

Montgomery Bucks Dental Society  
Executive Council Meeting  
Blue Bell, PA  
May 26, 2016  
Minutes

**Present:** J. Freedman, L. Green, S. Heleniak, J. Hershman, T. Howley, D. Kaffey, G. Katz, L. Kessler, C. Limberakis, J. Limberakis, S. Moriconi, A. Nielubowicz, L. Pulaski, N. Rosenthal, R. Singer, C. Soffin, L. Stone, B. Terry

Call to Order:

Minutes from 2/25/2016 meeting: amended, page 2 wording change: "To Change System", approved.

- **Reports of Officers**

- **President –**

- President Moriconi discussed the substance abuse symposium he is organizing at Abington Hospital. The potentially free event is scheduled for 11/17/2016. Details will be made public when available.

I would like to say to the group that I am honored to be serving as President this year. I am aware of some of the challenges faced by us in our dental world and will commit myself to diligently working to my utmost capacity to be an advocate for our organization this year.

As many are aware, I am committed to education, both for our residents and students in the Abington GPR program as well as the local community. To that end this year I am organizing an Opioid Abuse Symposium on Nov 17 at Abington Hospital. This multidisciplinary program will involve medical, legal, and support organizations to address the significant problems of abuse in this community and beyond. I anticipate presentations on the medical and prescribing issues germane to all health care professionals, an examination of the legal aspects of the issue from the Montgomery County DA's office, and a description of treatment services as well as testimonials from survivors of this most recent scourge.

I will ask MBDS to assist in supporting this program by sponsorship in terms

of both funding and attendance at the meeting. I do not have an idea of costs at this time but share information as it develops. I also welcome any input the executive committee may have.

Again, I look forward to working collaboratively with the organization this year.

Finally, I wish to congratulate Joanne Burrell on her just completed and very successful term as President, and welcome the officers of the society: Drs. Stout, Ghazzouli, Chhina, Kaffey, and of course, Tom Howley without whom much of the work of the society would not get done!

- **President-Elect** – no report
- **Corresponding Secretary** – no report
- **Recording Secretary** – no report
- **Treasurer**
  - It was discussed that with a new incoming treasurer, the President will create an ad hoc committee to help with the training and transition of the new treasurer, Dr. Hadi Ghazzouli. The current treasurer, Dr. Angel Stout and Dr. Ghazzouli will schedule a meeting with the Society's accountant. MBDS Executive Director, Dr. Tom Howley, will also be involved with routine treasurer duties.
- **Directors to 2<sup>nd</sup> District/ADA Delegation**
  - Several items were discussed including the success of the 2016 GPVFD with over 1700 attendees, the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Dental Society has allocated funds for a second billboard campaign scheduled for Fall 2016 promoting and encouraging the community at large to seek dental care from ADA dentists. Additionally, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist. approved a series of proposal to be brought to the Council of Presidents to improve efficiency and operations. These proposals include an even weighting of COP district voting to reflect the membership within that district, the PDA to provide a recording secretary for all COP meetings, the PDA Board of Trustees must reply to the COP as to why a proposed topic of discussion was declined, there needs to be greater transparency in PDA election results, alternations to the COP vetting process so that an duly assigned district board member could substitute for the president at a COP meeting, overhaul of the PDA election process so as to not disenfranchise those members who do not have or do not offer

an email address. We do not want to leave them out of the voting process, and a consideration should be made to move the PDA elections to the end of March, so that being excluded from the voting process does not penalize those members who pay their dues at the deadline.

- **Committee Reports**

- **Communications**

- **Bulletin –**

- no new report

- **Informatics**

- The Informatics Committee has been creating email announcements and website updates to promote upcoming events such as the 2015-2016 Distinguished Speakers Series and the 2015-2016 Continuing Education program. Please notify [alyssaniel@gmail.com](mailto:alyssaniel@gmail.com) if there are other upcoming events requiring advertisement via e-mail, website postings, and/or mailings.

It was encouraged that all members continue to send photos from events to Dr. Neil at [alyssaniel@gmail.com](mailto:alyssaniel@gmail.com) so that she can keep our website and Facebook pages up-to-date and active.

- **Business Manager –**

- No new report

- **Education**

- **All Day CE**

It was reported and discussed that the 2016-2017 program schedule has been finalized and all CE events will be at a new location: Blue Bell Country Club, Blue Bell, PA. Additionally the January 20, 2017 program will be a hands-on course. MBDS CE funding support from PDAIS has been substantially reduced but this should not

affect the solvency or quality of programing.

- **Distinguished Speakers Series/evening CE**
  - The Chair reported that the line up of speakers for the 2016-2017 series is complete and will begin on Monday 9/26/16. Discussions are underway with Dentsply for support for this programing.
  
- **Sponsorship**
  - No new report
  
- **Fellowship**
  - **Social Programs** – no report submitted
  - **Fellowship & Advisory** – no new report
- **Finance**
  - **Audit**
    - No new report
  - **Budget & Finance**
    - No new report
- **Governance**
  - **Nominating** – no new report
  - **Constitution & By Laws** – no new report
  
- **Membership**
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    - It was reported that 2 MBDS board members attended the ADA R&R conference in Chicago in April to bring back new ideas on how to retain and reactive our membership. There will be PDA Speed Mentoring program in Philadelphia on Thursday September 15. Volunteers needed. Contact Dr. Jay Freedman.
  
  - **Membership Benefits** – no new report
  - **New Dentist**
    - No new report
  
  - **Member Insurance Programs** – no report submitted

- **Peer Review**
  - **Insurance Review –**
    - The Chair reported there has been no new activity.
  - **Ethics & Law Enforcement –** no report submitted
  - **Patient Relations –**
    - The Chair reported that there is one new case pending. Details to follow when available.
- **Public Interface**
  - **Community Dental Awareness –** no report submitted
  - **Inter-professional Relations**
    - The Chair reported that awards were presented to the top students at the following programs. Total expenditures were under budget at \$426.13
      - Manor College EFDA and Hygiene programs
      - Harcum College EFDA and Hygiene programs
      - Montgomery County Community College Hygiene program
      - Middle Bucks Institute of Technology program
  - **Government Relations –**
    - The Chair reported that PA was well represented at the Washington Leadership Conference held earlier this year. Meetings with Congressional and Senatorial offices to discuss PA dentistry priority issues were completed. ADPAC has decided to support Katie McGinty for the PA US Senate seat. The PA House Insurance Committee held hearings on the Assignment of Benefits. Committee results will be released once available.
  - **Executive Director**
    - No new report
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- **Additional Reports:**
  - The Give Kids a Smile event held in several MB dental offices provided over \$50,000 in free dental care to needy children.

- The Give Vets a Smile program is receiving national interest and is scheduled for Wednesday November 16,2016. Contact Dr. Cary Limberakis for additional details.

New Business:

Committee discussed making a donation to the ADA President-Elect campaign of Dr. Andy Kwasny. Discussion was tabled until MB EC was informed of how much financial support Dr. Kwasny was receiving from his home district. Dr. Kwasny will be invited to a MB EC meeting to give a presentation as to why MB should support his campaign. In a submitted report to MBDS, Dr. Kwasny requested that any member interested in being considered for the following ADA positions, should submit a CV and short description of why they are interested in one of these appointments to him at [kwasnya@ada.org](mailto:kwasnya@ada.org).

- ADPAC
- ADA Council on Membership
- ADA Council on Dental Benefit Programs
- ADA Council on Members Insurance and Retirement Programs

Adjournment: 8:53 PM.