  - Gonna be a great one.
  - This should be your year to volunteer because Drs. Paul and Lisa Gamache are co-chairs of the General Arrangements Committee. Give em a hand and a big thank you. Think how fab you will look wearing one of those snappy maroon blazers.
  - No volunteer orientation meeting this year, it will be all online and streamlined, so one less trip to Boston!
  - Registration Online will be live as of Sept 18. Register early.
  - This is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MDS. There is a celebration event on Friday night.
  - No entertainment on Friday night this year and likely in future. If you need comedy, go have a beer with Dr. Sakshaug.
- BORID: Dr. Mina Paul has retired but there have been two great additions to the Board of Registration recently: Dr. Milt Glicksman and Dr. David Samuels, both past presidents of the MDS. This is good news.
- Chapter 224 (Health Care Cost Containment):
  - Electronic Health Records (EHR) will be mandatory in 2017.
  - For dentistry, there is still not clarity. So buyer beware if you are buying new software...not all dental software is going to pass muster with the Affordable Care Act, etc, even though vendor may tell you that it will be no-problem-seamless integration.
  - In future, both Medicaid and Exchange (conventional insurance) plans will endeavor to pay dentists based on quality and measurable outcomes. This is not yet defined. But we better stay tuned. What this may mean for your income and your practice future is undetermined.

ACA: the affordable care act is on our doorstep. We will see significant positive changes for pediatric patient benefits from both Mass Health and Exchange Plans (like Delta, BCBS and all the rest). Likely no immediate changes for adults. It is not determined. Some have concerns that many adults may *drop* coverage on themselves once they have coverage for their kids that is paid for by Uncle Sam.

- Health Care Summit back in June was a success. 200 dentists, insurance industry experts, and health care future-thinkers convened and discussed how we prepare for the future now.

- Quality control standards are going to determine how we get paid.
- There is a video available about the meeting if you are interested.
- Visit this page: [www.massdental.org/healthreform](http://www.massdental.org/healthreform)
- 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of MDS:
  - MDS foundation will be increasing its giving to \$150,000 in honor of the event.
  - You and I will be “appealed” for a \$ 150 donation in 2014 to MDS Foundation. It’s a good cause and you will get a cool lapel pin to brag about.
- Mark Your Calendar (not including BDDS meetings)
  - ADA Annual Session; New Orleans; October 31 to November 5, 2013
  - Yankee Dental Congress 2014; Boston; January 30 to Feb 1, 2014
  - Beacon Hill Day: Boston; April 2, 2014
  - MDS Annual Session; Burlington; June 13, 2014

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

Current Balances as of 9-15-2013:

Checking:	\$ 6,883.70
Money Market:	<u>\$25,538.19</u> 0.20% APY
Available for use:	\$32,421.89

CD 37 Month	\$10,915.99	1.50% APY, matures 7-9-14
CD 30 Month	\$ 8,006.95	0.60% APY, matures 1-10-16
CD 36 month	\$ 8,009.26	0.80% APY, matures 7-10-16
Total CDs:	\$26,932.20	

Total funds: \$59,354.09

Recent dues receipts: 5/9/13: \$20.00; 7/11/13: \$40.00; 4/10,5/9,6/12, 7/18 & 8/16/13: @\$59.17 ... Payment for those on the new 12-month installment plan. 20 members are using this plan (16-full active, 1-second year, 3-active life).

The District received \$660 in member donations, matched \$500, and paid out a total of \$1160 to JoAnn Schmulsky for her trip to Ghana. Thank you to all who participated.

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 us on the MDS Council of Dental Education.

- Botox is now legal for dentists to administer to their patients after taking an eight-hour course.
- There is a "Virtual Gateway" available to dentists' prescribing Schedule 2 medications. This is a database which contains a patients past use of these medications. Registered Dentists can access this database to monitor their patients use of Schedule 2 medications from all prescribers.
- The University of New England Dental School opened this year in Portland, Maine with 64 Dental Students. Learn more at <http://www.une.edu/dentalmedicine/index.cfm>

Dr. Thomas Sakshaug asked for any interested members to represent the Berkshire District on the Council of Public Affairs or on the MDS-Political Action Committee. This is an excellent venue for the politically interested member. Please contact Dr. Sakshauk at [doctom1977@gmail.com](mailto:doctom1977@gmail.com) .

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

Dr. Michael Wasserman stated that the Affordable Care Act will require dentists' to notify their employees about health insurance availability or potentially face a \$100/day fine. **All Massachusetts employers with more than \$500,000 in annual revenue, regardless of size, are required to issue a notification to your current employees about the Massachusetts Health Connector by October 1, 2013.** This notification applies to all of your employees regardless of whether they are employed full-time or part-time with the practice. This notification requirement is for all employers for whom the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) applies. Moving forward, employers are also required to provide notification about the Massachusetts Health Connector to all new hires within 14 days of the employee's start date. A suitable form is available for download at [www.massdental.org](http://www.massdental.org) in the "For Professionals Tab".

Dr. Paul Gamache and Dr. Lisa Gamache will be volunteering at this years' Yankee Convention on the General Arrangements Committee. They are looking for volunteers to assist by sitting on the information stations as well as Presiding Chairs and Room Coordinators in the BCEC. Any district member wishing to contribute this year, please contact them at [info@paulgamachedmd.com](mailto:info@paulgamachedmd.com) or [lisa\\_gamache@hotmail.com](mailto:lisa_gamache@hotmail.com) .

Dr. Charlie Nemser is the Program Director at the BMC Dental Residency. He introduced this years' new residents. BDDS welcomes Dr. Ismail Jolaoso, Dr. Sandeep Kaur and Dr. Twinkit Anand.

Dr. Paul Gamache stated that the MDS App lists all the BDDS meetings and CE events. This information is available by touching the "Local" icon once the app is activated. The MDS app is available for Apple and Droid platforms.

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

Dr. Louis Yarmosky hosted tonight's meeting. Dr. Paul Vanckovich gave a talk on Pain Management.

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

Dr. Louis Yarmosky will host our next All Day Meeting on October 2, 2013. Dr. Howard Golan will speak on "Lasers in Dentistry".

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