SDDS 2015 Installation of Officers Luncheon

On January 11, 2015 nearly 200 SDDS members convened at the Dyker Beach Golf Course in Brooklyn to celebrate Second District Dental Society's Installation of Officers in grand style. Dr. Philip Buccigrossi, Jr. was inaugurated 2015 SDDS President and a new group of devoted officers was installed. Dr. Buccigrossi reflected on his journey to president and representatives from the Office of City Councilman Steven Matteo presented him with a detailed proclamation recognizing his amazing accomplishments. SDDS 2014 president, Dr. Lauro Medrano-Saldana, was also lauded for his outstanding contributions during his tenure.

Other highlights of the event were the presentation of awards to several SDDS members for their various contributions to organized dentistry. SDDS Past President Dr. Paul Weseley received Second District’s highest award, the Distinguished Service Award, for his outstanding contributions to the Society. Dr. Jeffrey Galler, a general dentist from Brooklyn, received the New York State Dental Association (NYSDA) Dr. Bernard P. Tillis Award for excellence in journal-
Spotlight: Second District 2015 President-Elect

Unlike many in our profession, Dr. Mitchell Mindlin did not always dream of becoming a dentist. Quite the contrary: When he graduated from Francis Lewis High School in Queens and went off to Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., other than knowing he was a science person, he had no clear career direction. He enrolled as a biology major and proceeded to flounder during his first two years there.

It was not until Dr. Mindlin took an internship at a local hospital that dentistry appeared on his radar. By chance, it was the first stop on the rotating internship. Intrigued, he obtained permission to spend his entire internship in the dental department and upon completion of the program, he felt he had found his calling. With newfound purpose, he achieved the required GPA and DAT scores and headed off to New York University College of Dentistry (NYUCD).

Upon graduation from NYUCD in 1980, Dr. Mindlin was accepted into the general practice residency at Lutheran Medical Center. During his residency his luck continued. He developed a close friendship with fellow resident, Dr. Philip Klein, who would later become his business partner, and at the urging of Dr. Anthony DiMango, he joined the Second District Dental Society.

Upon completion of his residency, Dr. Mindlin took over a small general dentistry practice in the Manhattan Beach section of Brooklyn. At the same time, his future partner Dr. Klein began working for Dr. Edward Quat in Brooklyn Heights. In 1985, Dr. Mindlin and Dr. Klein bought Dr. Quat’s Brooklyn Heights practice and became partners in both offices. They still practice together 30 years after forming their partnership.

It was shortly after going into private practice that Dr. Mindlin stumbled upon the Sheephead Dental Study Club. There he found support, mentorship and a collegial atmosphere from the senior dentists of the group. Many were active in the

E-Prescribe Update

Last month, Second District successfully held two special CE programs to help its members cut through the maze of regulation and confusion with regard to the electronic prescription regulations that go into effect in New York on March 27, 2015. Close to 350 Second District members attended the short seminar held on two different days in January. Dr. Craig Ratner, a member of the New York State Dental Association (NYSDA) Task Force which was charged with studying the regulation, developing the seminar and researching product solutions, provided our Second District membership with a nuts and bolts “how to comply” seminar on e-prescribe.

Members were also introduced to the NYSDA endorsed automated solution the Task Force has recommended to the

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In Memoriam

Dr. Lewis K. Apton
November 26, 2014

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Photos from SDDS Installation - January 11, 2015

SDDS 2015 President Dr. Philip Buccigrossi, Jr., center, with his family. From left to right: Dr. Buccigrossi’s daughter, Genevieve; wife, Bernadina; son, Philip and daughter, Adele

Dr. Philip Buccigrossi, Jr. presents a certificate of recognition to former SDDS Bulletin editor, Dr. Craig Ratner

Dr. Philip Buccigrossi, Jr. left, and SDDS Distinguished Service Award recipient, Dr. Paul Weseley

SDDS 2014 President, Dr. Lauro Medrano-Saldaña, with his wife, Carmen and son, Douglas

SDDS Life Members with their certificates. From left to right: Drs. Charles Mistretta, Joseph Izzo, Jeffrey Galler, Gary Fisher, Florence Certo, Marc Bienenstock and Lance Adelson

Dr. Philip Buccigrossi, Jr., left, NYSDA Dr. Bernard P. Tillis Award recipient, Dr. Jeffrey Galler and NYSDA Trustee Dr. James Sconzo
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15 Second District Dental Society Dentists Reach Life Member Status

Second District is proud to recognize 15 of our own who have reached a milestone status as life members in the American Dental Association. The individuals whose names are listed below exemplify dedication to the ideals of the dental profession and commitment to organized dentistry. Collectively, this group has accumulated over 400 membership years with SDDS. They have donated countless hours of their time to this Society and its membership, voluntarily serving on numerous local committees and NYSDA or ADA councils. They are mentors to some. They have shared their experiences with many. They are teachers. They are colleagues. Most importantly, though, they are caregivers to the hundreds of patients who have depended upon their professional training and skills as dentists.

Congratulations to all of you, with grateful appreciation from all of us!

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SDDDS 2015 Installation

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ism. He received another award from NYSDA in recognition of his service as immediate past chair of the NYSDA Council on Peer Review and Quality Assurance.

Additional honorees at the event were Dr. Craig Ratner, who received two certificates of recognition from SDDS: one for his exemplary service as former editor of the SDDS Bulletin and another for his service as SDDS Trustee to NYSDA.

Second District Past President Dr. Deborah Pasquale and New York County Dental Society member Dr. Ira Titunik, were both presented with awards for serving on the Greater New York Dental Meeting (GNYDM) Organization Committee with remarkable distinction. Seven Second District members were also honored with life membership acknowledging their commitment to SDDS and to the tripartite.
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DENTAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE UPDATE

Topic: Negligent Treatment Plan Claims

Recent Court Decisions

The execution of a properly prepared written informed consent is widely understood to be necessary in the context of surgical procedures, but is often overlooked when treatment plans are being formulated. A review of case law and jury verdicts, however, makes clear that practitioners cannot rely on a simple written treatment plan to establish informed consent, and that it is necessary to secure proper informed consent before initiating any planned restoration.

In Harvin v. Roth, et. al., a patient was provided two options for treatment of loose front teeth and receding gums. The patient signed the written treatment plan, agreeing to the treatment option recommended by the dentist. Following placement of gold/porcelain inlays, the patient required root canal and sued the dentist alleging lack of informed consent for “unnecessary restorative treatment” and a failure to advise of the risks and complications inherent in the treatment. Assessing the dentist’s proof of informed consent, the court determined that there were issues of fact for the jury to decide.

Case law also demonstrates that pointing to a patient’s signature on a consent form which lists the risks and benefits of the procedure is not, by itself, enough to defeat claims for lack of informed consent where the consent form does not address alternative treatment options, and the patient testifies that alternative treatments were never discussed. See, e.g., Giambrone v. Farha, et. al.; Rojo v. Young, et. al.

The American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry predicts increases in the demand for veneer procedures and crown and bridge work. To protect against a corresponding increase in lack of informed consent claims, practitioners should take care to manage patient expectations for treatment outcomes and thoroughly communicate and document discussions regarding the necessity of treatment, the risks, benefits and cost of all treatment options, as well as the prognosis of proposed treatment and any refusal of preferred treatment.

Practice Points

Focus: Obtain proper written informed consent for all restorative treatment plans

☐ Provide patients with a WRITTEN TREATMENT PLAN identifying the necessity of proposed restorations, all known and foreseeable risks and benefits of the recommended treatment, and all treatment alternatives that are generally accepted among dentists in your community, inclusive of referrals to specialists.

☐ Obtain the PATIENT’S SIGNATURE to demonstrate their selected treatment option.

☐ IF RECOMMENDED TREATMENT IS REFUSED, determine whether it is appropriate to dismiss the patient. If it is acceptable to proceed, have the patient sign a statement that they are electing non-preferred treatment and document the reason (ex. inability to pay cost of preferred treatment).

☐ DOCUMENT YOUR CONVERSATION IN THE PATIENT’S CHART and reiterate the necessity of treatment, the risks and benefits of the options, and – where preferred treatment options have been refused – the short term goals and likely prognosis.

☐ Secure a properly executed INFORMED CONSENT FORM that is tailored to the elected procedure.

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Spotlight: 2015 Second District President-Elect

It was there that he felt the fraternity of organized dentistry. Dr. Mindlin not only stayed with the group, but became its president in 1987, a position he has held ever since.

The events of 9/11 did not only impact Dr. Mindlin as a New Yorker; they had an impact on him professionally as well. Wanting to help, he volunteered in the victim identification effort. In the years following the attack, he became increasingly interested in forensic dentistry and joined a very dedicated group of dentists studying at the Kings County Medical Examiners office under the tutelage of Dr. Vincent Funaro. There, he learned the techniques of victim identification.

In 2008, Dr. Mindlin was approached by then SDDS President-Elect Dr. Richard Oshrain—who was also a member of the Sheepshead Dental Study Club—to help put together the continuing education program for the SDDS. This event marked the beginning of Dr. Mindlin’s greater involvement with the SDDS. The program went well and Dr. Mindlin has co-chaired the CE program twice since then.

That same year SDDS saw the untimely death of one of its past presidents, Dr. Joseph Cipollina. Dr. Oshrain again called Dr. Mindlin to pitch in and help fill the vacancy on the board of trustees. Some of Dr. Mindlin’s colleagues at the Sheepshead Dental Study Club who were also active at Second District including Dr. Edward Sherman, Dr. John McIntyre, Dr. Paul Weseley and Dr. Stuart Segelnick, encouraged him to participate on the Board. Once on the Board, he found the same support and sense of fraternity that he so enjoyed at the study club. Since then he has served on several committees, most notably the District Claims, Continuing Education and Constitution and By-Laws committees. He has been a delegate to the NYSDA House of Delegates for the past five years and has served on ad hoc committees on both the state and local levels. He became a fellow in the Academy of General Dentistry in 1986 and the International College of Dentists inducted him as a fellow in 2013.

Dr. Mindlin has been married to his wife Joette for 35 years. He notes that without her support, he would not have been able to have such a full and successful professional career. They have two married daughters and one granddaughter.

As president-elect, Dr. Mindlin hopes to bring his years of experience with both organized dentistry and continuing education to help keep the Second District Dental Society relevant and supportive to its members.

Welcome to our new member!

Dr. William Corbett
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, 2006

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February 27, 2015
The Evolution of Dental Implant Esthetics: Meeting Our Patients’ Expectations
Dr. Lyndon Cooper

March 27, 2015
Solving Difficult Esthetic Challenges with Practical Chairside Techniques: Veneers, Crowns and Post Issues
Dr. Bruce Crispin

April 24, 2015
Techniques to Minimize Endodontic Misadventures: Updating Your Instrumentation and Techniques
Dr. John West

May 15, 2015
Adhesive Dentistry Update: Maximizing Success by Selecting the Right Materials and Techniques
Dr. Marc Geissberger

All seminars will be held at The Sands of Atlantic Beach from 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM. For further information and registration please call (516) 569-1111

E-Prescribe Update
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entire membership of the New York State Dental Association. It is perhaps the simplest and most affordable solution available to our members, all on a discounted basis through the NYSDA partnership with Henry Schein.

We at Second District recognize that this is the best solution available at the present time. We also recognize that it is yet another unfortunate regulatory burden that the licensed medical professionals in the State of New York will have to deal with going forward.

Second District members will be provided some economic relief to comply!

Your Second District Board has decided to offer Second District members who have renewed their 2015 Second District tripartite membership a $30 rebate of the initial set-up fee if—and only if—you purchase the NYSDA-endorsed electronic prescription solutions program from Schein (a copy of your paid invoice from Schein should suffice). To sign up for the software, members can contact Henry Schein at (888) 988-4804 or visit www.HSePrescribe.com/purchase.

This SDDS members-only rebate coupled with the tuition-free course presented last month on the e-prescribe regulations is another reason why your membership in this association is a “must have”. Membership with SDDS, NYSDA and the ADA should be a critical component of your overall professional armament in an ever-changing practice environment.

Questions? Call SDDS at (718) 522-3939 or email us at info@sddsny.org.
Periodontal diseases are chronic conditions that affect a large percentage of the population. Considered to be of bacterial etiology, the management of these diseases is often complicated by systemic risk factors and diseases. This course is designed to provide clinicians with the latest knowledge on the complex relationships between periodontal diseases, their associated infective and inflammatory processes and the etiologies and progression of many systemic illnesses. The systemic diseases to be discussed will include diabetes, cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, respiratory diseases and rheumatoid arthritis. The potential mechanisms of disease and approaches to treatment planning and clinical management of the patient will be discussed.

Peri-implant diseases share many commonalities with periodontal diseases, including an infectious component and influence of systemic disease. This presentation will discuss the variety of etiological factors involved in the peri-implant diseases as will be the most current therapeutic approaches to their management. An emphasis will be placed on tissue engineering approaches to treat peri-implant disease. In addition, the maintenance of dental implants will be presented. Upon successful completion of this course, attendees will learn:

- The inter-relationship between periodontal diseases and systemic diseases
- Management of patients with systemic diseases
- Causes of peri-implant diseases
- Management of peri-implant diseases
- Maintenance of dental implants and prevention of disease

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 a two-year certification card from the American Heart Association as well as continuing education credits. Completion of this course will also satisfy the New York State Education Department’s requirement for licensed dentists.

**ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED, SO REGISTER EARLY!!!**
Implant or Endodontics: When to Keep the Tooth by BRUCE BARNHARD, D.D.S., F.A.C.P.

Occam’s razor states that “When you have two competing theories that make exactly the same predictions, the simpler one is the better.” So if the desired end result is a tooth-like replacement for a natural tooth, which is simpler? Extract + implant + crown, or endodontics + post and core + crown? The decision to keep a tooth or replace it is based on the possibility of successful endodontics, successful periodontics and successful prostodontics. If any one of the three is a “no”, then an implant may be treatment of choice. Diagnostic criteria will be presented that will lead to the best and simplest choice. Upon successful completion of this course, attendees will be able to decide the answer to the frequent question of tooth retention or extraction and implant placement if the problem is not clearly endodontics (and/or periodontics), in conjunction with restorative treatment.

Do We Need House in the House? by GARY R. GOLDSTEIN, D.D.S.

Prosthodontics has evolved from the complete denture milieu to one that involves extensive, expensive, invasive and time intensive therapy, yet we still – in this evidence-based era – utilize tools like Koper’s Birds and the House Classification to guide us in evaluating the psychological status of our patients. This presentation will review where we came from and some of the problems that the 2015 implant patient presents to us. Upon successful completion of this course, participants will understand the history of our current psychological evaluation procedures and understand the stress the scope of our treatment imparts to our patients.

Esthetics in Complete Dentures by GARY R. GOLDSTEIN, D.D.S.

Treating the totally edentulous patient with either implants or removable prostheses requires knowledge of the anatomic, sociologic and physiologic parameters with which the patient presents. Dental esthetics has its history in the complete denture and this presentation will review that history with the implant patient in mind. Upon successful completion of this lecture, participants will understand the importance of the anatomic, sociologic and physiologic parameters necessary to achieve optimal esthetics. Attendees will also be able to translate these parameters to the implant patient.

Note: This presentation features multiple topics and speakers. Attendees must stay for the complete duration of the program to receive full credit.
#2015-02 "Advances in Periodontal Medicine and Peri-Implant Diseases"

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Peter M. Loomer, D.D.S., Ph.D., M.R.C.D.

Friday, February 6, 2015
Fort Hamilton Community Club
9 A.M. - 4 P.M.
MCEU - 6 hours
Breakfast and lunch included

#2015-04 The Dr. Meryl J. Efron Memorial Lecture: (Multi-topic Lecture) "Abutment Selection: Begin with the End in Mind" / “Implant or Endodontics: When to Keep the Tooth” AND “Do We Need House in the House?” / “Esthetics in Complete Dentures”

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Friday, February 20, 2015
Staten Island Hilton Garden Inn
9 A.M. - 4 P.M.
MCEU - 6 hours
Breakfast and lunch included

#2015-06 The Dr. Irving E. Gruber Memorial Lecture: "The Medical and Dental Implications of Your Patients’ Medications"

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Harold L. Crossley, D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D.

Friday, March 13, 2015
Fort Hamilton Community Club
9 A.M. - 4 P.M.
MCEU - 6 hours
Breakfast and lunch included

#2015-08 CPR and Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office

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MCEU - 5 hours
Breakfast and lunch included

FEBRUARY 2015 Children's Dental Health Month
Creative Contest

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Present:

Drs. Medrano-Saldaña, Bucthe, Segelnick.

Excused:

Drs. Jastremski, Lieb, Pasquale, Pavlakos and Wesely

Guests:

Drs. Gounardes, Lerner, Demas, Pierre and Khanna

Meeting.

Motion Passed: To accept the agenda and to allow Dr. Medrano-Saldaña to change the order of the agenda as needed.

Deceased:

Dr. Lawrence Niad — SUNY Buffalo, 1957

Election of membership

New Active Members:

Dr. Christopher Bowers – Medical University of South Carolina, 2010

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Endodontist—General Practice on Staten Island, West Brighton area, looking to obtain an endodontist to work within the practice. Please contact (718) 442-8440, email: nd5457@yahoo.com.

Endodontist—Busy cosmetic dental office in Brooklyn. Digital x-ray machine. Friendly and experienced staff. Send resume by fax: (718) 376-7652 or by email: taladental@gmail.com.

The SDDS Job Board is a FREE member-benefit program for Second District members who are seeking employment and for SDDS members who have positions available at their office address in Brooklyn or Staten Island. Available only to Second District members in good standing. Please contact Veronica Molina at (718) 522-3939 or vmolina@sddsny.org for details on placing an associateship listing.
Dr. Sonia Gray – New York University, 1990
Dr. Omar Suarez – UMDNJ, 1984
Reinstatements: Dr. Howard Bogan – New York University, 1966
Dr. Louis Destefano – New York University, 1987
Dr. Erik Gilroy – New York University, 2010
Dr. Albert Heffez – New York University, 1997
Dr. Florence Temba – New York University, 1997

Transfers: Dr. Joseph Albanese – UMDNJ, 2011 (New Jersey State Dental Association)
Dr. Michael Nguyen – SUNY Stony Brook, 2008 (Federal Dental Service)
Dr. Paul Springs – UMDNJ, 2013 (New York County)

Residents: Dr. Marina Gikher – New York University, 2014 (Brookdale Hospital)
Dr. Jose Navarro – Medical College of Georgia, 2012 (Lutheran Medical Center)
Dr. Ieoma Ogbodo – Howard University, 2013 (Brooklyn Hospital Center)

Motion Passed: To accept the proposals and elections of new members, reinstatements, transfers, and residents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
See “Calendar.”

CORRESPONDENCE:
- Email dated November 13, 2014 from Dr. Mark Feldman re: Cigna star rating system.
- Email dated December 8, 2014 from Dr. Paul Albicocco re: acknowledgement of sympathy.

Dr. Medrano-Saldaña changed the order of the agenda.

COMMITEE REPORT:
Greater New York Dental Meeting – Dr. Ian Lerner:
- Dr. Lerner informed the Board that there were 53,700 attendees and the education program was a financial success.
- He further elaborated that the Meeting ran very smoothly and exceeded his expectation.
- Dr. Medrano-Saldaña thanked Dr. Lerner for his hard work and congratulated him and all the GNYDM Committee Members on conducting such a successful event.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND STAFF:
Dr. Medrano-Saldaña changed the order of the agenda.

President-Elect – Dr. Philip Buccigrossi:
- All is going well in reference to the upcoming SDDS Installation Dinner on January 11, 2015.
- Stated he has accepted invitations to attend both the Queens and Nassau County Installation Dinners.
- Congratulated Dr. Medrano-Saldaña on a great job as president of the SDDS.

Vice-President – Dr. Mitchell Mindlin:
- Congratulated Dr. Lerner and the GNYDM Committee for a fabulous job.
- Informed the Board that Dr. Medrano-Saldaña did a wonderful job as president and that it was a great pleasure working with him.

Secretary – Dr. Gabriel Ariola:
- Echoed the same sentiments in reference to Dr. Medrano-Saldaña’s performance as our president.

Treasurer – Dr. Sari Rosenwein:
- Thanked Dr. Medrano-Saldaña for making her position as Treasurer easy.
- Went on to say progress.

Librarian Curator – Dr. Alyson Buchalter:
- Progress

Executive Director - Mr. Bernard Hackett:
- Reminded all that the SDDS Installation will be held on Sunday, January 11 at Dyker Beach Golf Course. Dr. Buccigrossi will be installed as our next President. Dr. Paul Weseley will be receiving the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award.
- The Richmond County Dental Society Installation of Officers will be held Saturday evening, January 24th from 7 P.M. to 11 P.M. at the Richmond Country Club. SDDS Board member Dr. Ed Jastremski is to be installed as president of our branch Society. Dr. Louis DeSantis will receive the Distinguished Service Award. Perhaps most notably, the event will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the RCDS.
- The New York County Dental Society will hold its Installation of Officers on Thursday evening, January 29 at 5:30 P.M. Maurice Edwards is to be installed as their president.
- Congratulations to GNYDM General Chairman Dr. Ian Lerner, the Organization Committee and staff of the Meeting for a successful Meeting. SDDS gave away four restaurant certificates and two Barnes and Noble Nook Readers to six lucky raffle winners, two of them SDDS members. Thanks go to Dr. Deborah Pasquale who concluded her four years as a member of the Organization Committee.
- Liability Claims Committee met for the third time this year to review four cases on the evening of November 20, while members of the Peer Review Committee met on November 18 to conduct an examination and review of an orthodontic case.
- This Board meeting will see the following people leave our Board and join the “back of the room”: Dr. Phyllis Merlino, Dr. Edward Jastremski, Dr. Amrish Parikh and Dr. Paul Weseley. Beginning in January, four new Board members will take their seat at “the big table”: Dr. Kristine Hassan, Dr. Ankush Khanna, Dr. Ronald Turchak and Dr. John Demas.
- Final arrangements have been made for two short Friday morning seminars in January, 2015 to cover the specifics of e-Prescribing. The Seminars will be presented by Dr. Craig Ratner on behalf of the NYSDA Technology Task Force. It will cover specifics of the regulations and the NYSDA sponsored program for software. The first program will be on Friday morning, January 16 at the Fort Hamilton Community Club. The second program will be on Friday, January 23 at the Hilton Garden Inn on Staten Island. There will be no charge to SDDS members. Other NYSDA members will be charged $25, while non-members will be charged $50. A representative from Schein will be in attendance at both meetings.

President – Dr. Medrano-Saldaña:
- Hoped all had a great Thanksgiving and enjoyed the GNYDM.
- Stated that he was active at the GNYDM and enjoyed the dinner given for all the volunteers.
- Had numerous conference calls in reference to the Partnership Agreement with the president of the NYCDS.
- Reported that the Mentorship Program has gotten off to a great start and thanked Dr. Sconzo for his role in helping this to occur. Also stated that our new members and residents are actively participating in all events. Mentioned that
some of these participants will be joining the SDDS Board in January 2015.

- The SDDS Headquarters will be getting new air conditioning, tables and chairs.
- Stated the relationship with NYCDS is terrific!
- The Foundation is in place for the GNYDM and that Dr. Lerner was able to raise a sizeable amount of money.
- Received the approval from the Internal Revenue Service for our 501(c).
- Reports to be given by the Chairs at Board Meetings is now in effect.
- The SDDS is in a very strong position financially.
- Stated that at his installation he felt confident he would have a good presidency because of all the mentors on the Board who have helped him during his term.
- Thanked Mr. Hackett for his guidance and leadership.
- Informed the Board that it was an honor and privilege to serve as president of the SDDS and hoped all enjoy the wine and candy that he distributed.

NYSDA REPORTS
Council on Dental Benefit Plans – Dr. Segelnick (previously emailed)
Council on Peer Review and Quality Assurance – Dr. Rosenwein (previously mailed)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (None)

Motion: To accept the above resolution.

Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolved: That the SDDS Board approve, on a one-time basis, a program that will provide those SDDS members who both renew their 2015 tripartite membership and secure the NYSDA sponsored e-prescription software program being made available through Henry Schein, a $30 rebate of the initial setup charge.

After discussion the resolution was amended to read as follows:

Resolved: That the SDDS Board approve, on a one-time basis, a program that will provide those SDDS members who both renew their 2015 tripartite membership and secure the NYSDA endorsed e-prescription software program being made available through Henry Schein, a $30 rebate of the initial setup charge.

Motion Passed: To accept the amended resolution.

At this point Dr. Gounardes informed the Board that he will be seeking the position of Speaker of the House of Delegates for the NYSDA. Dr. Ratner proposed the following:

Motion Passed: That the SDDS endorse the campaign of Dr. Gounardes for Speaker of the House of Delegates for the NYSDA and that we appropriate up to $5,000 for his campaign.

Dr. Gounardes appointed Dr. Ratner to be his campaign manager.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- Dr. Segelnick congratulated Dr. Ratner on his many successful years as editor of the SDDS Bulletin. Dr. Segelnick, as the incoming editor, requested the Board to submit articles for publication in the SDDS Bulletin.
- Dr. Gounardes thanked Dr. Medrano-Saldaña for his leadership. Announced that Dr. Bongiorno has been elected as President of the N.Y.U.C.D. Alumni Association.
- Dr. Sconzo thanked the residents that attended the board meeting tonight and all the other residents who have attended our Meetings throughout the years. He stated that he hopes that this trend will continue in the future.

Dr. Medrano-Saldaña requested the residents to rise to be recognized and the Board gave them a standing ovation.

At this time Dr. Medrano-Saldaña called for an Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 P.M.
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