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Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
March 6, 2018 Zucchini's Restaurant, Pittsfield, MA

Chair's Report: Dr. Erich Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt welcomed everyone to this evenings meeting.

MDS Trustee's Report: Dr. Jay Wise

MDS is proposing a change in their Governance. It is proposing reductions in the Board of Trustees, reducing the numbers of MDS Councils and the size of the Annual House of Delegates. The goal is to create a smaller Governing entity that will be able to act quicker in the future in response to issues that will affect the Practice of Dental Medicine in the Commonwealth. A secondary goal is to restructure Governance in a way that will entice contribution from young Dentists. This years' Berkshire Delegates are;

Dr. James Patrick Carsell

Dr. Robert J. Edwards

Dr. Paul J.R. Gamache

Dr. Edwin J. Helitzer

Dr. Jolene A. Krol

Dr. Francis F. McCarthy

Dr. Thomas J. Sakshaug

Dr. Erich C. Schmidt

Dr. Raymond J. Wise

BDDS members with questions or opinions on Re-Governance are asked to make these known to any of the Delegates.

MDS has been involved in a three-directional approach to Deltas PPO plans. The first avenue was to present our concerns to the Insurance Commissioner of the Commonwealth, the second is to petition the Attorney General and the third is to propose legislation.

MDS President Dr. David Lustbader has been in meetings with the Delta CEO. 50% of MDS dentists are subscribed to multiple PPO plans.

Midlevel Provider Bill update. Representative Pignatelli is likely to push to a Bill to be passed soon so there will likely be some type of midlevel provider in Massachusetts. The Pew Foundation is surprised that MDS is willing to negotiate in providing input as to the specific privileges of such a new dental care practitioner. One point of discussion has been which duties require direct supervision.

Items from the Floor:

Dr. Alan Metzger asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Dr. Richard Aldo Genova. Dr. Genova was a graduate of the New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry, served as a Captain in the USAF and practiced General Dentistry for more than 20 years in North Adams.

Treasurer's Report: Dr. Jolene Krol

Current Balances as of 3/11/2018

Checking:	\$ 9,365.43
Money Market:	<u>\$ 3,430.98</u> 0.05% APY
Available for use:	\$ 12,796.41

CD 36 month	\$17,498.87 0.797% APY, matures 7-14-20
CD 37 Month	\$ 5,199.60 1.834% APY, matures 2-10-19
CD 36 Month	\$10,179.24 1.144% APY, matures 8-10-19
CD 48 Month	\$12,441.18 0.995% APY, matures 7-14-18
Total CDs:	\$45,318.89
Total funds:	\$58,115.30

Dental Continuing Education Meeting:

Dr. Charlie St. John hosted tonight's meeting.
Dr. Sara Martinelli gave a talk on Dental Resorption.

Next General Membership Meeting:

Dr. Jolene Krol will host our next Monday Night Meeting on April 9, 2018.
Dr. Joseph Calabrese will speak on Geriatric Dental Medicine.

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