Representing YOU at NYSDA
by JOHN P. DEMAS, D.D.S.

On the first weekend of this past June, over 100 delegates and alternate delegates to the New York State Dental Association (NYSDA) convened in Buffalo, New York. They were representatives from each of the 13 component districts which make up NYSDA.

The meeting was hosted by the Eighth District Dental Society, whose members are dentists from the eight counties of Western New York — Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming. The Second District Dental Society (SDDS) caucus of volunteers happily devoted their time to our Society and its members.

We surely appreciate their efforts, especially when they could have instead been spending time in their own practices or with their families. A number of the issues dealt with were of a housekeeping nature, such as adoption of the agenda and adoption of the Board of Trustees’ nominations to state councils, while others put one deep in the weeds with the intricacies of the NYSDA budget.

The elected slate of officers included our own Dr. Craig Ratner (who, until the installation of the newly elected officers was the vice president of NYSDA) as the NYSDA president-elect. This

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CRESO Corner — Article 175 Update
by MARTIN SCHNEE

The NYC Office of Radiological Health has revised their Article 175 of the NYC Health Code and added a few new policies that affect dentists. You may have recently received a letter indicating that there are new regulations and that the City will be enforcing them. This does not mean that you need a new inspection. You are still on the same five-year inspection cycle. The City has resumed sending out the commissioner’s order notifying dentists of their five-year due date. Please do not rely on this, as there have been errors in their mailings. Keep track of your own due dates.

Every dentist must have a copy of the new Article 175. To get yours, simply Google “Article 175 NYC health code.” It typically will be the first choice that pops up. The entire section is about 139 pages but you do not need to print it; just download and save it to your desktop. The main section pertaining to dental regulations is §175.49 and there are three main changes of which you should be aware. The first change affects all dentists with a requirement to train all new staff and old staff annually as to the effects of radiation and the proper use of the dental equipment. This will have to be documented. The second new requirement affects handheld units and requires that anyone using such a unit wear a protective apron. The third requirement is for CBCT and has reduced the quarterly tests to semi-annual tests; however, a medical physicist will have to perform both these tests. The annual calibration is still required. Be aware that there are other regulations that affect dentists besides section §175.49 throughout Article 175.

The Office of Radiological Health has developed a form for canceling a permit or removing/ replacing an X-ray unit that must be sent to them within 14 days of
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means that at next year’s NYSDA House of Delegates (HOD) meeting, Dr. Ratner will automatically succeed Dr. Payam Goudarzi as president of NYSDA.

An extremely close race between Drs. Kevin Henner and Maria Maranga (both of Suffolk County) for the position of vice president was decided in favor of Dr. Henner by single digits.

The HOD did adopt, after some discussion, a resolution from the NYSDA Council on Membership & Communications which resulted in a change to our constitution and bylaws. The resolution calls for the inclusion of an additional member to a number of councils, that additional member being a new dentist member of the Association. The term “new dentist” means a dentist who graduated from dental school with a D.D.S. or a D.M.D. degree less than 10 years prior to their service on any council. The councils which have been mandated to have an additional member are Ethics, Governmental Affairs, Membership and Communications, Peer Review and Quality Assurance, Professional Liability Insurance and all additional councils, with the exception of the Council on Awards and the Council on Nominations.

The rationale behind this resolution comes reasonably from the evaluation of the reality that New York state has over 8,800 total active licensed member dentists, of which 1,700 are actively licensed new dentist members. Do the math and you will see that new dentists represent 20 percent of the NYSDA membership. What you might not be aware of is that new dentist members have only 2 percent leadership representation on NYSDA councils and committees and 4 percent at the House of Delegates. The HOD has recognized that we must actively encourage the participation of our new members in our governance, as, indeed, they are the future of NYSDA. Other actions taken were:

1. NYSDA established the Committee on Dental Medicaid as a permanent committee,
2. That NYSDA urge the NYS Department of Financial Services (DFS) to develop a standardized form summarizing the benefits and costs of dental insurance plans to help plan purchasers and patients understand and compare plan coverage,
3. That NYSDA encourage the New York State Dental Foundation to develop and promote a continuing education program to help practicing dentists more effectively treat patients with Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia, and
4. That NYSDA’s trustee to the ADA House of Delegates submit a resolution that the American Dental Association, through its appropriate agency or agencies, develop a screening tool/protocol for pediatric airway issues for use by dentists and that this tool be promoted for use in dental practice and at ADA Give Kids A Smile events where permitted under applicable state laws and regulations.

A resolution submitted by the SDDS caucus regarding the print version of the New York State Dental Journal (NYSDJ) was defeated by the house, but it was not ineffectual. A resolution which had been adopted at the 2018 NYSDA HOD meeting created a committee whose task it was to study and evaluate the format and model of the NYSDJ, take into consideration our demographics and review the fiscal implications of continuing the publications in their current formats as compared to different formats. Additionally, the committee was tasked with reporting the results of this study to the board of trustees and the 2019 NYSDA House of Delegates.

The results were indeed reported to the board of trustees but before they were reported to the 2019 NYSDA HOD, the board of trustees adopted a plan which, among other things, would phase out the current print and PDF versions of the NYSDJ. Without boring you with all the details of that committee’s report (the author will forward them to you at your request), the results of their study did not support the actions taken and exception was taken to eliminating the print version of the NYSDJ, effectively eliminating a conduit of scientific, legislative and practice-related information from a very large portion of our membership.

Again, while our resolution was defeated it has been reported to us that the board of trustees has clearly heard our concern and the adopted “plan” has become a “pilot study.” Clearly, to be continued!

The 2020 NYSDA HOD meeting will take place in Binghamton from May 27 to May 31, 2020, inclusive. Members are encouraged to contact the SDDS delegates (nominations will take place at the October General Membership meeting, with elections to follow at the November General Membership meeting; the names of the new delegates will be posted on the SDDS website at www.sddsnys.org) to garner information and express their opinions and reaction to the actions of the HOD, especially if you are among those members who might no longer read the NYSDJ should it only be available online.

Dr. John Demas is a NYSDA delegate and representative to the NYSDA Council on Dental Practice.

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Since 2016, Second District Dental Society (SDDS) has assisted its newly-licensed members with their dental school loan debt through its Loan Forgiveness Program, which awards grants of up to $10,000 each to qualified applicants. This year, 20 SDDS members were selected as the recipients of grants totaling $200,000. The awardees are Drs. Corey Black, Joseph Cipriano, Phillip Claassen, David Dayan, John DiMaggio, Chrestene Fam, Elliot Haber, Elena Johnston, Philip Kaplan, Jennifer Katz, Nataliya Knap, Myrodati Lyristis, Joseph Merola, Esther Nelson, Jacqueline Pierre, Eliana Sarit, Brock Saucy, Prashant Sukhani, Steve Yusupov and Mitchell Zientz. All grants are paid directly to the loan provider on each awardee’s behalf.

As in previous years, this year’s award cycle was open to newly-licensed SDDS members who had been licensed for five years or less and working in Brooklyn and/or Staten Island, were fully active members of SDDS, and had over $50,000 in documented dental school loan debt. Applicants were also required to submit dental school transcripts, complete three essays distinguishing themselves to the Program Committee and have their employers complete a directed recommendation form illustrating their character and leadership skills. To keep the sele- Continued on Page 8

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The Importance of Organized Dentistry

by ERIN WESTERKAM, D.M.D.

As my residency graduation approaches, I am being forced to face the impending reality of practicing on my own. I’ll be without attendings to fall back on when I am in a pinch and I’ll be without a big-name hospital or school to protect me financially. I’ll be on my own. Except I won’t, and that is where organized dentistry comes in.

One of the most important things for me is that organized dentistry creates a community so you never feel alone in your workforce. You always have someone to turn to if you need advice or help. Organized dentistry allows for further education of each individual involved because it is a collective community of the brilliant minds of the field. We can share resources, be involved in research, do continuing education courses and overall, become better oral health care providers. It truly helps the dental student transition into the professional world that can be so overwhelming.

During my GPR, I have continuously heard from my mentors and elders about the importance of advocacy in the dental field. Dentistry is changing and going in a direction that is not always beneficial to either the provider or the patient. Corporations are taking over dental practices and trying to capitalize on the dental market. Organized dentistry allows us to advocate for our profession. It combines the voices of the people to address critical issues the profession is facing and create powerful impact and change.

Issues such as student loan debt, barriers to care, water fluoridation and licensure reforms are all on the forefront of change. Student Lobby Day on both the national and state levels can create real change and get voices heard. It’s amazing that we have platforms through which we can protect ourselves and advocate for our patients.

Lastly, organized dentistry is so beneficial for the service it provides to the people. Oral health awareness in America is constantly rising due to organized dentistry now and for the future of my career.

Dr. Erin Westerkam is a recent graduate of the GPR program at New York-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital.

Dental Practices Using Microsoft Windows 7 Should be Prepared for Update

by MITCHELL RUBINSTEIN, D.M.D.

Windows 7 has been the most widely used operating system for healthcare business operations since it was released in 2009. However, many users may be unaware that as of Jan. 14, 2020, Microsoft will no longer support or update Windows 7 or Windows Server 2008. As of that date, there will be no further security patches, and users of these systems will immediately become vulnerable to hacking and security threats.

Using an unsupported operating system leaves patient health information vulnerable to attack, and offices using such systems after the deadline would be considered non-compliant with HIPAA regulations. It would be a major security and compliance risk for you to continue to have any unsupported computers on your network after the Jan. 14, 2020 date.

Now is the time to plan to update your system. Windows 10, Windows Server 2019 and Microsoft Office 365 will continue to be fully supported and they may work with your existing hardware and software. Speak to your IT professional to evaluate what is best for your practice. Do it soon, because you can expect that the closer you get to the deadline, the busier your IT professional will be upgrading other people’s systems. Users of Windows 7 Professional and Windows 7 Enterprise can purchase Extended Security Updates through January 2023.

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such action. Remember, everything you do for a car, you do for your permit — two-year permit renewal, five-year inspection cycle and cancellation of permit when you retire or sell a practice. If you get rid of an X-ray unit make sure you get a receipt. X-ray tubes may not be discarded as normal garbage. Permits are NOT transferable to new owners or for a change of name or address. Make sure you have a copy of your last inspection report.

Please be adviced of the passing of one of our beloved medical physicists, CRESO Sree Murthy.

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After April, May and June showers, it appears the summer is finally here! Most New York City elementary, middle and high schools have closed for summer vacation. Kids are off to camp. Families are away for vacations. Life in the city has slowed down. Yes, what was once an hour drive to work on the Van Wyck Expressway and Belt Parkway is less than half the time. Streets in general are free from traffic. Life is good. Hey, but not so fast! Just when you’re now consistently arriving at the office before your staff, ready to work and ready to enjoy your day helping your patients while listening to their life stories, you look around and no one’s there. Everyone is away on vacation or just enjoying the summer weather, the beaches, the drive through the country.

With all this extra time on your hands it may also be a good time to shut down the office and have some summer fun! Or, now that it’s quiet, it could be a great time to manage your office obligations. Hmmm, but this will require some good organizational skills, something with which a bit of summer haze can easily interfere. Well, let’s shake it off and get to work, because there is plenty to accomplish. I don’t have to tell you how easy it is to be distracted from our full life events during the year, so maybe a checklist could be developed by the dental societies around the country to assist their members in being up to date on all the federal, state and city rules and regulations we dentists are likely to encounter during the course of our professional practice that needs our timely attention. Our executive director and I have attempted to put together a checklist of common responsibilities faced by our members (see Figure 1).

Now may be the best time in the year to evaluate our compliance with legal requirements, allowing us to practice safely, effectively and efficiently, practicing free of worry about the consequences of government intrusion such as fines, work stoppage and attacks on your reputation. Second District Dental Society (SDDS) will not only help with advice on navigating federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations, but we are also trying to effect change from overly restrictive government oversight. SDDS is all about providing ways to navigate and dissipate your summer daze. Have a happy, relaxed and productive summer!

Training and education updates:
- 1) Sexual harassment training (annually)
- 2) HIPAA updates to review with staff (at hiring and when updates occur)
- 3) Opioid prescribing course (every 3 years)
- 4) Infection control course (every 4 years)
- 5) ALS/BLS CPR course (every 2 years)
- 6) Emergency action training (written fire prevention and emergency exit plans — consider rehearsing with annual drills)
- 7) Reviewing how much more of your mandated 60 CE credits are still needed (every 3 years)

License, registrations and malpractice insurance:
- 1) NY State license registration (every 3 years)
- 2) Specialty board re-certification (differs with specialty)
- 3) NY sedation registration (every 3 years)
- 4a) Malpractice insurance (annually)
  - b) Risk management course (varies; check with your malpractice insurance carrier)
- 5) DEA registration (every 3 years)
- 6) NYC radiation training for office (annually)
- 7) NYC X-ray machines registration (every 2 years)
- 8) NYC X-ray machine CRESO inspection (every 5 years)
- 9) NYC CBCT inspection (annually and semiannually by medical physicist)
- 10) NYC CBCT registration (every 2 years)

Dental office inspections and regulations:
- 1) Amalgam separator (one-time compliance report)
- 2) Back flow valve (annual test for Department of Environmental Protection)
- 3) Waste disposal and recycling
- 4) Document shredding
- 5) Fire extinguishers inspection (annually)
- 6) Air-conditioning units (annually — depending on ownership, Condo BIN #)
- 7) Autoclave spore testing (weekly)
- 8) Chair maintenance — running lines
- 9) Water filter maintenance
- 10) Check batteries on AED (every 4 years; may differ by manufacturer) and BP machine
- 11) Replace pads on AED (every 4 years; may differ by manufacturer)

Server, workstation computers and credit card machine maintenance:
- 1) Windows operating system upgrades (when Microsoft discontinues security update support)
- 2) Credit card machine (quarterly tests and annual attestation)

Hospital and dental school affiliated dentists:
- 1) Annual physical and PPD
- 2) Relevant hospital/dental school obligations (varies; check with your institution)
Second District Dental Society Gives Back!

Every year, Second District Dental Society (SDDS) recognizes graduating students from local dental programs who have made exceptional strides in their academic careers. This year, students from New York City College of Technology (City Tech) received awards from SDDS at two separate ceremonies. The first was at the City Tech Restorative Dentistry Program graduating ceremony on May 16, where Dr. Tricia Quartey-Sagaille (SDDS librarian-curator) presented students Erika Ramirez and Peculiar Germain with certificates of recognition and monetary awards of $500 each. Ms. Ramirez’ certificate was for her technical proficiency, while Ms. Germain’s was for academic excellence.

At the City Tech Dental Hygiene Program pinning ceremony on May 29, student Christina Fuentes was recognized for her exemplary professionalism, while student Nastassia Liaushun was recognized for her academic excellence. Both students also received awards of $500 each. All awards were presented by SDDS President Dr. Alyson Buchalter.

SDDS also recognized graduating students from the dental assisting program at Tottenville High School. On May 21, Dr. Marc Meiselman, past president of Richmond County Dental Society (RCDS), attended an awards ceremony at Tottenville High School in Staten Island, where students Kaylynn Rivero and Tyler Scotto were presented with certificates of recognition for academic excellence and clinical excellence, respectively. Each student also received monetary awards of $250 each.

SDDS congratulates all students who graduated from dental programs this year and wishes them the best of luck in their professional endeavors!

SDDS Announces 2019 Loan Forgiveness Award Winners

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tion process free from bias, all applications were reviewed by the SDDS Loan Forgiveness Program Committee through its program consultants, International Scholarship and Tuition Services.
"Friending" Patients on Social Media: What are the Potential Ethical Considerations?

Q: As caring, compassionate, and friendly practitioners, we naturally care and are curious about our patients and their lives. We certainly garner information on many of our patients' typical family activities, vacations, purchases, life changes, and other events as a part of interacting with them in a treatment setting. In fact, this is often how we best display our concern for them beyond perceiving them as merely dental cases needing treatment. However, in recent history, we are faced with another entirely new way to interact with patients, and that is the various social media sites that are so common now. One of the most prominent is, of course, Facebook. For the sake of simplicity, we will consider Facebook here as our example case. The question is whether "friending" patients on Facebook is ethical. Some ethical issues include the following: Should you have a "Practice Only" page that you link and share with patients? Is it appropriate to link your personal page to their pages?

A: Among the issues to consider with social media is the very real fact that posted information is seen and shared by others. It can be shared beyond the original intended recipients. This can have unintended consequences and potential ethical repercussions.

There are consequences to consider, such as patients' viewing something on your personal page that is embarrassing or somehow compromising, thereby exposing risk to your professional and community reputation. Perhaps those family gatherings or a recent college reunion bash and all their related posted pictures are not such a great idea to share with the public and your patients. Is it not preferable to separate social relationships from professional relationships? Is this not related to the reason why it is considered ethically problematic to have personal relationships with patients?

The Introduction and Preamble of the American Dental Association's Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct (ADA Code) state, "The dental profession holds a special position of trust within society. As a consequence, society affords the profession certain privileges that are not available to members of the public-at-large. In return, the profession makes a commitment to society that its members will adhere to high ethical standards of conduct," and that dentists will "follow high ethical standards which have the benefit of the patient as their primary goal."

These sections of the ADA Code make it clear that as professionals we are obligated to adhere to the highest possible ethical standards and to place our patients' well-being above any concerns of our own.

Bearing this mandate in mind, perhaps it is wisest to interact with patients on Facebook only via maintaining the professional relationship through a professional page. Sharing your personal activities and exploits with patients seems more than a bit removed from providing any benefit to the patients. It would seem it is a benefit you enjoy, as you wish to share your fun, activities, and good fortune with them for your own reasons.

What is the benefit to the patients in such a social relationship? How does the fact that you have access to their personal lives benefit them? You might enjoy the knowledge, but our goal is to benefit the patients. An argument could be made that sharing more about yourself might benefit the patients by making you more of a "real person" rather than their "dentist." However, a practice-based site can provide this information in a more professional and controlled manner.

What are the consequences of knowledge gained through this connection that exists outside the dentist-patient relationship? There are potential dangers and complications associated with knowledge you might gain from the patients' personal pages. What if you learn they abuse drugs or alcohol? What if you learn teens are smoking or engaging in other behaviors they deny or that their parents might not know about?

In Section 2, the principle Nonmaleficence ("do no harm") explains, "The dentist has a duty to refrain from harming the patient." Furthermore, the principle "ex-

presses the concept that professionals have a duty to protect the patient from harm." Under this principle, the dentist's primary obligation includes doing nothing that is harmful to the patient. It seems wise to be aware that getting too involved in patients' personal business offers more chances for harm than it does for any benefit.

Section 2.G, Personal Relationships With Patients, explains, "Dentists should avoid interpersonal relationships that could impair their professional judgment or risk the possibility of exploiting the confidence placed in them by a patient." This section certainly seems to apply here. A personal connection on social media seems ripe for any number of hazards that this section is designed to protect against.

In Section 5, the principle Veracity ("truthfulness") states that the dentist has a duty to communicate truthfully. The section explains,

This principle expresses the concept that professionals have a duty to be honest and trustworthy in their dealings with people. Under this principle, the dentist's primary obligations include respecting the position of trust inherent in the dentist-patient relationship, communicating truthfully and without deception, and maintaining intellectual integrity.

As we work to preserve the trust and integrity of the profession in the eyes of the public, it does not seem helpful to offer simultaneously online material that conceivably could undermine that same trust and integrity. Postings that are visible to our patients that may seem appropriate in a social setting are often inappropriate in a professional relationship.

Finally, Section 5.F.6, Websites and Search Engine Optimization,
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seems to be a summary of this issue in that it states, “Many dentists employ an internet web site to announce their practices, introduce viewers to the professionals and staff in the office, describe practice philosophies and impart oral health care information to the public.” Although this is not unethical, “Dentists have an ethical obligation to ensure that their web sites, like their other professional announcements, are truthful and do not present information in a manner that is false and misleading in a material respect.”

The bottom line is that your online sites and actions should comport with the ADA Code and its important guidance for behaving ethically and professionally.

In the old days, it was easier to separate a professional relationship from a personal one. The boundaries were clearer and easier to maintain. Caution should be the watchword, and, if in doubt, err on the side of being the “professional” and not the “friend.”

When patients entered into a dentist-patient relationship, they did not automatically agree to a personal relationship or to be your “friend.” There can be a feeling of undue pressure from them to accept your friend request because of your position of authority in the relationship. You should also be cautious about accepting any friend request initiated by the patients.

Be extremely careful about what you post and share. Much like negative reviews posted online, the information is there to stay whether you like it or not.

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MINUTES OF THE MAY 6, 2019 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

President, Dr. Alyson Buchalter, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Motion passed: To accept the minutes as corrected for the April 1, 2019 Board of Trustees meeting

PRESENT: Drs. Buchalter, Albicocco, Bina, Donato, Flagiello, Quartey-Sagaille, Rosenwein, Segelnick, Mistretta, Bongiorno, Bucigrossi, Butt, De Leonibus, Demas, Katz, Lieb, McIntyre, Meiselman, Mindlin, Ohrnna, Richard, Sconzo, Teplinsky, Turchak, Venterina and Wolfe

GUESTS: Drs. Raymond Duong, Lori Shah, Shannel Beckles and Jack Lam (Interfaith Medical Center); Drs. John Halikias, Steven Gounardes, Constantine Pavlakos and Craig Ratner

DECEASED MEMBERS: Dr. Arthur Blakeman — University of Pennsylvania, 1942

NEW MEMBERS: Dr. Yi Joy Lin — Nova Southeastern University, 2015

REINSTATEMENTS: Dr. Sheryl Gomes — University of Pennsylvania, 1994

Dr. Debbie Olivierre-Noel — University of Maryland, 1987

Dr. Arver Rubinstein — University of Pennsylvania, 1998

Dr. Arcady Sniper — New York University, 1983

TRANSFERS: Dr. Ewelina Seka — Columbus University, 2016 (from New York County Dental Society)

GRADUATE STUDENTS/RESIDENTS:
Dr. Michael Chen — Harvard University, 2017 (Coney Island Hospital Center)

Dr. Juji Lee — Tufts University, 2014 (Wycoff Heights Medical Center)

Dr. Anila Qureshi — Stony Brook University, 2017 (NYU Langone Hospital)

Dr. Jonathan Snow — Rutgers University, 2014 (Maimonides Medical Center)

Dr. Seung Yu — Ohio State University, 2018 (VA Harbor Healthcare/Brooklyn)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Dr. Nojan Bakhtiari — Harbor Healthcare/Brooklyn

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Dr. Jonathan Snow — Rutgers University, 2014

Dr. Arslan Qureshi — Stony Brook University, 2017

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CORRESPONDENCE:

New York University, 2011

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Treasurer — Dr Raymond Flagiello:

• Oral report given discussed Chase operating accounts and Vanguard portfolio

Executive Director — Dr. Bernard Hackett:

• Medical Alert: Dr. Mary Foste at the NYC health department will put together another article for our Bulletin

• NYS Single Payer Bill: The Senate will not be putting it up for a vote before 2028. The governor is for a national program

• Nominating Committee: Five past presidents, plus Drs. Demas, McIntyre, Pavlakos, Ratner and Meiselman) were asked to set up an evening meeting in June

• NYSDA House of Delegates June 7-9: Our caucus will meet on Monday, June 5 prior to Board meeting to review resolutions and on Saturday of HOD meeting at 8 a.m. to review reference committee reports

• Joint Audit Committee chaired by Dr. Cooperman at NYCDHS HQ to review 2018-19 GNYDM audited statement. Drs. Mindlin, Demas, Meiselman and Mr. Hackett will attend

Property Taxes: We saved over $8,000 following an appeal and revised assessed value

X-ray inspection: Many members were in violation and an email blast will be sent to all members as a reminder

Former Presidents dinner will be held Thursday, May 9, 7 p.m., at Gargiulo’s

Document shredding this Friday, May 10 at SDDS HQ at 9 a.m.

NYSDA REPORTS:

Report on Council on Government Affairs — Dr. Raymond Flagiello (previously emailed):

• Single Payer Bill has been pushed by Assemblymen Gottfried for 30 years, council is staying neutral for now as the Governor does not support and it has been postponed for two years

Minutes and Report – Dental Benefits Plans — Dr. Alyson Buchalter (previously emailed):

• The council approved two resolutions. First one asks NYSDA to urge NYS Department of Financial Services to develop a standardized set of information all insurance plan providers must make available to patients and plan purchasers. Second one recommends the Medicaid Subcommittee be renewed for an additional two years. The components will be asked to recommend one person to the sub-committee (currently required two names)

• ADA compliant websites: info to come via the website

• ADA and NYS are working hard to protect the profession and the public regarding SmileDirectClub/Aetna/UnitedHealthcare/CVS/Walgreens

• Due to antitrust concerns NYSFDA declined to endorse a company to negotiate provider reimbursement fee schedules with insurance companies

• The council also took part in an emergency teleconference call about the single payer health system in NY and like most others, felt it was bad for providers and patients

• Report on Peer Review and QA — Dr. Sari Rosenwein (previously emailed):

• Dr. Rosenwein attended her last council meeting. The NY County chair of their peer review committee was doing clinical exams which is not standard protocol for the chair. The council voted unanimously to uphold current rules that the chair does not examine patients or render an opinion

• NYSDA Trustee Report — Dr. Mitchell Mindlin:

• Resolutions to expect before the HOD: NY Health Act, clinical treatment course for treating Alzheimer’s patients, adding “new” dentists to all NYS councils, recommendation for dues increase and phasing out print journal

• Passed a resolution put forth by Dr. Ratner to review and revile all policies of NYSDA councils on periodic basis to keep them current

• Demonstration clinics had grant money cut

• ADA and CVS had been in talks to get kiosks in stores and promote ADA seal of approval in stores, and then the announcement came about SDC being offered in CVS. CVS has been asked to sever ties with SDC. NYSDA has also filed a complaint with the AG office.

• Dr. Brendan Dowd and Dr. Lauro Medrano-Saldarla worked things out with the NYSDA risk management course and for NYSDA to have a booth at the GNYDM.

• Dr. Backer was absent

• Dr. Buchalter would like to have Dr. Butt speak with Dr. Backer

NYSDA REPORTS:

Greater New York Dental Meeting — Dr. Lauro Medrano-Saldarla:

• Dr. Medrano-Saldarla was absent

RCDS Branch Society Report — Dr. Charles Mistretta:

• Dr. Christian Carute, a recent graduate from SIU GPR, program has been placed on ladder

• Last meeting had great attendance

• Golf outing is at NF National Golf Club in Basking Ridge on June 13; Dr. Bryan Porzioni is chair

• Dr. Klein and Klein will co-chair children’s dental health month activities next year

Loan Forgiveness Program — Dr. Craig Ratner:

• Discussed TDSI buying club and 25% savings with free shipping and returns. www.tdsc.com or nysdental.org

• Loan forgiven: received many applications and have ample funds so this year, the committee recommends we give 20 awards of $10,000 each

• Motion from Dr. McIntyre to give 20 awards at $10,000 each, seconded and passed unanimously

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (none)

NEW BUSINESS:

• Dr. Segelnick updated us on need for Windows update by next year

GOOD & WELFARE:

• Dr. Mindlin congratulated Dr. Sconzo on the graduation of his daughter from college

• Dr. Demas announced his older daughter is an artist and her work will be shown in Red Hook and younger daughter will graduate from University of Michigan Law School

• Dr. McIntyre congratulated Dr. Rosenwein’s son on his recent marriage

• Dr. Albicocco thanked Dr. Rosenwein for her years of service to the peer review council and committee

• Dr. Bina announced on Saturday, May 11, 12 p.m. a ceremony at 81st Street at 19th Avenue will be renamed Mafaldia DeMango Way

ADJOURNMENT: 8:09 p.m.
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