

Berkshire District Dental Society

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Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
September 17, 2012 Cork N Hearth Restaurant, Lee, 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.

MDS Trustee's Report: Dr. Jay Wise

Dr. Michael Wasserman will be the MDS President from June 2013 through June 2014.
(Drs. Nesti, Gold & Rosenfeld are MDS Past-Presidents.)

2014 will be the 150th Anniversary of MDS.

Non-Covered Services Act is still alive. This is a heinous bill whose passage should be prevented. Unfortunately, it is possible that this bill could become a law. 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.

MDS is sponsoring a Mentorship Program. Any Dentist who would like to assist a young starting dentist by becoming a mentor can receive more information from Dr. Jay Wise or www.massdental.org

MDS dues will be increasing slightly next year.

Treasurer's Report: Dr. Thomas Sakshaug

Current Balances as of 9-17-2012:

Checking:	\$ 3,839.89
Money Market:	<u>\$31,982.43</u> 0.25% APY

Available for use: \$35,822.32

CD 37 Month	\$ 0	Matured 7-9-12, Transferred to Money Market
CD 37 Month:	<u>\$ 7,351.30</u>	2.20% APY, matures 7-9-13
CD 37 Month	\$10,757.86	1.50% APY, matures 7-9-14
Total CDs:	\$18,109.16	
Total funds:	\$53,931.48	

Recent dues receipts: None.

Spring 2012 All Day meeting:

Income:

Tuition:	18,045.00
Vendors:	500.00*
Total income:	18,545.00

Expenses:

Speaker:	6,150.00
Williams Inn:	5,391.74
Supplies:	9.90
Postal expense:	492.05
Audiovisual:	230.63
Printing:	773.50
Total Expenses:	13,047.82

Net Income: \$5,497.18

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

Committee Chair's Report:

Dr. Louis Yarmosky represents BDDS as the Chair of the CE Committee. He thanked all the members of the CE committee who were instrumental in providing BDDS with our

current schedule. October 17, 2012 will be our next All Day CE Event in which we will host The Madow Brothers. They are two Dentists whose energetic personalities can reenergize our daily professional practices. More information can be obtained at 413-499-4850 or www.berkshiredistrict.org

BDDS Representative's to MDS Council's Report:

Dr. Pat Carsell represents BDDS on the MDS Council of Public Affairs. In August of this year Governor Patrick signed into Law an Act Relative to the Treatment of Cleft Palate and Cleft Lip. This Law mandates that Insurance companies cover medical and DENTAL treatments that such a patient might require.

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 from Dr. Nemser at the Councils' next meeting in October.

Items from the Floor:

Dr. Charlie Nemser is the Director of the Dental Residency Program at BMC. He introduced the following new Dental Residents for 2012-2013: Dr. Sheina Jean-Marie from Tufts University, Dr. Sam Othman from Howard University and Dr. Janiki Kunzaria from Boston University.

Dr. Gene Messenger proudly introduced his daughter and new Dentist to the Berkshire District. Dr. Anna Marie Messenger recently graduated from the University of Buffalo School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Anna Marie Messenger will practice in North Adams with her father.

Dr. Gene Messenger will hold an open house of his dental practice on November 9, 2012 from 4pm to 9pm. Dr. Messenger has recently undergone a move and a renovation of his practice incorporating new technology available to our profession. Dr. Messenger has invited all members of BDDS to visit at 1111 South State Street, North Adams - 749-5630 – www.reasons2smile.com

Dr. Tom Sakshaug reiterated the need to contact legislators when certain bills threaten to harm our profession. Legislators and more importantly their staff are very friendly

on the phone and do take the time to listen to their constituents. One direct communication is worth 100 non-spoken well-intended thoughts.

Dental Continuing Education Meeting:

Dr. Charlie Nemser hosted tonight's meeting. Barry Regan, Dr. Ray Martin & Vince Dunn, Esq. spoke on Risk Management for the Dental Provider.

Next General Membership Meeting:

Dr. Eric Holmgren will host our next Monday Night Meeting on November 5, 2012. Dr. Lance Smaglaski will speak on Oral Surgery.

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