

Montgomery Bucks Dental Society  
Executive Council Meeting  
January 8, 2020  
Minutes

**Present:** B. Dishler, A. Farrell, J. Freedman, M. Garbin, H. Ghazzhouli, L. Green, T. Howley, D. Kaffey, R. Lewin, C. Limberakis, A. Mason, S. Qing, M. Rosenberger, N. Rosenthal, J. Scordamaglia, D. Shah, C. Soffin, L. Stone, A. Stout, D. Teitelman, B. Terry

**Call to Order:** 7:12 PM, President Ghazzhouli

Minutes from 11/6/2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

- **Reports of Officers**

- **President** - President Hadi Ghazzhouli reported President-Elect Pappy is out of the county and will discuss nomination made by nominating committee later in the meeting during committee reports.
- **President-Elect** - No new report.
- **Corresponding Secretary** - No new activity to report.
- **Recording Secretary** - No new activity to report.
- **Treasurer** - Dr. Matthew Garbin sent the profit and loss report and balance sheet. There was no discussion.
- **Directors to 2nd District/ADA Delegation** - Dr. Jay Freedman reported that there is a 2nd District meeting on January 30th where the Ad Hoc committee evaluating District committee structure will present their findings. He is happy to report Montgomery Bucks has multiple candidates running for ADA delegates.

- **Committee Reports**

- **Communications**

- **Bulletin** - Dr. Rachel Lewin reported upcoming Bulletin Deadlines: 2/17/20 March Bulletin, 3/23/20 April/May Bulletin. Please prepare whatever information, advertisements, and/or events you may want included in these final Bulletin editions and submit them prior to the deadline. She also announced and welcomed Dr. Hai Qing to the Editorial committee. It was

mentioned that Mom-N-PA should be advertised for in each upcoming Bulletin - registration opens 4/1.

- **Informatics** - Dr. Danielle Teitelman reported that the committee is working on adding an Instagram page to Facebook. It was discussed that if you are at an event to please take out your phone to take photos and then send to Danielle so she can add to the Facebook page and share with Rachel for the Bulletins. It was suggested that MBDS get a group photo at Mom-n-PA at 11:30-11:45 on both Friday and Saturday.
- **Business Manager** - No new activity to report.
- **Education**
  - **All Day CE** - No new activity to report.
  - **Distinguished Speakers Series/Evening CE** - No new activity to report.
  - **Sponsorship** - The board discussed a proposal by a sponsor who wanted to pay the normal sponsorship fee, but instead of having a table, to have time at the podium before the presentation begins. Multiple viewpoints were shared and it was decided that a group will meet to discuss the pros and cons and propose what they come up with to the board. It was mentioned that they cannot do this at the GPVFDC because the courses are CERP courses and it isn't allowed. We are not restricted by this so whether or not we allow time to sponsors will be a matter of what the board decides is best.
- **Fellowship**
  - **Social Programs** - The board discussed having a family event at Freddy Hill Farms as well as a bus trip to New York. The majority of the board thought if the social program committee is choosing one event to focus on, that a local family event such as Freddy Hill Farms would be more ideal. It was mentioned that coordinating the bus trip is difficult and we have previously lost money for that due to an upfront cost being involved.
  - **Fellowship & Advisory** - No new activity to report.
- **Finance**
  - **Audit** - No new activity to report.

- **Budget & Finance** - Dr. Nancy Rosenthal emphasized that if you want to request any funding for your committee, to please request it as far in advance as possible from the Budget committee.
- **Financial Investment Committee** - No new activity to report.
- **Governance**
  - **Nominating** - Dr. Angel Stout reported that the nominating committee met a couple weeks ago and are proud to put forth the following names to the Executive Committee and MBDS membership for their consideration:
    - Jessie Scordamaglia for the office President-Elect to complete this year 2019-2020 and President 2020-2021.
    - Andrew Steinkeler for the office of President-Elect 2020-2021.
    - Ariana Mason for the office of Recording Secretary 2020-2021.
    - Danielle Teitelman for the office of Corresponding Secretary 2020-2021.
    - Matthew Garbin for the office of Treasurer 2020-2021.

Delegates:

David Kaffey – Hadi Ghazzouli – Matt Garbin – Mark Kienle – Danielle Teitelman – Angel Stout – Andy Steinkeler – Nuri Eraydin – Jessie Scordamaglia – Jonathan Limberakis - Amy Farrell

Alternates:

Ada Greenfield – Alyssa Nielubowicz - Maggie Rosenberger - Lisbeth Pulaski - Jessica Hershman – Dilshan Gunawardena – Peter Bullock– Ariana Mason – Amanda Hemmer – Cary Limberakis – Lon Kessler

The appointments were all unanimously approved.

In addition, Dr. David Kaffey is now 2nd District Vice President and will not be able to serve as 2nd District Director. Therefore, Dr. Matthew Garbin was appointed to complete Dr. Kaffey’s vacancy as 2nd District Director starting in March. The appointment was unanimously approved.

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

- **Membership**
  - **Membership** - Dr. Bernie Dishler remarked that we need someone to call non-renews; membership dues were due on December 31 and they will be off our records on March 31/April 1. He has experienced that sometimes they are just waiting for someone to call them to get them to get signed up. Dr. Jay Freedman questioned if the board has examined the 2nd District Membership Strategic plan yet to craft it to our local level, and if not, encouraged the board to do so.
  - **Membership Benefits** - No new activity to report.
  - **New Dentist Subcommittee** - Dr. Amy Farrell reported that a grant request was submitted to request funding for the NDC's annual Zoo event at Elmwood Park Zoo. The funding will allow the committee to make the event more attractive and gain more attendance and hopefully new members. The committee is also working on a new monthly recurring social event geared towards new dentists. Dr. Hadi Ghazzouli reported we have a roster of 100 new dentists and their zip codes to help gear the events to these areas. The committee hopes to find sponsors to help fund these events, however, a motion was made and unanimously approved to fund up to \$3000 for the events.
  - **Member Insurance Programs** - No new business.
  
- **Peer Review**
  - **Insurance Review** - No new activity to report.
  - **Ethics & Law Enforcement** - No new activity to report.
  - **Patient Relations** - Dr. Bruce Terry reported he has 1 new case he is reviewing now.
  
- **Public Interface**
  - **Community Dental Awareness** - Dr. Hadi Ghazzouli reported he is hosting a Give Kids a Smile event on May 9th in King of Prussia. Please email him if you would like to help out. Dr. Cary Limberakis remarked that both he and Dr. Jay Freedman did the event for 5 years and they can be a resource for anyone with questions about it. He also recommended finding a community partner and registering with the ADA.
  - **Interprofessional Relations** - No new activity to report.

- **Government Relations** - Dr. Bernie Dishler encouraged everyone to call their State Representative to ask them to vote for HB 564. It will assign benefits to the dentist even if they are not a participant. It gives an opportunity for access to care for all Pennsylvanians. Otherwise, we are limiting their options and opportunities the way it is now. By passing this bill we are freeing patients to have freedom and access to care.
  
- **Executive Director** - Dr. Tom Howley brought up the following points of discussion:
  1. Board members need to be aware that emails are sent out prior to Board meetings and to be looking for them and to respond to them.
  2. If you get an email from Tom that requests a “received receipt” please do that so he knows the message was received.
  3. The board all agreed to keep the same number of dinner meetings and CE Fridays per year.
  4. The board discussed whether or not we should increase the fee of the dinner meetings to meet the cost of the dinner. Currently the cost is \$49 per member. The cost of the dinner is \$55. This includes the cost of the dinner and venue but does not include the cost of the speaker. The board agreed to increase the fee for the dinner from \$49 to \$50 per member.
  4. Board member badges were provided at tonight’s meeting – please wear them if you are attending an MBDS event so members can identify the board members.
  
- **Parliamentarian** - No new activity to report.
  
- **Ad Hoc Committee Reports** - No new activity to report.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** The following new business was discussed:

- Dr. Cary Limberakis announced his candidacy for ADA Trustee for the fall of 2021. The election will take place in February 2021. Dr. Limberakis discussed his passion for organized dentistry and that he will fight for our interests. In addition, Dr. Nancy Rosenthal will be running for President-Elect of the PDA. The board all voiced their support and well wishes to Cary and Nancy in their endeavors.
- Dr. Bernie Dishler expressed concern regarding an email out by MBDS promoting a dental cruise which has dates that coincide with the Pennsylvania Dental Meeting. The board discussed that the cruise is something set up by a third party for which we do not control the dates, and that it was not intentional to promote an event that took place at the same time as a PDA event. Regardless, Dr. Ghazzouli will reach out to our PDA president to explain the misunderstanding.
- It was recommended that a Historian be assigned to all MBDS events to take photos and provide data collected to be sent to Dr. Danielle Teitelman.

**Adjournment:** 9:15 PM