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September 2017



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DATE

## Networking Wine Tasting

by the fireplace  
at Galer Estate Vineyards

Wednesday, November 15  
5:30 – 8:00 PM

Food will be provided  
by Talulah's Table

This event will be limited to 40 persons.

More details to follow.

## From the Desk of the President



Stephanie McGann, D.M.D.

Summer is winding down and soon we will be looking toward fall and back to school. As I sat down to write my first official President's letter, I was reminded of what our dental society really means to me. We can visit the list of all the great things we do for our community, such as *Give Kids a Smile* and other outreach endeavors. We can list the benefits we provide to our members like an awesome *DKU* lecture series. We band together as members of the second district of the Pennsylvania Dental Association and enjoy the Greater Philadelphia Dental Conference at Valley Forge. .

We enjoy and take advantage of all of these things, but what exactly does it really mean. As I was going through and cleaning up my email, I noticed the real value of our membership, **Networking**. I know networking is a favorite corporate buzzword, but the unseen networking that goes on between members is priceless. Over the course of the summer, members reached out to find someone who could treat a patient with a unique special need. Other members shared information relating to staffing and practice issues. An organization reached out to the society and within minutes of an email multiple members contributed to address the request. The strength of our membership was very apparent as I revisited these emails.

Dentistry can be very isolating. Organized dentistry gives us a dental family to share our experiences with. Most of us look forward to dental meetings not because we are giddy with anticipation to hear the latest on class II composite placement, but rather because we will be sharing our time with others like us.

Some have noticed and commented on our new

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**Executive Board Meeting**

**DATE:** Wednesday, September 13, 2017  
Dinner and Meeting at 6:30 PM

**PLACE:** Timothys, 929 S. High Street, West Chester, PA 19382

**RSVP:** Dr. Stephanie McGann: [shmcgann@gmail.com](mailto:shmcgann@gmail.com) or 610-999-2526  
by August 30, 2017.

Located in Parkway Shopping Center. Parking is available.

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format for meetings of our local Chester-Delaware group. CE at our meetings is no longer the priority as between DKU and GPVFDG we get plenty. Networking, fine food and interesting venues seem to be the order of the day. It seems that dentists prefer to eat, drink and be merry above all else.

This fall we are looking forward to a wine by the fireplace networking event at Galer Estate Winery. Talula's Table will be providing food. The event will be limited to 40 attendees so be sure to reserve early. Of course we will once again have our international dinner and in the spring we plan to have our May meeting at the Historic Dilworthtown Inn.

Want to get involved, our board is always looking for people who want to become future leaders of our society. Don't be shy, we love to involve new members and old members who find they now have more time to give.

*Together we can do great things.*

*Stephanie McGann, DMD*

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*Thank you to everyone who came out to our new dentist event at*



It was a wonderful evening of wine, painting and socializing. A special thank you to Dr. Debbie Parnes for organizing the event. We look forward to the next one!



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*Wednesday* MARCH 7, 2018

- Dr. Uche Odiatu ~ "50 Shades of Inflammation"
- Dr. Harold Crossley ~ "Pharmacology"
- Dr. Lee Ann Brady ~ "Tips for Esthetic Success"
- Dr. Tom Limoli ~ "Dental Insurance & Coding"

*Friday* MARCH 9, 2018

- Dr. Joshua Austin ~ "Reputation Management & Pearls For Your Practice" – New Dentist Program
- Dr. Steve Carstensen ~ "Getting Started with Sleep Appliances"
- Dr. Harold Crossley ~ "Street Drugs & Opioids"
- Dr. Rella Christensen ~ "Critical Dental Questions & Infection Control"

*Thursday* MARCH 8, 2018

- Dr. Steve Carstensen ~ "Sleep Medicine"
- Dr. Mark Hyman ~ "Take This Job & Love It"
- Ms. Judy Bendit ~ "The Latest in Hygiene Products"

#### AM RESTORATIVE SYMPOSIUM FEATURING:

- Dr. Marc Geissberger
- Dr. Parag Kachalia
- Dr. Brian Novy

#### PM RESTORATIVE COURSES:

- Dr. Marc Geissberger ~ "New Materials"
- Dr. Parag Kachalia ~ "Intraoral Scanning"
- Dr. Brian Novy ~ "Geriatric Dentistry"



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**Friday, October 6, 2017**

**Cliff Ruddle, DDS – Santa Barbara, CA – “Creating Endodontic Excellence”** Predictably successful endodontics is dependent on shaping canals, 3D cleaning, and filling root canal systems. Evidence-driven techniques will be presented to demonstrate the procedural steps that comprise start-to-finish endodontics. This lecture will focus on those factors that influence success, including endodontic anatomy, pulpal breakdown, access cavities, glide path management, shaping canals, and 3D disinfection. Dr. Ruddle will teach the most recent advancements and proven techniques that serve to guide each endodontic case toward a predictably successful conclusion. At conclusion, participants should be able to: Appreciate the role endodontic anatomy plays in treatment success; Understand how a mechanical strategy influences negotiating and shaping canals; and Identify the most proven, cost effective methods to 3D clean root canal systems. Dr. Clifford J. Ruddle is Founder and Director of Advanced Endodontics. He maintains teaching positions at various dental schools, is a fellow in both the American and International Colleges of Dentistry, and has authored numerous articles and chapters for leading textbooks. This course is supported by educational grants from Dodd Dental Lab, Hayes Handpiece and PNC Bank.

**Friday, November 10, 2017**

**Tim Hempton, DDS – Dedham, MA – “Practical Periodontal and Peri-implant Therapeutic Management”** This program will review non-surgical and surgical maintenance of the natural dentition and restored implants. Patient assessment, microbiology, and risk factors for the development of periodontal disease will be covered. Instrumentation utilized in mechanical debridement, as well as antimicrobials and antibiotics, will be evaluated for their efficacy. In cases where the prognosis for tooth retention was hopeless or the teeth were congenitally missing, practical maintenance techniques for restored implants which replaced missing teeth will also be presented. Potential risks for implant complications/peri-implant attachment loss will also be addressed. Learning objectives: Identify the risk factors, both local and systemic, involved in various periodontal diseases and risk for peri-implant attachment loss and complications; Review techniques for non-surgical maintenance of the natural dentition and restored implant; Learn about the efficacy and limitations of non-surgical mechanical therapy, as well as adjunctive local and systemic antibiotic therapy; and Understand the value of materials and tools associated with regeneration; i.e., bone grafts, barrier membranes, growth factors, and laser therapy. Dr. Hempton is a former clinical instructor at Harvard School of Dental Medicine and he served as the Assistant Director of the postdoctoral program in Periodontology at Tufts University. He also maintains a private practice limited to Periodontics and Dental Implants in Dedham, MA. This course is supported by educational grants from Dodd Dental Lab.

**Friday, December 8, 2017**

**Tim Bizga, DDS – Cleveland, OH – “The Keys to Successful, Predictable, and Efficient Direct Composite Restorations”** Direct composite restorations are among the most frequently performed restorative procedures, yet dentists often struggle with placement techniques, options for consistently achieving ideal inter-proximal contacts and post-operative sensitivity. There are several key elements that will determine the success of direct esthetic restorations including tooth preparation, material choice, placement technique, and curing method. This program will review esthetic principles, modern preparation design and when and where to use “total-etch” and “self-etch” adhesive systems. Additional topics will include: proper composite selection and placement techniques, the importance of light curing, anatomical contouring, and finishing and polishing; all of which are essential clinical components to achieving long-lasting esthetic restorations. Course Objectives: Review the current state of dentistry; Indications for anterior and posterior direct composites; The latest on preparation design; Understanding of adhesion, current products and their function in modern day dentistry; Technique tips for handling and placement of modern composites; Technique tips for generating ideal anatomic interproximal contacts; and Polishing and sealing techniques for the long term. Dr. Bizga is a general dentist practicing in Cleveland, Ohio. His practice focuses on comprehensive care, with special interests in implants, cosmetics and facial esthetics. This course is supported by educational grants from Dentsply, Dodd Dental Lab, PNC Bank, PDAIS and Bell Insurance.

**Wednesday, February 7, 2018**

**Nakul Rathi, BDS, MS – Houston, TX – “Dental Implantology in the Digital Age”** Implants today have proven to be an excellent benefit to the treatment options provided for our patients. Using the current technologies available for implant surgery and implant prosthetics, this therapy has become very reliable and predictable. This course will discuss various cone beam computed tomography-based implant/prosthesis planning, easy virtual planning demonstration, and computed tomography-derived surgical guides and their effectiveness. Learn the applications of intraoral scanners for dental implantology, for routine single-unit cases as well as implant-supported rehabilitations, and how your patients and practice can benefit from this technology. Learning Objectives: Understand different conventional techniques and CAD-CAM counterparts for doing implant surgery and prosthetics; Treatment planning and execution for implants using CBCT, Software and intraoral scanners; and Steps for incorporating CAD-CAM in everyday implant practice for better patient care and higher revenues. After his dental degree Dr. Rathi pursued his interest in implants at New York University, with a year-long fellowship program. He then completed a Masters of Science (MS) and Advanced Prosthodontics Clinical Residency Program from The Ohio State University. This course is supported by educational grants from Dodd Dental Lab, Hayes Handpiece, and Carestream Dental.

**Friday, April 13, 2018**

**Amy Morgan, CEO Pride Institute – Novato, CA – “Managing by the Numbers: Productivity, Profitability and the Power to Communicate”** Are you growing your practice by \$100K to \$200K each year to keep up with inflation, personal income needs and retirement strategies? Are your patients and staff dictating your daily schedule leading to uncontrolled production and profitability? Are you working harder for the same income or worse yet, for less? The only way out of this cycle is to construct a plan to reach the needed production, create and stick to expense forecasts, and lead your team to reach practice goals. Practice growth only occurs through positive, action-orientated relationships which leaders create with both their patients and their teams. Learn the necessary rules of business so your return on investment is certain. In this course you will learn how to: Analyze practice statistics to determine strengths and learn to overcome challenges to meet production goals; Compensate your team the only way that leads to improved performance; Use your numbers to address scheduling problems, secure financial arrangements, and improve any failed systems that get in the way of achieving goals; and Gain ultimate team performance by setting expectations through job descriptions, team reviews, and ongoing feedback. This course is supported by educational grants from Dodd Dental Lab, PNC Bank, PDAIS and Bell Insurance.

**Wednesday, May 9, 2018**

**Alan Jeroff, DMD – Vancouver, BC – “Contemporary Oral Surgery for the General Dentist: A Simple and Predictable Approach to Minimally Invasive Oral Surgery”** With implant dentistry quickly becoming the standard of care, knowing how to extract a tooth to leave as much boney architecture as possible is essential. This course will walk you step by step through proven and effective ways to remove teeth while causing minimal trauma to the underlying bone. This lecture is designed for general dentists who want to expand their oral surgery. It will offer you, the general practitioner, an opportunity to better handle your extraction cases, manage complications and know what to avoid. This course is designed for the novice and advanced clinician. All concepts and techniques can be applied the next day in your office. Upon completion, you will be able to: Remove broken and difficult teeth with minimal flap; Apply effective local anesthesia techniques; Use instrumentation for atraumatic extraction and dento-alveolar surgery; Effectively retrieve broken root tips utilizing principles of odontia; Understand the advantages and disadvantages of socket grafting and the relevance of choosing a graft material; and Manage complications more efficiently. Dr. Jeroff graduated from the University of Manitoba Dental School in 1977 and practices in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. He lectures widely on Oral Surgery at national and international levels. This course is supported by educational grants from Dodd Dental Lab, and Hayes Handpiece.

**All meetings will be held at the Springfield Country Club on Route 320, Springfield, Delaware County, PA.  
Registration for all courses 8:15 AM. Lecture 9:00 AM – 4:15 PM. Continental breakfast and lunch included for all DKU courses.**

**FEES**

Delco and Chesco Society Members - Entire Series - \$695, Individual Courses - \$210, 3 Courses - \$560, 4 Courses - \$655

Other ADA Members - Entire Series - \$745 Individual Courses - \$225, 3 Courses - \$600, 4 Courses - \$695

Non-ADA Members - Entire Series - \$815, Individual Courses - \$240, 3 Courses - \$635, 4 Courses - \$755

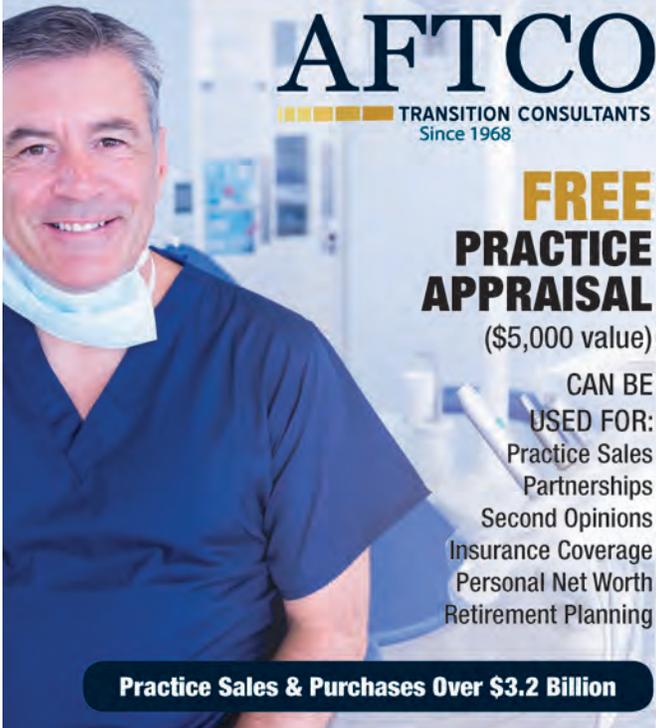
Staff members accompanied by a doctor will be \$110 per course per person with reservation at least one week in advance, \$130 per course per person at door.

**Cancellations and Refund Policy** - No refunds will be made without at least one week's notice prior to course date. (A \$25 administrative fee will be deducted.)

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## Minutes Highlights

# BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

May 14, 2017 – Concordville Inn, Concordville, PA

For a full version of the minutes, please contact [tsbradydmd@verizon.net](mailto:tsbradydmd@verizon.net).

### OFFICER REPORTS

Dr. Navok reported the current balances are as follows silver checking: \$92,899.91, money market: \$77,834.02, GKAS: \$12,393.69

Motion passed directing the Executive Committee to discuss spending more money for membership based programs and transferring the maximum amount of funds into an interest bearing account during their June meeting.

Dr. McGann reported that the general meeting will be held on May 24, 2017 at the General Warren Inn.

Corresponding Secretary's report: From 3/12/17 to 5/7/17, there were 22 calls. Fourteen were sales, 2 seeking homebound care references, 1 for DKU, 2 seeking dentist/specific to a need or insurance, 1 for patient relations, 1 hang-up, and 1 miscellaneous. No correspondence was received.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Dental Practice and Access to Oral Care

**Report:** At our GKAS event on Monday 4/24 at Dr. Barry Cohen's office in Drexel Hill, 21 children received \$8,485 worth of dental care and education.

MOM-n -PA registration is open for the event in Erie, PA on June 16 & 17.

PCOH met in Plymouth Meeting on March 24. If you are interested in subscribing to the PCOH listserv go to <https://list.pitt.edu/mailman/listinfo/paoralhealth>.

**New Dentist Committee Report:** Dr. Parnes announced the annual The Painting with a Twist new dentist event will be in August.

**DKU:** The society will receive a check for \$15,000 from DKU, \$5,000 more than the last couple years. We had a great year for sponsorship. Attendance was down a bit but finished strong with big crowds for Malamed (140) and Behrendt (160).

Lineup for next season: DKU 2017-18 Springfield Country Club

Fri Oct. 6, 2017 Cliff Ruddle  
*Endodontic Success*

Fri Nov 10, 2017 Tim Hempton  
*Periodontics 2017*

Fri Dec 8, 2017 Tim Bizga  
*Restorative Update*

Wed Feb 7, 2018 Nakul Rath  
*Implant Dentistry*

Fri April 13, 2018 Amy Morgan  
*The Business of Dentistry*  
Wed May 9, 2018 Alan Jeroff  
*Oral Surgery Tips & Tricks*

### Communications Report: No Report

**Government Relations:** PDA Government Relations/PADPAC Update:

**SB 373 and HB 823:** Assignment of Benefits: Sen. John Eichelberger (R-Blair) and Rep. Stan Saylor (R-York) reintroduced assignment of benefits legislation in the Senate and House. SB 373 and HB 823 would require insurers to honor patients' request to assign benefits directly to their dental providers, regardless of whether or not the dentist participates with the insurer. SB 373 has 20 cosponsors and was assigned to the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee. HB 823 has 42 cosponsors and is assigned to the House Insurance Committee.

**HB 412:** Regulating Mail-Order Orthodontics: Rep. Thomas Murt (R-Montgomery) introduced HB 412, legislation that would make it unlawful for dental technicians and dental labs operating in Pennsylvania to furnish orthodontic appliances unless a dentist has first examined the patient, authorized and prescribed the orthodontia services. HB 412 has two cosponsors and is assigned to the House Professional Licensure Committee.

**HB 346:** Prohibiting Restrictive Covenants Not to Compete in Health Care Provider Employment Contracts: Rep. Anthony DeLuca (D-Allegheny) introduced HB 346, legislation that would prohibit non-complete clauses in health care provider employment contracts. HB 346 has nine cosponsors and is assigned to the House Health Committee. PDA leaders are taking all members' concerns into consideration while formulating a position on this bill.

**SB 354:** Licensee Reporting Requirements and Suspensions: Sen. Robert Tomlinson (R-Bucks) introduced SB 354, legislation that would require all licensees, registrants and certificate holders to report any disciplinary conduct by any licensing board or an arrest, indictment or conviction. SB 354 has seven cosponsors and is assigned to the Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee.

**HB 125:** Insurer Credentialing: Rep. Matt Baker (R-Bradford, Tioga, Potter) introduced HB 125, which would require health care providers, including dentists, to use the Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare credentialing application and for insurers to provide provisional credentialing to eligible applicants

if they fail to credential within 30 days of having received the completed form. HB 125 has 16 cosponsors and is assigned to the House Health Committee.

**HB 353:** Electronic Prescription for Controlled Substances: Rep. Tedd Nesbit (R-Butler, Mercer) introduced HB 353, legislation that would require health care providers to use electronic prescriptions to prescribe controlled substances. There is an exemption for emergency situations. No prescription for a controlled substance in Schedule II could be refilled. For Schedule III or IV drugs no prescription could be filled or refilled more than six months after the date or be refilled more than five times after the date of the prescription, unless renewed by the provider. HB 353 has 27 cosponsors and is assigned to the House Health Committee.

**HB 288:** Coverage for Abuse-Deterrent Drugs: Rep. Doyle Heffley (R-Carbon) introduced HB 288, legislation that requires health insurers to provide coverage for abuse-deterrents if they also provide coverage for at least one opioid analgesic drug product. The insurer cannot require an insured or enrollee to first use an opioid analgesic drug product that is not abuse-deterrent before providing coverage for an abuse-deterrent opioid product. The insurer may apply utilization review requirements, including prior authorization, to all opioid analgesic drugs. HB 288 has 21 cosponsors and is assigned to the House Insurance Committee.

**HB 396:** Modifying Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Requirements for Providers: Rep. Gene DiGirolamo (R-Bucks) introduced HB 396, legislation intended to strengthen the Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions Program (ABC-MAP) Act of 2014 by requiring prescribers to query the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) system every time they prescribe a controlled substance to a patient. HB 396 has 33 cosponsors and was assigned to the House Human Services Committee for first consideration. It was reported out of committee in March.

**HB 127:** Placing Carfentanil on Schedule II List: Rep. Matt Baker (R-Bradford, Tioga, Potter) introduced HB 127, legislation that would place the drug Carfentanil on the list of Schedule II controlled substances so that it becomes illegal to possess or distribute without a license or prescription. HB 127 has 19 cosponsors and is assigned to the House Judiciary Committee for first consideration.

## Budget Highlights:

Key health-related budget items in the Governor's budget include:

- Proposes the consolidation of four state departments: the Department of Human Services (DHS), the Department of Health (DOH), the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) and the Department of Aging (PDA) into one, unified Department of Health and Human Services. The Administration estimates a savings of more than \$90 million annually.
- Proposes the consolidation of three programs that purchase, dispense and monitor prescription drugs: PACE, the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) and the pharmacy functions in the Medical Assistance and CHIP programs. The Administration estimates a savings of more than \$45 million.
- Proposes establishing an All Payer Claims Database to collect medical, pharmacy and dental claims, as well as eligibility and provider files from private and public payers, including Medical Assistance, Medicare and commercial insurers. The Administration believes this database is instrumental to controlling spending because it will measure utilization and costs.

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** State Issues Mandatory Opioid Consent Form for Minors: Act 125 of 2016 gives the Department of State's Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (Bureau) the authority to create and mandate the use of a consent form prescribers must use before prescribing opioids to minors. Pennsylvania law requires that in most non-emergency situations, a prescriber must first discuss the potential risks associated with the medication with the minor and the minor's parent, guardian or other authorized adult, and obtain written consent using the state's new form before prescribing opioid medications. With some exceptions, prescribers may not prescribe more than a 7-day supply of controlled substances containing opioids to minors.

On February 4, 2017, the Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs provided notice of the approval of the consent form all prescribers must use when prescribing opioids to patients under the age of 18. The consent form is available on the Bureau's website at [www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing](http://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing).

In SB 1367, now Act 125 of 2016, prescribers must comply with the following procedure before issuing to a minor the first prescription in a single course of treatment for a controlled substance containing an opioid (regardless of whether the dosage is modified during that course of treatment):

Assess whether the minor has taken or is currently taking prescription drugs for treatment of a substance use disorder.

- Discuss with the minor and the minor's parent, guardian or authorized adult all of the following:
  1. The risks of addiction and overdose associated with the controlled substance.
  2. The increases risk of addiction to controlled substances for individuals suffering from mental or substance use disorders.
  3. The dangers of taking a controlled substance containing an opioid with benzodiazepines, alcohol or other central nervous system depressants.
- Obtain written consent for the prescription from the minor's parent, guardian or authorized adult. The prescriber should obtain the consent using forms created by the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs and made available to all prescribers. The form must contain all of the following:
  1. The brand name or generic name and quantity of the controlled substance containing an opioid being prescribed and the amount of the initial dose.
  2. A statement indicating that a controlled substance is a drug or other substance that the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency has identified as having a potential for abuse.
  3. A statement certifying that the prescriber engaged discussed risks with the patient.
  4. The number of refills authorized by the prescription.
  5. The signature of the minor's parent, guardian or authorized adult and date of signing.
  6. The prescriber must retain the form in the patient's record.

Prescribers, with some exceptions, may not prescribe to minors more than a seven-day supply of a controlled substance containing an opioid. If it is an authorized adult (not parent or guardian) signing the consent form, the prescriber may not prescribe more than a 72-hour supply to the minor. Prescribers may prescribe more than a seven-day supply to a minor if either of the following applies:

1. In the prescriber's professional clinical judgment, more than a seven-day supply of a controlled substance containing an opioid is required to stabilize the minor's acute medical condition. If this is the case, the prescriber must document the condition and indicate the reason why a non-opioid alternative is not appropriate.
2. For management of pain associated with cancer, use in palliative or hospice care, or management of chronic pain not associated with cancer

As of May 8, 118 PDA Second District members have made a contribution to PADPAC for 2017 (Total amount not available at this time).

**2nd Distric Update:** Highlights from recent Second District Board Meeting:

Dr. Olenwine resigned as SD President Elect and Dr. Passeri will replace her after nomination and vote at the June board meeting. An Ad Hoc committee was formed to work on the motion to create a new position for the GPVFDC, the position will be a Registration Chair and Finance Director. Dr. Incalcaterra will run unopposed for PDA President Elect in 2018. SD is still investigating implementing Aptify for our district. There will not be a billboard advertising campaign at this time. The process is underway to trademark both the Greater Philadelphia Valley Forge Dental Conference name and logo.

**PDA Update:** Voting statistics from the 2017 PDA election: Out of 680 total votes placed, 141 votes came from Chester/Delaware members.

Two items highlighted from the Council of President's meeting held during the PDA annual session:

- a) The COP and PDA BOT are discussing a mechanism by which the PDA can send the maximum allotment of ADA delegates and alternate Delegates to the ADA HOD when there are not enough elected individuals committed to attend.
- b) The fate of the PDA Annual session after the 150th anniversary meeting in 2018.

The following is Dr. Incalcaterra's report to the Second District Board of Directors:

The PDA Board of Trustees met on April 7 and 8, 2017 in Bedford Springs, PA.

We welcomed 4 incoming board members - Drs. Stan Markiewicz, Gary Davis, John Coole, and David Schimmel. Dr. Jim Tauberg was elected as Secretary of the Board of Trustees

**Texting Software:** At the request of the Membership Committee, the board approved a one-time expenditure of \$2500 for texting software. This will allow PDA to send text notifications to members. There will be an opt-out feature for those who do not wish to receive text messages from PDA.

**Election Discussion:** We discussed the fact that the Election Committee, which was a hold-over from the old House of Delegates is no longer necessary. The board voted unanimously to repeal the Election Committee from the by-laws. This will now go to the COP for approval.

Discussion centered on creating an Election Advisory Group to the board which would review election results and demographics and report annually to the April BOT meeting. They would also be tasked with coming up with ideas to increase voter participation. Most voting occurred in the older age group (age 56+) and 22% of the membership voted. Since this involves a by-laws change and the language has to be developed for these proposals, discussion will continue on the SoNet.

**Member and Leadership Disciplinary Procedures:** We discussed Article 12 of the by-

laws which deals with Member and Leadership Disciplinary Procedures in light of the recent situation with Dr. Wade Newman. Attorney Weber was asked to review the current by-laws and to propose possible changes. We discussed a proposal to allow the President to call an emergency meeting of the Disciplinary Review Board if a member is charged with a felony related to the practice of dentistry or any crime that poses an immediate risk to the health and welfare of any patient. The purpose of the meeting would be to review the allegations surrounding the charges and determine if an immediate temporary suspension of the accused's membership is in the best interest of the public and the PDA. Mr. Weber will develop language and present it to the Board via the SoNet.

#### **5 years Limit for ADA delegates/Filling**

**Delegate Vacancies:** Those who we elect as ADA delegates for 2018 will be subject to the 5 year limit rule. They could still serve, but only as an alternate. We need to inform those who are up for 5 years in 2018 so they are aware, since funding will be affected.

We also discussed that for the October 2017 ADA HOD, our delegation will only have 33 out of 34 spots since one elected member cannot attend. We wanted a full delegation this year to assist with Dr. Kwasny's campaign for President-Elect of the ADA. Since only 34 people were eligible to be elected, we have no one to move up to be the next alternate delegate. We have no by-laws process in place to allow us to add a delegate, other than through another election. By-law language will be developed to allow the Executive Committee the option of choosing an alternate delegate in the event that there is an incomplete ADA delegation. I suggested that if a Trustee cannot attend, the District should have the right to choose that replacement and not the Executive Committee. This will be discussed further on the SoNet.

**DHAT Legislation:** I lead a discussion on pro-actively dealing with Dental Health Aide Therapists (mid-level providers) in Pennsylvania before it becomes an issue here. My work with the ADA Council on Government Affairs revealed that 23 states have or will have DHAT legislation proposals, and both Arizona and North Dakota have been successful in blocking DHATs. Pew and Kellogg are aggressively pursuing this program nationwide. I am waiting for further information from the ADA on those two bills, but there was agreement that we should pursue this and further discussion will be on the SoNet.

#### **Rural Health Care Loan Repayment**

**Program:** CEO Camille Kostelec-Cherry discussed legislation that Representative Karen Boback is proposing which will carve out dentistry from the rural health loan repayment program. This would ensure that dentists wishing to participate will not be blocked out by

physicians and others who use up those funds first. I presented information that this was done successfully in Ohio by adding a \$20 surcharge to the license renewal fee for all dentists, with those funds being dedicated exclusively for this program thus making it a public-private partnership which increased funding beyond what the government could provide.

#### **Assignment of Benefits Legislation/**

**Government Relations:** We were informed that there are two bills on Assignment of Benefits – one in the Senate from Senator Eichelberger and one in the House from Representative Saylor. The senate bill has more sponsors so the BOT directed that our lobbyists should pursue that legislation. At this point I asked why the Government Relations Advisory Group was not working on this and we as a board were doing committee work. This led to a discussion that since advocacy is one of our member's top two priorities we should consider reviving the Government Relations Committee instead of using the Government Relations Advisory Group. This will also help us in developing leaders within the PDA. We decided that the Committee would be made up of 8 to 12 members not necessarily one from each District. Since this is a by-laws change, Mr. Weber will craft language for discussion on the SoNet.

#### **Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioners:**

Mr. Weber stated that our presence at the January State Board of Dentistry hearing on PHDHPs has likely swayed the board to agree with our safety concerns, however the SBOD may permit them to work in physician's offices. He emphasized that we need to have dentists present at the next hearing for this issue when it is scheduled.

**Council of Presidents report:** President Elect Jim Boyle will meet with the COP at lunch on Saturday at PDM to discuss the various by-laws proposals (creation of an Election Advisory Group, creation of a Council on Government Relations, changes to the Disciplinary Review language and ADA Delegate election procedures).

**Pennsylvania Dental Meeting:** President Herb Ray reported that we are \$30,000 below budget however we are in better shape than we would have been had we cancelled this meeting as was once considered. As of April 3 there were 106 dentists, 15 spouses and 17 staff registered for the meeting. There are 19 new dentists who will be at the Welcome Reception at Troeg's brewery. 22 out of 28 booths were sold. CEO Kostelec-Cherry reported on the Town Hall Agenda and stated all materials will be available on the PDA website. Mr. Weber reported on topics he would discuss during the Ask the Lawyer presentation.

**PAGD/ PDA CE Programs:** CEO Kostelec-Cherry presented a proposal for a collaborative workshop series between PAGD and PDA. Full

day courses that could be offered (with each organization running different parts of the courses) include: Child abuse recognition and reporting, Radiology, CPR, OSHA/Infection control, HIPAA, Local anesthesia (for hygienists), Opioids.

Details on the proposal were presented. Board members wanted to know what advantage this would be for our members and questioned why we should work with PAGD on this since we would prefer to collaborate with them on legislation instead of CE. This led to a discussion of putting our mandatory CE programs on-line for free or at a nominal cost for our members. Ms. Kostelec-Cherry will find out the costs of putting these programs on-line for further consideration by the board. The board directed that our CEO bring our concerns to PAGD and report back to us at our next meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report is on the website under "About", then under "Governance" and then under "Budget, Finance and Property Committee". We are \$30,000 above budget so far this year, primarily due to investment gains.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on April 8, 2017 at 1:47 PM.

**ADA Report:** Dr. Himmelberger reported that the next meeting of the American Dental Association is in October and Dr. Andy Kwasny will be travelling throughout the summer campaigning for the election of President Elect during the Annual Session.

The Pre-caucus meeting for the ADA HOD will be September 23, 2017 in Harrisburg.

Dr. Himmelberger has begun receiving all the information sent to the current Board of Trustees to be prepared for her installation as ADA District 3 Trustee in October.

#### **New Business:**

It was advised that the following information from the Government Relations report be included in the next Bulletin: On February 4, 2017, the Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs provided notice of the approval of the consent form all prescribers must use when prescribing opioids to patients under the age of 18. The consent form is available on the Bureau's website at [www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing](http://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing).

Motion made and passed unanimously to accept all changes as presented in the Policy and Procedures Manuals as sent to the board via email. Updated manuals are available upon request to [tsbradydmd@icloud.com](mailto:tsbradydmd@icloud.com).

**Old Business:** None

**Good of the Society:** Don't forget to vote!



A hand is shown drawing the words "TIME TO SAVE" in a bold, yellow, hand-drawn font across the face of a clock. The clock is drawn in white on a dark green chalkboard background. The hand is holding a white marker and is positioned on the right side of the clock face, having just finished writing the word "SAVE". The clock hands are also drawn in white.

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## Upcoming **Events**

### **THE DENTAL SOCIETY OF CHESTER COUNTY AND DELAWARE COUNTY**

**Give Kids a Smile - Friday, October 13th**- Office of Dr. Teresa Devine, Broomall, PA  
For more information, or to volunteer, contact Dr. Bernie Logan, drberniel@icloud.com

**Networking & Wine Tasting - Wednesday, November 15th**- Galer Estate Vineyards, PA  
5:30 - 8:00 PM. RSVP to Dr. Stephanie McGann at shmcgann@gmail.com

### **DKU**

**Friday, October 6, 2017** - Springfield CC  
Dr. Cliff Ruddle, *"Endodontic Success"*  
Registration 8:15 AM, Lecture 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM  
For more information, contact Dr. Barry Cohen: DKUdental@aol.com

**Friday, November 10, 2017** - Springfield CC  
Dr. Timothy Hempton, *"Practical Periodontal and Peri-implant Therapeutic Management"*  
Registration 8:15 AM, Lecture 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM  
For more information, contact Dr. Barry Cohen: DKUdental@aol.com

