

Montgomery Bucks Dental Society
Executive Council Meeting
DATE:11/17/21
Minutes

Present: B. Dishler, N. Eraydin, A. Farrell, J. Freedman, M. Garbin, T. Howley, G. Inverso, M. Kienle, R. Lewin, C. Limberakis, J. Limberakis, A. Mason, A. O'Day, L. Pulaski, S. Qing, W. Rivera, N. Rosenthal, D. Shah, A. Steinkeler, L. Stone, A. Stout, D. Teitelman, B. Terry, R. Vafa, E. Weinstein, N. Silva, J. Flood

Call to Order: 7:12 PM, President Steinkeler

Amended minutes from the September 9th meeting were unanimously approved.

I. Reports of Officers

- A. President** - Dr. Steinkeler welcomed Drs. Justin Flood, Evan Weinstein, and Nelly Silva. All Executive Board members introduced themselves. He reported a nice turnout at the Normandy Farms events and noted that sponsorship has been up. Straumann Group is a new sponsor. Proposed an ad hoc committee to structure CE events and to brainstorm ideas for a study club.
- B. President-Elect** - No new activity to report.
- C. Corresponding Secretary** - No new activity to report.
- D. Recording Secretary** - No new activity to report.
- E. Treasurer** - No new activity to report.
- F. Directors to 2nd District/ADA Delegation** - At the 2nd District meeting, it was discussed that a few local dental societies had ransomware attacks to their websites that shut them down briefly. They are managed by Lifetree, the same company that manages our website. Dr. Howley followed up in an email after the board meeting to confirm that our website is backed up daily. After the malware attack of our website, everything was up and running within a few hours. He is confident in our back up systems and our website.

II. Committee Reports

A. Communications

- 1. Bulletin** - Dr. Lewin reported that the October 18th bulletin deadline was overlooked, likely due to so many events being rescheduled from 2020. Drs. Vafa, Weinstein, and Silva will be featured in the next Member Spotlight. Dr. Lewin suggested combining the next bulletin as a

December/January edition. There will be 4 more editions of the bulletin, ending in May. Dr. O'Day suggests having an issue for the summer to get ahead of our fall programs. It was decided that the next bulletin should go out in December.

2. **Informatics** - No new activity to report.
3. **Business Manager** - No new activity to report.

B. Education

1. **All Day CE** - Dr. Eraydin asked if we should have all 5 CE dates in 2022 or if the 5th should be moved to 2023. Most speakers are already sponsored. There was also a discussion about changing fees for the 5 CEs. The price structure is \$195/course or 4 courses for \$695. Dr. Eraydin suggested not changing fees. All Day CE is more of a member benefit than a money making event, so it was agreed to pass cost savings to members. It was recommended to send out email blasts to show all member benefits for the 2022 year.

The Ad Hoc committee discussed reducing the number of CE courses, but overall did a great job planning 5 courses. It was determined that next year, the All Day CE structure will continue as is and will be reevaluated after next year. Dr. Eraydin gave credit to Dr. Stone for planning All Day CE for many years. January 14th is the next CE. This will be updated on the website.

2. **Distinguished Speakers Series/Evening CE** - Dr. Pulaski reports she is looking for potential speakers for the Monday meetings and is concerned about exhausting our local sources. She asks board members to send her the names of potential speakers.

Dr. Howley advises that we revisit the issue of who can speak at the evening CE programs since it's difficult to find speakers. Current policy is that speakers must be ADA members. This was discussed. There was also a discussion about the potential issues of having local specialists as speakers, as well as a consideration to raise the stipend which is currently \$500. Dr. Stout advises keeping the stipend under \$800 to avoid any issue of 1099s.

Dr. C. Limberakis asks if we could have a congressperson speak to us at a Monday night meeting. This was discussed. Concerns about no CE. Dr. Freedman advises bringing legislators in to speak like a town hall meeting once a year. Dr. Lewin brings up the idea of an emerging speakers series. It was decided to form an ad hoc committee to discuss forming a study club as well as to investigate the idea of an emerging speakers series.

Dr. Kienle makes a motion for it to be “strongly encouraged” to be an ADA member. There was a discussion about also adjusting stipends for ADA versus non ADA members. The motion was withdrawn, and it was decided to try the team approach, with all of us working together to find speakers. This topic will be revisited in the future.

3. **Sponsorship** - Discussed during the President’s Report.
4. **Social Programs** - Dr. O’Day reports that the Paint and Sip event had to increase capacity due to a successful response. She states that the Fall Fest didn't get much traction. If we want to do a golf or ski trip, it must be planned and promoted in advance. It was agreed that smaller venue events should be pursued now.
5. **Fellowship & Advisory** - No new activity to report.

C. Finance

1. **Audit** - No new activity to report.
2. **Budget & Finance** - Dr. Rosenthal says there will be a meeting in January to reevaluate the numbers once the Treasurer presents them.

D. Governance

1. **Nominating** - No new activity to report.
2. **Constitution & By Laws** - No new activity to report.

E. Membership

1. **Membership** - Dr. Freedman gave a summary of his campaign and wanted to thank everyone for supporting him.
2. **Membership Benefits** - Dr. Freedman also reports that last weekend was a successful joint event between districts for new dentists downtown at Harp and Crown. He suggests that at the next 2nd District Meeting, more joint events should be coordinated.
3. **New Dentist Subcommittee** - Dr. Farrell asked of any conflicts for May 22nd as the next Lunch at Elmwood Zoo event. She wants a subcommittee to help plan the event. Dr. Rosenthal asks to have a preliminary budget prepared prior to the January meeting. Drs. Mason, Tietleman, and Weinberg will help Dr. Farrell plan the event. Dr. Howley suggests setting a fee, and having participants register and pay in advance via the website.
4. **Member Insurance Programs** - No new activity to report.

F. Peer Review

1. **Insurance Review** - No new activity to report.

2. **Ethics & Law Enforcement** - It was discussed to have an article written for the Bulletin about what to do if the State Board visits your practice, as Dr. Lewin found herself in this position recently.
3. **Patient Relations** - No new activity to report.

G. Public Interface

1. **Community Dental Awareness** - No new activity to report.
2. **Interprofessional Relations** - Dr. J. Limberakis said there were very few hygiene and assisting programs that didn't finish within the year. He will plan to give an extra award or two for winners of student of the year.
3. **Government Relations** - Dr. Dishler reports that they are still working on Assignment of Benefits. Every 2 years, every bill is removed and the process has to start again. Need approval by the Senate Committee. Dr. Rosenthal says that there was a discussion within the PDA of giving CE credit for volunteerism. 3 credits for every 24 hours was considered adequate; it will be introduced in January as Senator Martin has bipartisan support. For those interested in volunteering, the website to learn more is dentallifeline.org.

H. Executive Director - No new activity to report.

I. Parliamentarian - No new activity to report.

J. Ad Hoc Committee Reports - The ad hoc committee reports were discussed with the All Day CE reports. Drs. Lewin, Weinstein, Pulaski, Garbin and Rivera volunteer for the ad hoc committee to help Dr. Steinkeler pursue a MBDS study club and to brainstorm an emerging speakers series.

Old Business: No new activity to report.

New Business: A motion was made that our guests tonight (Drs. Nelly Silva and Justin Flood) be appointed as Executive Committee members. It was unanimously approved. Dr. Freedman reminds the board that the next Mission of Mercy is June 10 and 11th.

Adjournment: 8:45 PM