Dr. Reneida Reyes to Receive SDDS Distinguished Service Award

by BERNARD HACKETT, SDDS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Reneida E. Reyes is to be the recipient of Second District Dental Society’s Distinguished Service Award. This award is the Society’s most prestigious award and is periodically presented to a member of Second District Dental Society (SDDS) whose contributions to the Society and dentistry are truly outstanding. Created in 1977, it has been awarded on only 13 previous occasions.

Dr. Reyes has held every elected position in the Society, moving up “the ladder” to its presidency in 1993, the first woman president of the Society in its nearly 160-year history. She continues to serve on the Membership and Communications Committee and as an associate editor of the SDDS Bulletin. Arguably, Dr. Reyes’ finest work with SDDS has been

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MONDAY  SDDS Headquarters, Brooklyn, 7 P.M.
DEC. 9  SDDS Board of Trustees Meeting

FRIDAY  SDDS Headquarters, Brooklyn, 9:30 A.M. – 3 P.M.
DEC. 13  Continuing Education Course #2019-24
"CPR and Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office by Michael Kaliroff, Certified Instructor"

MONDAY  SDDS Headquarters, Brooklyn, 7 P.M.
JAN. 6  SDDS Board of Trustees Meeting

SUNDAY  The Yale Club, 50 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York, 12 P.M. – 4 P.M.
JAN. 12  SDDS Installation of Officers
Annual Meeting and Installation

SATURDAY  Richmond County Country Club, 135 Flagg Place, Staten Island, 7 P.M. to Midnight
JAN. 25  RCDS Installation of Officers
Installation of Officers and Dinner Dance

MONDAY  SDDS Headquarters, Brooklyn, 7 P.M.
FEB. 3  SDDS Board of Trustees Meeting

FRIDAY  SDDS Headquarters, Brooklyn, 9:30 A.M. – 3 P.M.
FEB. 7  Continuing Education Course #2020-01
"CPR and Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office by Michael Kaliroff, Certified Instructor"
Medicare Denies Payment to Dentists Who Opt-Out

by ALYSON BUCHALTER, D.M.D.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is at it again. First, a little history.

Back in 2015 CMS wanted to stop payment for drugs covered by Medicare Part D if the prescribing practitioner did not enroll in or opt-out of Medicare. They also proposed requiring enrollment in Medicare to be reimbursed by Medicare Advantage Plans, Part C. We were told to take action, enroll or opt-out and most of us did.

But the ADA did not stop lobbying CMS and three years later, in 2018, we WON! The rule was rescinded. If you procrastinated and did nothing, enrolled as one of the various types of providers or even opted-out of Medicare, your patients’ ability to have their medications paid for by Medicare was unaffected. And you did not have to enroll to receive Medicare Advantage plan payments. But there is a new problem, and it can be a costly one if you elected to opt-out of Medicare. Despite all the ADAs’ efforts, this problem is not going away.

Currently, as most of us are aware, there are virtually no dental benefits in original Medicare. But very often, seniors now purchase a Medicare Advantage plan which can have dental benefits. These Medicare Advantage Plans are offered by commercial insurance companies like Aetna and United Concordia. Your patient’s plan will look like any other commercial dental insurance plan, only they are really Medicare plans.

Carriers are beginning to enforce CMS’s rule to deny reimbursement to providers who opted-out of Medicare for any services billed to a Medicare Advantage Plan. If you fall into that category you must inform, in writing, all the Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) to whom you submitted an affidavit when you opted out at least 30 days before your next opt-out period begins. Opt-out automatically renews for a two-year period if you do not cancel it. If you allow your opt-out status to remain in effect you will not be reimbursed by Medicare Advantage Plans even if you are in network with that carrier.

For a list of all MACs to whom you may have sent an affidavit, go to: http://bit.ly/MAC_List

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Dr. Alyson Buchalter is president of Second District Dental Society and the Second District representative to the NYSDA Council on Dental Benefit Plans.

In Memoriam

DR. LEONARD N. DeBELLIS — Georgetown University, 1942
DR. CORAZON JOVEN-MORA — 1955 (foreign dental school, name unknown)
DR. YALE J. PAVA — New York University, 1946

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Kickoff of SDDS 2020 Loan Forgiveness Program

by BERNARD HACKETT, SDDS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Second District Dental Society (SDDS) will kick off the fourth year of its Dental School Loan Forgiveness Program. The program was formerly established by the SDDS Board of Trustees in 2016, recognizing the increasingly burdensome and well-documented dental school loan debt problem experienced by our younger dentists who are just starting out in practice. It has been reported that the average dental school graduate’s debt now approaches $300,000! The program was created to help lighten the load for some deserving new dentists who have chosen to call Brooklyn or Staten Island their professional home. In 2017, four young dentist members received grants totaling $37,500. In 2018, ten recipients received grants totaling $100,000. And this year, SDDS awarded grants totaling $200,000 to 20 recipients.

SDDS continues to be on the forefront of helping new graduates in areas that count. We make available over two dozen continuing education courses to hospital residents tuition free. Residents and new members are also encouraged to learn and socialize with other members at our SDDS and Richmond County Dental Society membership meetings free of charge. Special social events with programmatic topics designed specifically for them are presented during the year. And through our Greater New York Dental Meeting, the entire package of CE geared toward new practitioners, volunteer opportunities and social exposure on a much grander scale is there for the taking.

In this its fourth year, the Loan Forgiveness Program will provide several awards to eligible and deserving new licensed dentists in amounts up to $10,000 who are selected. Once again, the program application is open to all newly-licensed dentists who have had their New York State license five years or less, successfully completed at least a full postgraduate year of residency prior to the time of application, are paid Active members of SDDS and organized dentistry (not graduate student members), and have more than $50,000 in documented dental school loan debt. The award is a one-time grant. Past recipients may reapply in subsequent years and are eligible to receive up to three awards if they meet current program criteria. The grants are paid directly to the loan provider on the awardee’s behalf.

New for this year is the inclusion of those who are licensed in New York and in a second or greater year of postgraduate training (if they have converted to full Active membership). You may wish to call SDDS directly to verify eligibility at (718) 522-3939.

The application, which may be found at https://aim.applyists.net/SecondDistrictDental, asks candidates to fill out demographic information, send dental school transcripts and complete three essays that will distinguish themselves to the program committee. The application also requests the applicant’s current Brooklyn/Staten Island employer(s) to complete a directed recommendation form that describes the candidate’s character, leadership skills and commitment to the Brooklyn – Staten Island area.

The application period for this year’s program will open on January 1, 2020 and will close March 31, 2020. The Loan Forgiveness Program Committee, through its program consultants International Scholarship and Tuition services (ISTS), will sort through the completed applications and select the 2020 recipients for presentation to the SDDS Board for final approval. The awardees will be notified by the end of April 2020.

So, if you are a new dentist who has been licensed for five years or less, have fully completed your first year of postgraduate residency prior to January 1, 2020, are practicing the majority of the time in Brooklyn and/or Staten Island, have more than $50,000 in dental school loan debt, are a paid Active member of the ADA, NYSDA and SDDS and would like to pay up to $10,000 less to your loan provider, we encourage you to submit a completed application at https://aim.applyists.net/SecondDistrictDental no later than March 31, 2020. It is our sincere hope that you will be one of the selected award recipients!

NYSDOH Issues New E-Prescribing Blanket Waiver

On November 1, 2019 the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) issued a blanket waiver of the electronic prescribing regulations which affects dentists who work in nursing homes and residential health care facilities. This waiver, which has been issued annually since 2017, replaces the blanket waiver the NYSDOH issued in November 2018. Affected dentists can continue to use either the Official New York State Prescription Form or issue an oral prescription.

According to the letter sent to practitioners by the NYSDOH, “while many nursing homes and residential health care facilities have adopted electronic prescribing, there remain some facilities in which electronic prescribing may not be currently possible due to technological or economic issues or other exceptional circumstances, including a heavy reliance upon oral communications with the prescriber and pharmacy.” This blanket waiver is effective from November 1, 2019 through October 31, 2020.

To view the letter that the NYSDOH sent to all practitioners, visit https://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/narcotic/electronic_prescribing/docs/2019-10-29_blanket_waiver_letter.pdf
SDDS Leaders Meet with Brooklyn Elected Officials

On Wednesday evening, November 13, several Second District Dental Society (SDDS) leaders met with various New York State and City officials at an EDPAC-sponsored reception. It was a unique opportunity for Second District to put faces to the names and personally discuss some of the more pressing issues our membership is facing with members of the New York State Legislature and New York City Council. The “meet and greet” was hosted by New York State Senator Andrew Gounardes and New York State Assemblyman Peter J. Abbate, Jr. and held at La Sorrentina Restaurant. Both Sen. Gounardes and Assemblyman Abbate, Jr. are considered strong allies of the New York State Dental Association (NYSDA) and its membership.

Joining Sen. Gounardes and Assemblyman Abbate, Jr. were NY State Assemblymembers Jaime Williams (Canarsie, Georgetown, Mill Basin, Marine Park, Bergen Beach and Gerritsen Beach), N. Nick Perry (East Flatbush), Robert Carroll (Park Slope, Windsor Terrace, Kensington), Simcha Eichenstein (Borough Park, Midwood) and Walter Mosley (Fort Greene, Clinton Hill, Prospect Heights, Crown Heights and Bedford-Stuyvesant); and New York City Council Members Kalman Yeger (Bensonhurst, Borough Park, Midwood and Ocean Parkway) and Justin Brannan (Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights, Bensonhurst and Bath Beach).

SDDS President Dr. Alyson Buchalter was joined by Drs. Paul Albicocco, Raymond Flagiello, Tricia Quartey-Sagaille, Valerie Venterina and Steven Gounardes. NYSDA Lobbyist Mr. Roy Lasky was also on hand.

Left to right: Council Member Justin Brannan, NYS Senator Andrew Gounardes, SDDS President Dr. Alyson Buchalter, Council Member Kalman Yeger, Dr. Mitchell Mindlin, Dr. Tricia Quartey-Sagaille, Dr. Paul Albicocco, Mr. Roy Lasky (in back); Assemblyman Peter J. Abbate, Jr., Assemblyman Simcha Eichenstein, Dr. Steven Gounardes, Dr. Ray Flagiello, Assemblymember Jaime Williams and Assemblyman N. Nick Perry.

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Volunteer at Some Point in Your Career

by Boris Zats, D.D.S., F.A.D.S.A.

At some point in your career, you realize that you have accumulated years of experience, education and knowledge. Sharing it will not only help other providers but will also give you an unbelievable sense of self-satisfaction and joy. I moved to New York City at age 16 and held some sort of tutoring or educational job all along, starting with tutoring SAT, calculus in college, mentoring dental assistants in the New York University College of Dentistry’s Dental Assistant Program, becoming a faculty and eventually director of oral & maxillofacial surgery at the hospital. When I was invited as a volunteer a few years ago to lecture at Belarusian State Medical University (BSMU) in 2019 on pediatric head and neck infections as a part of a knowledge exchange program, I realized that I would need to travel halfway across the planet just to lecture for few hours and the rest of the lectures material on Pediatric dentistry symposium were not of interest to me.

I decided to reach out to the local head of the organizing committee, Dr. Natalya Shakavets, to see if I could perhaps share my skills and knowledge of 19 years of experience in maxillofacial surgery with local colleagues and operate. I also offered to assist, hold retractors, perhaps observe or be used in any matter local surgeons would need me to, all at my own expense. Interestingly enough, having U.S.-accredited diplomas and board certifications wasn’t enough and I had to be approved by the local state health department which took about three months. I was able to get approval and all paperwork a few weeks prior to the departure. I contacted local colleagues who delivered excellent news that they had booked full surgical days for us. I also realized that local state hospitals had limited budgets and decided to bring my own surgical instruments. Finally, a day came when I arrived at the hospital in the capital city of Minsk. I spent the whole day with local surgeons in the operating room, clinic and hospital ward. I was absolutely amazed with their knowledge and skills given the minimal equipment and supplies to with which they had to work. It was very immaterial.

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Office of Medicaid Inspector General Audit

by John P. Demas, D.D.S.

At the end of 2018, the Office of the New York State Comptroller issued an audit report on improper Medicaid payments by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) for services covered by Medicare Advantage (Medicare Part C) plans.

As a result, the Office of Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) is auditing claims paid by Medicaid for enrollees who also have coverage through Medicare Advantage plans. These audits are being conducted by the OMIG’s Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC), Health Management Services, Inc. (HMS). HMS is a private company that gets paid to find evidence of overpayments on a contingency-fee basis.

The OMIG is presently issuing letters to dentists advising that they may have received Medicaid payments improperly for patients with Medicare Advantage plans. The New York State Dental Association (NYSDA) advises its members who are contacted by OMIG with regard to this audit or ANY Medicaid audit to contact their liability carrier about their coverage and their attorney before responding to an audit. NYSDA members can consult with attorneys on the NYSDA Legal Services Panel. This is not to imply that you should not respond to the audit within the proper time frame, but the reason for such advice is that when dealing with Medicaid there is no such thing as a payment made in error – there is only what Medicaid considers to be “improper payments.” When audits and investigations lead to allegations of Medicaid fraud, even if these allegations are unfounded, dentists who fail to protect themselves can suddenly find themselves facing huge financial penalties, licensing action, program exclusion and even imprisonment. So before you respond to the audit, follow NYSDA's advice and contact your liability carrier.

Back to this particular audit. Medicaid is the payer of last resort, which means that if an individual has Medicaid AND some other type of dental coverage (e.g., Medicare Advantage) then Medicaid is considered the secondary coverage and the other plan is considered the primary, thus that entity must be billed first. Medicaid Advantage plans that opt to offer dental benefits are plan specific, i.e., the provider must be a participant in that specific plan in order to receive any payment. Thus, if your patient does in fact have both Medicaid and Medicare Advantage coverage, if you are not a participant in the Medicare Advantage plan then you are ineligible to receive benefits from Medicaid Advantage, which in
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her chairmanship of the Oral Health Committee. Her work in that arena has set SDDS apart from most others. In the New York City Borough of Brooklyn with over 2.5 million residents and scores of local community groups, one would be hard pressed to say she has not worked with each of them to bring the message of proper oral health as a key component to one’s overall health. She continues to serve as chair of the committee today. Together with her cadre of dedicated SDDS volunteers, her collaboration with the NYC College of Technology Dental Hygiene Program and the dental residents of the local hospital programs (most notably those from NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital), her oral health education and screening programs have touched the lives of thousands of children and adults in the Brooklyn area.

Dr. Reyes has also served as a member of the prestigious Organization Committee of our Greater New York Dental Meeting. She was a delegate to the ADA House 17 different times over the course of the last 20 years. She was a member of the ADA Council on Membership, serving as its chair in 1996. Dr. Reyes was a member of the American Dental Association Foundation’s Board beginning in 2012 and was elected to serve as its president in 2014-2015. Dr. William Calnon, a past president of the New York State Dental Association (NYSDA), the ADA and the ADA Foundation put it this way: “I have had the distinct privilege of serving on several committees with Reneida, the most recent being the ADA Foundation Board. Her style of leadership is one that unites people to accomplish more. I have witnessed her passion for the profession, her deep appreciation for staff and her true compassion for vulnerable populations.” Among many other appointments, Dr. Reyes also served as a member of the New York State Board for Dentistry, serving as its chair in 1995-1996. She is an examiner with the North East Regional Board of Dental Examiners (now known as the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments).

Dr. Reyes’ career in dentistry spans over five decades, beginning as a dental hygienist many, many moons ago. As a practicing pediatric dentist, she has provided her professional services to the Brooklyn community since 1981. A graduate of Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine, she completed her pediatric specialty training at Harvard School of Dental Medicine, where she also received her Master of Public Health degree from the Harvard School of Public Health.

Dr. Reyes and her husband Dr. Stephen Quarcoo have been blessed with a very talented and loving family. Her daughter, Mary-Theresa Charokie Quarcoo, holds a leadership position with the nonprofit Year Up. Her son Stephen Cheraty Quarcoo, a graduate of Harvard University and Harvard Law School, is an attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice. Charaty and his wife Ashley have twin boys, Samuel Akwete and Julius Kwi, who happen to be Dr. Reyes’ and Dr. Quarcoo’s pride and joy.

The Second District Dental Society Board of Trustees was enthusiastically unanimous in its selection of Dr. Reyes as the recipient of this award, the Society’s highest honor. Second District Past President and Distinguished Service Award recipient Dr. Robert Seminara has characterized Dr. Reyes best with this: “Reneida is a lady [and] a professional of high moral character. She is a universalist of knowledge and energy, never thwarted by challenges, clinical or political. And, with the grandest combination of heart, conscience and brainpower, she is an intellectual athlete.”

Dr. Reyes will be presented the award at the 2020 Installation of Officers at the Yale Club on Sunday, January 12. Dr. Reyes now joins a very select group of individuals who have all demonstrated the essence of organized dentistry’s ideals. The Society and profession owe her a debt of gratitude.

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pressive to see a pediatric maxillofacial department with about 36 beds full to capacity. Surgeons performed five to six surgeries daily from Monday through Friday for genetic malformations, various pathologies and traumas, without having CT scan in the facility and having a minimal quantity of instruments. The local surgeons, under the leadership of Dr. Lapkovskiy, have great outcomes and deliver outstanding care to the children of Belarus. I was really impressed with the outcomes achieved with just having the wealth of knowledge and techniques but with minimal instru-

mentation and support. I donated the instruments I brought with me to the department and they are now in full use. Leaving Minsk, I felt a great sense of satisfaction; I had shared information and gained relationships with local colleagues whom I am now able to help with books, journals, suppliers and distributors, as well as catalogs and local connections.

At the end of the workday or workweek, one can be proud of the results of what was achieved, but there is a lot more satisfaction doing the same thing in under-served areas at your expense and on your own time. I urge my colleagues to consider donating an hour, a session or more to the poor and underserved around the world or simply in your own community.

Dr. Boris Zats is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon with practices in Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn Heights and Forest Hills. He is a director of oral and maxillofacial surgery at NYU Langone Hospital—Brooklyn. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and a fellow of American Dental Society of Anesthesiology. He has been a member of Second District Dental Society since 2004.
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turn makes Medicaid the responsible payer.

So, if you have received a letter from OMIG they are asking you to confirm whether or not you participate in the plan identified. If you do not participate in the Medicare Advantage plan identified in the letter then you should send in a letter attesting that you are not a participating provider. Upon receipt of this attestation, OMIG has stated that they will close its review.

If in fact, you do participate with the identified Medicare Advantage plans then you need to show that you had submitted a bill to the respective plan and whether the plan was paid or denied.

If the claims were denied (by the Medicare Advantage plan) then OMIG will close out the corresponding claim.

Questions regarding the audits may be directed to HMS, OMIG’s contractor, at:

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GENERAL DENTIST — General dentist wanted for general practice in the Williamsburg area of Brooklyn. 3 years experience recommended. Two days a week, flexible hours. Spanish bilingual recommended. For more information call (718) 384-1700 and ask for Jose Rodriguez or Dr. Santana.

ASSOCIATE WANTED — At 376 Manor Rd, Staten Island, NY 10314. Looking for an associate dentist or someone to rent office space 2-3 days a week. Please send your resume to dimiandental@gmail.com.

ASSOCIATE WANTED — Associate wanted for established family practice in active S.I. location. Restorative and crown and bridge necessary. Ideal for a DDS or DMD with established practice that needs to relocate, or someone starting out. Long term looking for an associateship. ddstatenisland@gmail.com

GENERAL DENTIST — General dentist wanted for general and multi-specialty dental practice with locations in Brooklyn and Staten Island. 3 years experience recommended. Proficient in C&B, endo, implant restoration, and Invisalign, all with an eye towards cosmetics. Days/hours flexible for the right person. If you have a positive attitude and are a team player, send your resume to dentalexcellence@aol.com or call Dr. Venterina at (917) 689-3911.

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GENERAL DENTIST — Busy cosmetic dental office in Brooklyn. Digital x-ray machine. Friendly and experienced staff. Send resume by fax: (718) 376-7652 or by email: ustech@gmail.com or call (917) 400-5073.
Within the topic of a burning mouth, the following entities will be covered: candidiasis, burning mouth syndrome, pernicious anemia, diabetes mellitus, geographic tongue, and others. The oral biopsy technique segment will concentrate on choosing the most appropriate site to biopsy, the length, width, and depth of the biopsy and the appropriate size of the excised tissue, as well as filling out and sending the specimen. The red, white, and blue portion of this presentation is actually three segments in one, emphasizing lesions having those colorations. They range from pre-cancerous lesions such as epithelial dysplasia through erythema multiforme, from lichen planus through pemphigus vulgaris, from hemangiomas through mucoceles, and many, many more.

Finally, there will be a lengthy presentation on oral cancer. Mostly, this segment will emphasize pre-cancerous lesions of epithelial dysplasia through invasive squamous cell carcinoma. Clinical features will be emphasized, such as coloration and texture. Other malignancies will also be described, such as Kaposi’s sarcoma and metastatic tumor. Upon successful completion of this course, attendees will have improved their ability to diagnose and treat most common and many rare oral mucosal lesions and diseases. Also, the attendee will know how to biopsy the aforementioned lesions.

There will be a brief introduction describing the oral pathologist’s background education, role and how this impacts the diagnosis and treatment of mucosal lesions. Following the introduction, roughly equal time (about one hour) will be given to the following six topics: the burning mouth patient; biopsy procedures of oral mucosal lesions; red, white, and blue lesions of the oral mucosa, and oral cancer. Questions from attendees are encouraged during the entire presentation.
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2020 SEMINAR SCHEDULE

December 13, 2019  Composite Techniques and Materials to Maximize Efficiency and Esthetic Excellence
Dr. Amanda Saey
The Kois Center

January 10, 2020  Controversies and Complications in Implant Prosthetics
Dr. Thomas Taylor.
Un. of Connecticut

January 31, 2020  Update on Contemporary Esthetic Materials: The Lessons I’ve Learned
Dr. Gerard Chiche
University of Augusta

February 28, 2020  Practical Tips for Management of Commonly Encountered Restorative Dilemmas
Dr. Robert Margeas
University of Iowa

April 3, 2020  Contemporary CAD-CAM Restorative Dentistry: Material Science, Tooth Preparation, and Impression Techniques
Dr. Miguel Ortiz
Harvard University

May 1, 2020  Clinical Restorative Failures: Things That Go Wrong Even When You Do Everything Right and How to Prevent and Correct Them
Dr. Joyce Bassett
University of Arizona

Seminars begin at 8:30 A.M. at The Sands of Atlantic Beach, 1395 Beech Street, Atlantic Beach, New York. For Registration or additional information please call 516-569-1111

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Your job information can also be anonymously posted on the DATC Facebook page. DATC students and graduates search this page to find out about current dental assistant positions and must call DATC to obtain details and point of contact information. To view these postings, look at our Facebook page under the "NOTES" tab and don't forget to “Like Us.” Visit us on the web at www.datcny.com. As has been our policy for the last 33 years, there is never a fee for this service. Please call Lisa Lyle at 1(888) 595-3282 for more information.
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President, Dr. Alyson Buchalter, called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

PRESENT: Drs. Buchalter, Bina, Donato, Flagiello, Quartey-Sagalle, Rosenwein, Segelnick, Mistretta, Bongiorno, Bucci-grossi, De Leonibus, Demas, Katz, Lieb, McIntyre, Meiselman, Oshrain, Richard, Sconzo, Teplitsky, Turchak and Wolfe

EXCUSED: Drs. Paul Albicocco and Valerie Venterina

GUESTS: Drs. Lorna Flamer-Caldera, John Halkias, Ian Lerner, Constantine Pavlakos, Craig Ratner and Reneida Reyes; Drs. Julie Bai, Donna Mansour and Kiah Zarembo (NYU Langone Hospital-Brook-lyn); Drs. Drew Satnick and Tiffany Chien (NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital); Drs. Stephanie Sager and Ingmar Hernandez (Wyckoff Heights Medical Center); Drs. Hilary Tate, David Jourabchi, Eli Wolkoff and Sundus Nasir (Interfaith Medical Center); and Ms. Naz Khatiblu (NYU College of Dentistry)

Acceptance of the minutes of the September 16, 2019 Board of Trustees meeting as amended

NEW MEMBER: Dr. Nataliya Petlyuk – NYU, 2015

REINSTATEMENTS: Dr. Nathalie Mohadjeri – Temple Univer-sity, 1996

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: See “Upcoming Events” calendar

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