Dr. Joseph Cipollina Remembered:

It is with a sad heart and a lump in my throat that I write this column honoring the passing of Dr. Joseph Cipollina. We lost Joe to a long battle with cancer this June. He left behind a loving wife Maria, and two wonderful daughters, Maria and Victoria. Dr. Cipollina served with distinction as SDDS Trustee and climbing the ladder for many years before that. Dr. Joseph F. Cipollina, was born and raised in Brooklyn until the age of five when his family moved to Holliswood, Queens. Joe attended Xavier High School in New York City where he graduated with honors and met his fellow classmate and friend Dr. John Halikias. Attending St. John’s University on a scholarship, he graduated in 1981 and was awarded membership in the Psi Chi National Psychology.

A Message from the SDDS President

NYSDA and NYCDS: A Complicated Mess

We are now past the half way point of my tenure as President and it has been quite a year so far. I would like to again thank you for your confidence and acknowledge the exceptional efforts and talents of the SDDS leadership. The SDDS is truly in great and capable hands. Now onto the business at hand. There have been a number of questions by many of our members regarding the recent disagreement between the New York State Dental Association (NYSDA) and the New York County Dental Society (NYCDS).

I thought it important for me to explain, as best I can, the recent events and their implications for us at Second District and for each individual member as well. Please remember that these are only my observations and do not constitute a legal representation of the events and their sequelae. For those of you who don’t know of what I am speaking, I will endeavor to explain and bring everyone up to speed. At a special meeting on July 9th, the NYSDA Board of Governors narrowly approved the formation of a new component in the borough of Manhattan. This would be the first time an additional component was recognized in the same judicial district. The NYCDS was not dissolved at this meeting. The future of the new component, now named the Manhattan Dental Association(MDA), will be dependent on the relations of the NYCDS and NYSDA in the coming months. The situation will be reviewed by the NYSDA Board in the next few months and will figure prominently at the upcoming Annual Meeting in Albany in November. As to the articles in the newspapers that alleged wrongdoing and political pressure, they are a result of over a year of political infighting between NYSDA and NYCDS. The details of the last eighteen months are too lengthy for a proper explanation in this space. I will only describe the most recent events. Suffice it to say, that as a result of many events and posturing, the NYSDA and NYCDS found themselves at opposite sides of some serious issues. The most serious issue of which NYSDA

SSDS Board Approves Term Limit Recommendations

The SDDS Board at its May meeting made three historical recommendations to the SDDS Nominating Committee. For the first time ever, the concept of term limits for elected representatives has been ratified by the SDDS Board. While these concepts are only recommendations, they represent the Board’s desire to make the leadership of SDDS more inclusive and open to new members. The recommendations will be forwarded to this year’s Nominating Committee but the term limits do not begin until January and are not considered retroactive. The following formal on

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

August

Friday 8
CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #08-28
9:30 AM to 3:30 PM
SDDS Headquarters
“CPR and Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office”
Michael Kaliroff, Certified Instructor

Friday 22
CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #08-29
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Staten Island Hilton Garden Inn
“CPR and Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office”
Michael Kaliroff, Certified Instructor

September

Friday 5
CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #08-30
9:30 AM to 3:30 PM
SDDS Headquarters
“CPR and Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office”
Michael Kaliroff, Certified Instructor

Wednesday 10
CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #08-31
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Fort Hamilton Community Club
“Treatment Planning in the Esthetic Zone”
Dean Morton, B.D.S., M.S.

Tuesday 16
RICHMOND COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY
6:00 PM
Membership Meeting
Bocelli Restaurant, Staten Island
“Benefits of Asset Allocation and Rebalancing”
Colleen Kelleher-Sorrentino, M.B.A.

Friday 19
CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #08-32
9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON
Fort Hamilton Community Club
“One Visit Rotary Root Canal”

October

Thursday 2
SCIENTIFIC MEETING
6:30 PM
Neighborhood Groups Night
Fort Hamilton Community Club
“The EZ-Side of Engine Driven Endodontics”
Alan S. Deutsch, D.M.D.

Friday 3
CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #08-33
9:30 AM to 3:30 PM
SDDS Headquarters
“CPR and Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office”
Michael Kaliroff, Certified Instructor
Let's Ban the Phrase, “Evidence-Based-Dentistry”
An Editorial by Dr. Jeffrey Galler

I am angry, insulted, and worried. Pick up any dental journal today, and you are likely to find some reference, either in an article or an editorial, to “Evidence-Based-Dentistry.” This ubiquitous phrase has crept into the dental literature, and is now an oft-repeated part of our dental jargon.

When we dentists read about how the new paradigm of “Evidence-Based-Dentistry” is going to transform current dental practice into a more statistically-appropriate and scientifically-sound method for treating patients, we should howl in outrage. And, we should worry about sinister implications for our future.

Why is this phrase so offensive?
It is incredibly insulting for a speaker or writer to extol the virtues of the new world of Evidence-Based-Dentistry. What do they think we dentists have been doing until now? Have we been mixing and applying concoctions of snake oils at whim and experimenting on our patients?

We all remember learning and utilizing the new knowledge builds upon prior accumulated information, after repeated, sound, verifiably reproducible testing, subjected to the rigors of biostatistics analysis. We learned the differences between in vitro and in vivo. At Literature Reviews, we learned the fine art of distinguishing between objective scientific research that appears in peer-reviewed journals, and articles that are merely infomercials from dental manufacturers; and, in studying the literature dental textbooks, we mastered the ability to be suspicious of authors’ conclusions that are not justifiable.

Now, suddenly, the new mantra of “Evidence-Based-Dentistry” is going to change the world of dentistry? What an insult to all of our dedicated science professors, dental school instructors, and editors of peer-reviewed dental journals! The introduction of that outrageously offensive expression should fill us all with righteous indignation. It implies that we have, until just recently, been egregiously mistreating our patients, and performing dentistry in a scientifically unsound manner.

What is really behind this push for “Evidence-Based-Dentistry?”
Even paranoids have enemies.

If one carefully studies the large number of “Evidence-Based-Dentistry” articles that have appeared in dental periodicals, it is clear that a vast number of them have been penned by individuals who are in some way associated with dental insurance companies. This fact does not bode well for the future of our profession. When we ask our medical colleagues about their experiences, they explain as follows: “If we refer a backache patient for an MRI, an insurance company will reply that Evidence-Based-Medicine dictates that the procedure is not covered. Because the vast majority of backaches are simple muscle sprains, and, statistically, only a very small percentage of related, serious problems would benefit from early detection, proper utilization of limited financial resources rejects the referral for an MRI.”

This is what dental insurance companies are planning for us and for our patients. This hype of “Evidence-Based-Dentistry” is a cynical and sinister plot to limit and to minimize patients’ benefits.

Beware the wolf in sheep’s clothing.
Do not be misled by benign-sounding platitudes, such as those expressed in the NYSDS, March 2007, Viewpoint article by Dr. Robert S. Laurentano. In his article, he discusses how prestigious dental research facilities, in conjunction with the Delta Dental Plan of Massachusetts, are allowing input from “seminal thinkers” Continued on Next Page
Evidenced Based Dentistry (Continued)

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ers” regarding this “paradigm shift” of “Evidence-Based-Dentistry.” As a result of “this shift,” the author (who is a clinical consultant, United Healthcare Dental/Dental Benefit Providers, Inc., president of Advances in Dental Care, and president-elect of the American Association of Dental Consultants) reveals that Delta Dental has added newly covered services to its benefit plans, such as sealants in patients above 15, and that Cigna Dental now provides 100% coverage for scaling/root planing. Hello? Sealants and scaling/root planing were deemed to be effective, well-documented, well-researched, and valuable, highly recommended evidence-based procedures in the 1970’s! If some dental insurance companies are only now adding benefits for sealants and scaling/root planing, I cynically believe that their motivations are malevolent. Do not be surprised if we soon are faced with rejection codes such as: D12345 – Payment is denied for occlusal resin on tooth #30, because Evidence-Based-Dentistry indicates that the sealant placed three years ago should be intact and successful 90% of the time. D67890 – Payment is denied for periodontal flap surgery lower right quadrant, because Evidence-Based-Dentistry indicates that seven years after treatment there is little difference in periodontal health between areas treated with scaling/root planing and with periodontal flap surgery. These cynical predictions are based upon our profession’s collective dental experiences with insurance companies, and these fears are for the welfare of our profession and of our patients. These concerns also apply to those practitioners whose patients pay the dentist directly and the patient is reimbursed whatever meager pitance the cold-hearted, miserly insurance companies generously consent to dispense.

Word-processing Academicians

To be fair, some of the “Evidence-Based-Dentistry” articles that I have come across have been authored not by dental insurance companies, but by university-based individuals. Here, too, I am very skeptical. Many of these individuals, I believe, are not genuinely interested in the good of our profession, but are merely interested in self-promotion. Writing many articles in journals looks good on one’s resume, and gaining a reputation for expertise in the “New paradigm of Evidence-Based-Dentistry” is an effective engine for greater responsibilities and prestige in academia.

By jumping on the “Evidence-Based” bandwagon are they rejecting as inadequate and unscientific all the decades of careful research and credible, scholarly teachings at their very own universities?

**Words have power.**

The recurring use of a simple, benign-sounding phrase like “Evidence-Based-Dentistry” is not innocuous. Words and expressions, when repeated continually, become part of our perceptions of reality. In a short time, when dental insurance companies begin to limit patients’ benefits based upon “Evidence-Based-Dentistry,” it will be hard for our leadership to argue with them. That obnoxious terminology, having become ingrained in our psyches as the new, proper model for making clinical decisions, will serve to stifle any effective dissent.

If not blocked now, “Evidence-Based-Dentistry” will become as odious and unstoppable an expression as “usual, customary, and reasonable.” We have the power of the editor’s pen.

**Let us ban the phrase now.**

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Interesting but true...

In the 1400’s a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have “the rule of thumb”

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled “Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden”...and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

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Second District Awards
Its First Hygiene Awards

In accordance with Board Policy established in November of last year, the Second District Dental Society rewarded two deserving graduates from the NYC Technical College Hygiene Program on May 28th, 2008 with cash awards. The individuals were selected in the areas of academic excellence and exemplary professionalism.

Second District presented two graduating seniors the following $250 awards at the graduation ceremony.
- For Academic Excellence – Yalan Yu
- For Exemplary Professionalism – Christine Barakakos

These individuals were selected by an Ad Hoc committee of SDDS members chaired by Dr. Reneida Reyes in consultation with the directors and faculty of the College.

In an effort to further SDDS’s relationship with the college, SDDS made arrangements with Joyce Lynn Dillon, the Director of the NYC Technical College Hygiene program to partially underwrite the May 8th Farewell party for the graduating class of 2008. The gesture was received well by both students and faculty.

The New York City Technical College Hygiene Program is the only undergraduate teaching program located within the boroughs of Brooklyn and Staten Island.

Welcome to Our New SDDS Members
Active Membership
Dr. Sky Berdahl – New York University, 2005
Dr. Courtney Fong – Harvard Dental School, 2004
Dr. Thomas Sottile – New York University, 1986
Dr. Peiyuan Wang – New York University, 2001

Graduate Membership
Dr. Gloria Kenney – Meharry Medical College, 1997
Dr. Firas Marsheh – New York University, 2006
Dr. Benjamin Shirley – Meharry Medical College, 2005
SDDS Board of Trustees Minutes

May 5, 2008

President, Dr. Craig Ratner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present were: Drs. Ratner, Oshrain, Pasquale, Segelnick, Parikh, Brustein, Cipollina, Gounardes, J. Halikias, R. Halikias, Medrano-Saldana, Reyes, Oshtrain, Sconzo, Seminara, Shekib, Spencer, and Wexley.

Excused were: Drs. Pavlakos, Ariola, Cali, Donato, and Nathan Hershkowitz.

Motion passed: To accept the minutes of the April 7, 2007 Board of Trustees Meeting.

Dr. Ratner welcomed guests Drs. Blasliaka, Di Mango and Sherman.

DECEASED MEMBERS
Matthew Kasten – New York University
Paul Klang – University of Pittsburgh
Irving Koppel – University of Pennsylvania
Melvina Hallstein – University of Pennsylvania

PROPOSALS AND ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

REINSTATEMENTS:
Margarita Degtyareva – New York University
Mark Stevens – New York University

ANNOUNCEMENTS: See University, 1977

MOTION:
Dr. Cipollina moved that all members in attendance wear dark glasses and that the Board of the SDDS formally recommends to the SDDS Nomination Committee the following as an ongoing recommendation:

That the Board of the SDDS formally recommends to the SDDS Nomination Committee the following as an ongoing recommendation:

• The recommended limit of consecutive terms of office for Governor to the NYSDA Board of Governors shall be five two-year terms. A member may be nominated again after a waiting period of at least two years. Terms as an Officer of the Society shall not be counted toward the five term limitation.

• The recommended limit of consecutive terms of office for a Trustee of the SDDS Board of Trustees shall be five two-year terms. A member may be nominated again after a waiting period of at least two years having served four consecutive two-year terms.

Motion 2 (amended) passed: (Dr. Seminara - Gounardes) That the Board of the SDDS formally recommends to the SDDS Nomination Committee the following as an ongoing recommendation:

• The recommended limit of consecutive terms as an ADA Delegate shall be five one-year terms. A member may be nominated again as an ADA Delegate after a waiting period of at least one year, having served five consecutive one-year terms.

• The nominating committee of the ADA Delegate should be the President of the SDDS for the coming year.

Motion 3 passed: (Dr. Cipollina) That the recommended limit of consecutive terms of office for a Trustee of the SDDS Board of Trustees shall be five two-year terms. A member may be nominated again after a waiting period of at least two years having served four consecutive two-year terms. Terms as an Officer of the Society shall not be counted toward the five term limitation.

REPORT OF THE OFFICERS AND STAFF:

President: Dr. Craig S. Ratner
• Ratner reported that there was a change in ADA leadership and that Dr. Feldman has taken over as interim executive director of the ADA. He believes this will not affect the House of Delegates and shouldn’t have any trickle down effect on the SDDS.

President-Elect Dr. Richard Oshrain (progress)
• President-elect Dr. Deborah A. Pasquale (progress) Secretary Dr. Stuart L. Segelnick (progress)
• Dr. Segelnick reported that he had a wonderful time attending The Annual Installation of Officers of the NYS Academy of General Dentistry held on Sunday May 4th where Dr. Nathan Hershkowitz was installed as President along with the other fine officers. Treasurer Dr. Constantine Pavlakos (elected, Librarian Curator Dr. Amrish Parikh (progress)

Executive Director Mr. Bernard Hackett
• Hackett reported that Dr. Robert Genco of SUNY Buf falo, a renowned periodontist and researcher, has been nominated by the NYSDA Council on Awards to receive the NYSDA Jas H. Burkhart award for outstanding service rendered to mankind through dentistry.

Mr. Hackett reported making arrangements with Joyce Dillen, the di rector of the NYC Technical College Hygiene program to partially underwrite the May 8th Farewell party for the graduating class of 2008. In addition, Second District will be presenting two graduating seniors the following $250 awards at the graduation ceremony on Wednesday, May 28th:

• For Academic Excellence – Yalan Yu
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Mr. Hackett was happy to report the receipt of a check for $56.89 from the St. Paul’s Travelers claims administrator. The money is part of a nationwide settlement with the Travelers for property / casualty policy holders during the 1990’s.

At the suggestion of Dr. Sconzo, Mr. Hackett will be submitting the SDDS Resident’s Program as an entry for a NYSDA Hallmark of Excellence Award under the New Dentist Outreach category.

Motion passed: (Dr. Segelnick) To give the executive director the ability to move forward and to take to conclusion an appeal to the State Board of Regents if the proposed Ethics / Jurisprudence course does not receive approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Great New York Dental Meeting Dr. McIntyre
• Dr. J Halikias attended the last meeting of the GNYDM

Mr. Hackett asked the board members to step up their efforts for recruiting new members and encouraging current members to become more involved by personal contacts.

Dr. R. Halikias recommend ed all board members to wear their representative are at all SDDS meetings. This will allow all attendees to know who their representatives are and hopefully make the BOT and officers more approachable.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 8:45 PM.

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Course #2008-28  Friday, August 8, 2008
Course #2008-30  Friday, September 5, 2008

**Hilton Garden Inn, Staten Island (9:00 AM - 1:00 PM)**
Course #2008-29  Friday, August 22, 2008

All courses offer five (5) MCEU.

**Title:**  “CPR & Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office”

**Instructor:**  Michael Kaliroff  
Certified Instructor, American Heart Association

**Synopsis:**
Heart disease is the number one killer in the United States today. Many fatalities could be prevented with basic lifesaving techniques. This course provides dentists and their staffs with the knowledge and skills needed to properly respond to cardiopulmonary emergencies. The specific advantages and disadvantages of performing CPR within the dental operatory will be discussed. This program utilizes hands on practice sessions for all participants. Topics to be covered: One-rescuer and two-rescuer, airway obstruction, infection control, adult and child CPR.

Upon successful completion of this course, participants will gain the knowledge and hands-on experience needed to administer CPR safely and effectively. Participants will receive an American Heart Association Certificate of Completion for CPR as well as continuing dental education credits. Completion of this course will also satisfy the New York State Education Department’s requirement for licensed dentists.

**ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED, SO PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!**

**CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #2008-31**
**Fort Hamilton Community Club**
Wednesday, September 10, 2008  
9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON  MCEU - 3 HOURS

**Title:**  “Treatment Planning in the Esthetic Zone”

**Clinician:**  Dean Morton, B.D.S., M.S.  
Associate Professor, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and  
Department of Prosthodontics, University of Florida College of Dentistry

**Synopsis:**
Emphasis on positive outcomes for implant-based care is escalating. Predictable treatment success for patients in the esthetic zone with advanced and complex needs depends on comprehensive assessment and planning, the quality of the implant site and tissue response, and selection of appropriate implants and components. This presentation will emphasize these factors and concentrate on TEAM communication. The importance of a “crown-down” philosophy to surgical procedures designed to enhance esthetics and tissue response will be discussed. Implant and restorative options will be detailed for patients needing single and multiple teeth, with emphasis on the esthetic zone. Recent advances in implant and component design will be discussed as they relate to treatment evaluation.

**OBJECTIVES:**
- Discuss “team” approach to esthetic restorations
- Identify complex patients and discuss why treatment is considered difficult
- Communicate the desired 3D position of implants from an esthetic and functional perspective
- Discuss implant and restorative component options and choices for these patients
- Discuss and describe currently available clinical methods for treating a range of patients

**RICHMOND COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY**
**Membership Meeting**
Tuesday, September 16, 2008  
Starts at 6:00 PM  *CEU - 1 HOUR

**Title:**  “Benefits of Asset Allocation and Rebalancing”*  

**Essayist:**  Colleen Kelleher-Sorrentino, M.B.A.  
Chief Investment Advisor, Wall Street Access

**Synopsis:**
This lecture will provide an understanding of asset allocation and the underlying asset classes individuals should include in a portfolio (cash, equities, bonds, real estate and private equity). It will cover different asset allocation strategies (buy and hold, insured, strategic, tactical and integrated) that an investor can use over the course of his/her investment life. Upon successful completion of this lecture participants will have a better understanding of how to establish an allocation plan that reflects an investor’s unique set of financial needs and goals.

*This presentation will not provide continuing education credit toward New York state dental relicensure requirements.*

**CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE #2008-32**
**Fort Hamilton Community Club**
Friday, September 19, 2008  
9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON  MCEU - 3 HOURS

**Title:**  “One Visit Rotary Root Canal”

**Clinician:**  John L. Santopolo, D.D.S., M.Sc.D.  
Chief of Endodontics,  
Peninsula Hospital General Dentistry Residency Program

**Synopsis:**
This presentation will concentrate on the modern way to perform endodontics: nickel titanium rotary instrumentation. Attendees will be introduced to precision-based endodontics and develop a working knowledge of the major nickel titanium (NiTi) rotary systems and the similarities and differences between them. Upon successful completion of this course the attendees will:

- Understand the concepts of endodontic diagnosis
- Fully understand the crown-down philosophy
- Learn how to visualize and create the ideal access preparation
- Find the unusual root canal anatomy
- Appreciate the 06 tapered rotary preparation
- Compare constant/variable tapered rotary
- Hand file canals in a manner that is complementary to rotary techniques
- Utilize apex locators
- Familiarize themselves with irrigants and lubricants
- Perform efficient rotary root canal

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**Course Correction**

Course #2008-35: “Provisionalization in Fixed Prosthodontics: A Blueprint for Excellence” by Dr. Louis DeSantis originally scheduled for Friday, October 31, 2008 has been rescheduled for Friday, October 24, 2008.

**Course #2008-35:** “Provisionalization in Fixed Prosthodontics: A Blueprint for Excellence”  
**Course Clinician:**  Dr. Louis F. DeSantis, D.D.S.  
**Venue:**  Fort Hamilton Community Club  
**Date:**  October 24, 2008  
**Time:**  9AM - 12NOON  
**MCEU - 3 Hours**
2008 SDDS CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE LISTING

2008-31 “Treatment Planning in the Esthetic Zone”
$90.00 -- SDDS Member
$75.00 -- SDDS Member’s Staff
$100.00 -- ADA Member/Staff
$180.00 -- Non-ADA Member/Staff
$50.00 -- ADA Graduate Student

Dean Morton, B.D.S., M.S.
Wednesday, September 10, 2008
Fort Hamilton Community Club
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
MCEU - 6 hours
Continental breakfast and lunch included

2008-32 “One Visit Rotary Root Canal”
$45.00 -- SDDS Member/Staff
$55.00 -- ADA Member/Staff
$90.00 -- Non-ADA Member/Staff
$30.00 -- ADA Graduate Student

John L. Santopolo, D.D.S., D.M.S.D.
Friday, September 19, 2008
Fort Hamilton Community Club
9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON
MCEU - 3 hours
Continental breakfast included

2008-33 “Strategies to Incorporate Implants Into a Restorative Practice”
$45.00 -- SDDS Member/Staff
$55.00 -- ADA Member/Staff
$90.00 -- Non-ADA Member/Staff
$30.00 -- ADA Graduate Student

John S. Cavallaro, Jr., D.D.S.
Friday, October 10, 2008
Staten Island Hilton Garden Inn
9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON
MCEU - 3 hours
Continental breakfast included

2008-34 “Provisionalization in Fixed Prosthodontics: A Blueprint for Excellence”
$45.00 -- SDDS Member/Staff
$55.00 -- ADA Member/Staff
$90.00 -- Non-ADA Member/Staff
$50.00 -- ADA Graduate Student

Louis F. DeSantis, D.D.S.
Friday, October 24, 2008
Fort Hamilton Community Club
9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON
MCEU - 3 hours
Continental breakfast and lunch included

2008-35 “Dental Treatments for Snoring and Sleep Apnea”
$90.00 -- SDDS Member
$75.00 -- SDDS Member’s Staff
$100.00 -- ADA Member/Staff
$180.00 -- Non-ADA Member/Staff
$50.00 -- ADA Graduate Student

Staten Island Hilton Garden Inn
Friday, November 7, 2008
Staten Island Hilton Garden Inn
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
MCEU - 6 hours
Continental breakfast and lunch included

2008-36 “Treatment Planning Attachments and Implants: A Nuts and Bolts Approach”
$45.00 -- SDDS Member/Staff
$55.00 -- ADA Member/Staff
$90.00 -- Non-ADA Member/Staff
$30.00 -- ADA Graduate Student

George E. Bambara, D.M.D., M.S.
Friday, December 12, 2008
Fort Hamilton Community Club
9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON
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If there ever was a time for SDDS members to get involved, it is now.

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going recommendations were made:

1. The recommended limit of consecutive terms of office for Governor to the NYSDA Board of Governors shall be four two-year terms. A member may be nominated again as NYSDA Governor after a waiting period of at least two years having served four consecutive two-year terms.

2. The recommended limit of consecutive terms as an ADA Delegate shall be five one-year terms. A member may be nominated again as an ADA Delegate after a waiting period of at least one year, having served five consecutive one-year terms.

• The nominee for first Alternate Delegate should be the President of the SDDS for the coming year.

3. The recommended limit of consecutive terms of office for a Trustee of the SDDS Board of Trustees shall be five two-year terms. A member may be nominated again after a waiting period of at least two years. Terms as an Officer of the Society shall not be counted toward the five term limitation.

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accused NYCDS was of directly subverting its political lobbying efforts for an issue that was voted on and passed by the NYSDA Board. NYCDS had the opportunity to speak against this issue and they did not. This led to a series of negotiations by the officers of NYSDA and NYCDS that bore little fruit.

At the NYSDA Semi-Annual meeting, the NYSDA Board voted to introduce legislation that would give it the ability to dissolve any component with a two-thirds vote of the NYSDA Board of Governors. NYCDS probably saw this as a direct assault on their component. In that light, they hired a lobbying firm of their own to fight this proposed legislation. The NYSDA Board was then asked to attend a special meeting on July 9th to discuss the formation of a new component—an acquisition of another component. The proposed legislation had not even been signed by Governor Patterson yet. The New York Times picked up on the ongoing fight and the result was an article that described the political influence of the NYSDA and its Executive Director Roy Lasky and alleged wrongdoing. It also alleged that Mr. Lasky’s motives were tied to obtaining control of the Greater New York Dental Meeting (GNYDM). As you know, the GNYDM is co-owned by the SDDS and NYCDS. NYSDA has no stake in the meeting whatsoever. Governor Patterson signed the bill on July 9th just hours before the special meeting.

The SDDS Board thought these events troubling enough that we held a special meeting of our own prior to the NYSDA meeting on July 1st. At this meeting, we discussed the possible implications for SDDS and developed strategy for the coming events. As described above, the only action of the NYSDA Board at its July 9th meeting was to establish this new component, the MDA. The vote to establish was 17-16 with two governors absent. The dissolution of NYCDS never even made it onto the evening’s agenda. So, what does all of this mean for the SDDS, the GNYSMD, and you as a member of SDDS, NYSDA and the ADA? Well, first and foremost, the GNYSMD is owned by the SDDS and NYCDS and will be for the foreseeable future. NYSDA, in my opinion, has no credible claim to the meeting. This incredible resource for our members will continue to thrive and grow as it has for the past 87 years. SDDS will fight any and all threats to the success of this important asset.

What about the new component? Will this dilute our representative strength in NYSDA? Yes. If the new component becomes a part of NYSDA, they automatically get representation to the NYSDA Board and ADA. It will be up to the NYSDA Board of Governors to determine how and when this representation to the Board and the ADA will occur.

Can this new component steal members from the SDDS? Absolutely not. Each component in Manhattan is restricted to dentists whose primary practice is in that borough. I would assume that each additional ADA member in Manhattan will have to decide for themselves of which society they wish to become part.

What about the newspaper coverage? In my opinion, this whole mess has been a black eye for the dentists of New York. Even if it were not picked up by the papers, the amount of time, effort, and resources devoted to this mess is nothing but a waste. This time, effort, and resources could have been dedicated to the health of our patients and to the advancement of our profession. The coverage of the papers is unfortunate for all of us. We all look bad. It is my true hope that these issues will be resolved in a timely manner with little to no more meaningless waste. However, your attorneys, trustees, and elected representatives will continue to protect SDDS, its members and assets no matter what the future holds. As always, I urge you to feel free to contact me about this or any other matter. I can easily be reached by e-mail at cratmdm@verizon.net or by phone at SDDS (718) 522-3939.

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