

Montgomery Bucks Dental Society  
Executive Council Meeting  
January 10, 2019  
Minutes

**Present:** P. Chhina, B. Dishler, N. Eraydin, A. Farrell, J. Freedman, M. Garbin, H. Ghazzouli, L. Green, A. Greenfield, D. Gunawardena, T. Howley, D. Kaffey, M. Kienle, C. Limberakis, J. Limberakis, A. Mason, A. Nielubowicz, N. Rosenthal, B. Sajid, J. Scordamaglia, A. Steinkeler, A. Stout, D. Teitelman, B. Terry

**Call to Order:** 7:13 PM, President Kaffey

Minutes from 11/1/2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

- **Reports of Officers**

- **President** - President Kaffey provided updates on the following recent and upcoming events and discussed the following new information with the board:
  - Recent events our society has held including the two paper shredding events and the Escape the Room event had decent turnouts with 30 participants for the shredding event and 20 for Escape the Room.
  - Our society is fiscally sound. In light of the recent decrease in income from PDAIS and CE we continue to make very conservative and financially prudent decisions as it pertains to the society's operating expenses.
  - The Business Success Symposium, which will hopefully become an annual signature program for MBDS, is currently open for enrollment with the first program date being 2/28. Registration and program details are available at MBDS.org.
  - As a reminder, we are always looking for new members to join our Board. If you know of someone who is interested or who you think would be a good board member, please invite him or her to an event or a Board meeting. Contact Dr. Kaffey or Dr. Tom Howley for additional assistance.
- **President-Elect** - The MBDS Hate and Intolerance Ad Hoc committee developed a statement as follows: "We, the members of Montgomery/Bucks Dental Society, condemn ALL acts of violence, hate, and intolerance as it violates the moral and ethical core of our society. We send our profound sympathy to the families and friends affected by these acts of terror. As members of MBDS, we will stand united and in partnership with good people everywhere to work together towards a

better tomorrow.” The statement was unanimously approved and will be published in next bulletin.

- **Corresponding Secretary** - no new activity to report
- **Recording Secretary** - no new activity to report
- **Treasurer** - Dr. Matthew Garbin discussed that while we are financially sound, we are heading into use of our reserves.
- **Directors to 2nd District/ADA Delegation** - The following new information and updates were discussed:
  - Dr. Jay Freedman discussed that him and Dr. Pappy Chhina are helping to organize 2020 GVFC and that they are looking for additional volunteers; if you are interested please reach out to him.
  - Dr. Nancy Rosenthal mentioned that if you are a director or delegate and if you cannot make a 2nd District meeting to please let the president know ASAP and they will appoint someone to fill in for you.
- **Committee Reports**
  - **Communications**
    - **Bulletin** - The last issue was accelerated to get the business symposium advertised. The deadline for the March Bulletin is February 10th.
    - **Informatics** - The Google calendar has been updated, all events we have should be in the calendar now. A comment was made to remove old information from the calendar.
    - **Business Manager** - no new activity to report
  - **Education**
    - **All Day CE** - The chair reported we had a good turnout for the last all-day CE and was a great presentation. Next meeting is Friday 1/18 with Karen Baker and about 50 people signed up. For our last meeting we were unable to get enough sponsorship for our last speaker due cost restrictions. The following other points were discussed:
      - Dr. Rosenthal pointed out we are the only dental society that does not advertise in the GVFDJ and that we should at the very least be listed in their calendar for which there is no charge - we only have to ask them and provide the dates.
      - PAGD has free online opioid CE, for anyone who needs it.
      - It was also pointed out that a summary of requirements needed for re-licensure was listed in our last journal for

everyone's reference.

- **Distinguished Speakers Series/Evening CE** - no new activity to report.
- **Sponsorship** - The chair reported we have at least 2 sponsors for each of our dinner meetings, with at least 5 for our upcoming meeting. Financially, our income from sponsorship is doing much better this year compared with last.
- **Fellowship**
  - **Social Programs** - Dr. Dishler reported there is a HealthLink BOWL-A-THON charity fundraiser taking place Sat, 2/2/19 at 3:30pm in Warminster, PA. A flyer was passed around at the meeting. Please reach out to Dr. Dishler if you are interested in attending.
  - **Fellowship & Advisory** - Dr Stout sent letters to the families of Dr. George Capaldi Dr. Richard Gottfried.
- **Finance**
  - **Audit** - no new activity to report
  - **Budget & Finance** - no new activity to report
- **Governance**
  - **Nominating** - The nomination list for next year's officer nominations for delegates and alternates was reviewed and unanimously approved. Nominations will be carried forward and read at the next dinner meeting. Delegates:
    - The purpose and responsibility for delegates was discussed:
      - Dr. Cary Limberakis reported that you would only need to serve should there be an emergency session of the House of Delegates.
      - Dr. Bruce Terry elaborated that in 2014 the House of Delegates was voted out, but in the constitution they put a clause that if the President or Board of Trustees calls an emergency meeting each district needs to have a list of delegates that would be called upon. So far there has not been a meeting of the delegates yet.
    - **Constitution & By Laws** - no new activity to report
- **Membership**
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  - **Membership Benefits** - no new activity to report
  - **New Dentist Subcommittee** - no new activity to report.
  - **Member Insurance Programs** - no new activity to report
- **Peer Review**
  - **Insurance Review** - no new activity to report

- **Ethics & Law Enforcement** - no new activity to report
- **Patient Relations** - Dr. Bob Singer reported that we are getting more cases than he'd like to see, and he therefore intends to spread some of the cases out among the committee.
- **Public Interface**
  - **Community Dental Awareness** - no new activity to report
  - **Interprofessional Relations** - no new activity to report
  - **Executive Director** - no new activity to report
  - **Government Relations** - The following were discussed:
    - Dr. Bernie Dishler encouraged members to reach out to congress members to share their perspective; if you are interested and need assistance please reach out to him. He also mentioned that assignment of benefits did not go through.
    - Dr. Cary Limberakis discussed Medicare and dental benefits as well as the role of senior citizen advocacy groups. He reports that the ADA has created a task force to create an alternate plan to that which includes dental benefits in part B of Medicare. Please reach out and email our trustee, Dr. Linda Himmelberger to express any thoughts or concerns you have regarding dental benefits and Medicare.
- **Executive Director** -No new activity .
- **Parliamentarian** - no new activity to report
- **Ad Hoc Committee Reports** - The following were discussed:
  - Dr. Hadi Ghazzouli's report for the committee against hate and intolerance can be found above under the President-Elect's report.
  - Dr. Cary Limberakis as well as several members of the society discussed the Investment Committee's Report:
    - A full report can be found with the "Committee Reports" document.
    - He summarized that the committee determined that 50% of the operating budget of the preceding year can be invested.
    - The committee is requesting names of financial advisors that members of the board recommend in order to obtain several quotes and opinions - please email any recommendations to him.
    - The committee will review all options and select what we feel is best for society. The best plan will then be brought forward to the society for approval, denial, or modification.

- There are about 10 different points that are part of this policy. Most were borrowed and/or refined from 2nd district's policy.
- Some questions that were brought up: Do we have the right to invest our members' money? Is it wrong to NOT invest our member's money in a way that is conservative?
- The overall conclusion made was that we are being very conservative, and the committee's chief objective is to protect what we have and to make conservative gains.
- CDs vs conservative investments were discussed. The pros and cons of investing vs leaving money sit were discussed.
- Please read and give thought to the report. At our next meeting we will discuss further whether we want to approve, amend, or forfeit. If you have questions or comments as you read through, please send them to Tom and he can forward to the committee.

**Old Business:** At the last meeting we discussed the Recruitment and Retention Conference (R&R) in Chicago which takes place during the last weekend in July. The society agreed to send up to \$500 for two people to attend. Dr. Freedman reports it is his 9th time attending. Several other members of the board have also attended and commented. It is a networking event where there are motivational speakers. It is an opportunity to be with 150-200 experts on membership. If anyone has interest, please contact Dr. Kaffey ASAP.

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

- Dr. Bernie Dishler spoke about HealthLink's Sealant Saturday; he would like MBDS to co-sponsor the event to help get volunteers and advertise. It will be taking place on a Saturday in April and there is no financial obligation. There were no objections and the board agreed to co-sponsor the event.
- The nominations for ADA Delegates will be voted on soon - all members are encouraged to vote.
- Dr. Bruce Terry spoke about the MOM-n-PA event which will be held at Mohegan Sun in Wilkes-Barre on June 6-7, sign up starts in April. He strongly encouraged members to volunteer. In 2020 the event will be at the Liacouras Center in Philadelphia.
- Dr. Jonathan Limberakis inquired how we could make Continuing Education presentations available to members after they are given, either for free or a nominal fee, for those who are unable to attend but want to gain the education even without the CE credit. Dr. Bruce Terry

commented that the PDA has software available for this and that we could ask if they would be willing to share. The biggest barrier discussed was speakers' rights to the materials and whether they would want to share their presentations without compensation.

- The October 28th dinner meeting will take place at Blue Bell Country Club instead of Normandy Farms.

**Announcements:** none

**Adjournment:** 8:31 PM