

Montgomery Bucks Dental Society
Executive Council Meeting Minutes
DATE: 1/18/23

Present: B. Dishler, A. Farrell, M. Garbin, H. Ghazzouli, A. Greenfield, T. Howley, D. Kaffey, R. Lewin, C. Limberakis, A. Mason, H. Qing, W. Rivera, N. Rosenthal, J. Scordamaglia, R. Shah, A. Steinkeler, A. Stout, D. Teitelman, B. Terry, D. Vu

Call to Order: 7:09 pm, President Garbin

Minutes from 11/9/22 were unanimously approved.

I. Reports of Officers

- A. **President** - Dr. Garbin introduced guest Dr. Dat Vu joining the Executive Board today.
- B. **President-Elect** - No news to report.
- C. **Corresponding Secretary** - No news to report.
- D. **Recording Secretary** - No news to report.
- E. **Treasurer** - Dr. Qing sent new reports of P&L. There was a discussion about how to retain members and how many have been lost this year. Dr. Howley states the number of members is declining. If a member hasn't paid dues yet, Jan. 31st will be the end of their membership. Dr. Terry suggests forming an Ad Hoc Committee to call members. This was already attempted under Dr. Ghazzouli's presidency, and it was difficult to get in touch with members. Dr. Terry will circulate a list of non-renewing members to the Board so that we can personally reach out to anyone we know.
- F. **Directors to 2nd District/ADA Delegation** - The Greater Philadelphia Valley Forge Dental Conference will be Friday, March 31, 2023 for a lecture about Medical Emergencies.

II. Committee Reports

A. Communications

- 1. **Bulletin** - Dr. Lewin reports that the next deadline is March 6th, 2023. She states they struggled for content for the last bulletin, so if anyone has ideas for articles to let her know. It was advised to add a schedule of the April PDA meeting to the next Bulletin.
- 2. **Informatics** - No news to report.
- 3. **Business Manager** - No news to report.

B. Education

1. **All Day CE** - Dr. Stout reports the CE committee is meeting on Monday. They will select dates for the following season. Relicensure program is on Feb. 24th, and April 28 is Dr. Bob Margeas; his honorarium is partly subsidized by 3M.
2. **Distinguished Speakers Series/Evening CE** - see above.
3. **Sponsorship - Fellowship** - Dr. Steinkeler reports there are four confirmed sponsors for Normandy Farms and he is working on a few others. The sleep apnea meeting is in April, so please give Dr. Steinkeler any reps you work with for appliances as potential sponsors.
4. **Social Programs** - Dr. O'Day suggested an axe throwing event. Suggested to open to staff and spouses. Chester Delaware just did an event like this, and it was successful. The dates suggested were March 16 or 30th. Discussion of the Valley Forge meeting the following day, March 31st. Also a possibility for a pizza dough tossing activity in Doylestown. Will follow up with Dr. O'Day to confirm dates.
5. **Fellowship & Advisory** - No news to report.

C. Finance

1. **Audit** - No news to report.
2. **Budget & Finance** - Dr. Rosenthal just received the financials so there is not a Budget yet. Dr. Limberakis would like to hold a meeting for the Budget Committee to review.

D. Governance

1. **Nominating** - The following were nominated for next year's slate of officers:

President-elect: Dr. Mark Kienle

Treasurer: Dr. Hai "Steve" Qing

Corresponding Secretary: Dr. William Riviera

Recording Secretary: Dr. Ariana Mason

2nd District Directors (expires 2025): Dr. Rachel Lewin, Dr. Andrew Steinkeler, and Dr. Gino Inverso

Delegates and alternates were also elected: Delegates: Dr. Jessie Scordamaglia; Dr. Andrew Steinkeler; Dr. Matt Garbin; Dr. Danielle Teitelman; Dr. Ariana Mason; Dr. Hadi Ghazzouli; Dr. Angela Stout; Dr. Steve Qing; Dr. David Kaffey; Dr. Rachel Lewin; Dr. Cary Limberakis

Alternates: Dr. Mark Kienle; Dr. Dhaval Shah; Dr. Maggie Rosenberger; Dr. Amy Farrell; Dr. Jay Freedman; Dr. Nelly Silva; Dr. Ada Greenfield; Dr. Lisbeth Pulaski; Dr. Nancy Rosenthal; Dr. Bruce Terry; Dr. Bernie Dishler

2. **Constitution & By Laws** - No news to report.

E. Membership

1. **Membership** - Dr. Limberakis presented on behalf of Dr. Freedman and advised everyone to sign up for Mom n PA in Allentown June 2nd and 3rd. Sign up takes place mid-Feb to end of Feb. mom-n-pa.com. A reminder that participants get CE for participating. April 28 and 29th is the PDA annual meeting celebrating Dr. Rosenthal.
Weekend schedule: Fri - CE, Fri night - cocktail party, speaker, dessert reception. Sat - AM breakfast, Award ceremony for 10 under 10, business meeting for 10 under 10. Sat PM CE, then Conshohocken Brewery family event, Sun Morning women's brunch. This is the first time that the PDA has had a meeting in Montgomery County so it's important to show our support and participate.
2. **New Dentist Subcommittee** - Dr. Farrell asks what if we move the Elmwood Zoo event to Sept. 10 or the 24th. Sept. 24th is a Jewish Holiday, so the 10th would be preferable, Dr. Farrell will confirm that the 10th works for this event. Dr. Greenfield reported that over 40 people attended the Iron Abbey event on Dec. 1st, and it was a success.
3. **Member Insurance Programs** - No news to report.

F. Peer Review

1. **Insurance Review** - No news to report.
2. **Ethics & Law Enforcement** - No news to report.
3. **Patient Relations** - No news to report.

G. Public Interface

1. **Community Dental Awareness** - No one is the chair of this committee, if anyone is interested please let Dr. Garbin or Dr. Howley know.
2. **Interprofessional Relations** - No news to report.
3. **Government Relations** - Dr. Dishler reports that all the bills we've been working on have to be resubmitted again (in the state and federal). He asks that we consider making political contributions. If anyone would like to be an ADPAC rep for Brian Fitzpatrick in Bucks County, please let him know. You meet with him once or twice a year as an action leader. March 5-7 is a legislative meeting

in Washington DC. Could potentially provide scholarships to get involved and cover the costs. If you make a corporate check, it cannot be used for political contributions, you can only donate by personal check. "Soft dollars" can be used from your practice but cannot go to the candidate, used for admin things, social functions etc. "Hard dollars" can be used for the candidate and come from personal checks only.

H. Executive Director - There are 2 awards given to the high school and middle school science fair at Germantown Academy. Date of the event is Thursday, March 23 and is usually an all day event. Dr. Greenfield volunteered to attend. A motion was made to give \$100 to the winners of the science fair. It was unanimously approved.

I. Parliamentarian - No news to report.

J. Ad Hoc Committee Reports - No news to report.

Old Business: No news to report.

New Business: Dr. Dishler discussed making an annual contribution to the Mission of Mercy. Last year MBDS gave a \$4k donation. Dr. Dishler made a motion asking for a \$6k donation to Mission of Mercy. There was a discussion about whether we can continue making contributions like this when we end our budget at a deficit. Dr. Garbin states we will likely run out of funds within 10 years if we continue to increase the donations, even though dues were raised last year. When the Budget Committee meets, they will discuss this. Dr. Garbin recommends a donation "match" with members. The donor will donate to Montgomery Bucks, and Montgomery Bucks will write the final check after all the donations come in. The motion was amended: there will be a donation from Montgomery Bucks to match up to \$3k to MomnPA for private donations. The vote to approve the motion as amended was unanimously approved. We need volunteers to help with the social media campaign for this, Dr. Lewin will help.

Dr. Lewin initiated a discussion about Diversity & Inclusion and asks if we've had any initiatives. Dr. Garbin asked for volunteers to start an Ad Hoc Committee to come up with Action Items for the D & I. Dr. Lewin, Dr. Stout, Dr. Teitelman, Dr. Garbin and Dr. Vu volunteered. Dr. Garbin will send an email to other Board members to see if anyone else is interested in joining the committee. PDA has a D&I policy to potentially model.

PDA sent an email from the ADA Trustee Jim Boyle about what is our "why" as dentists. Dr. Limberakis asks us to consider this.

Adjournment: 8:41 pm