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The SDDS delegation at the ADA HOD session in October 2022. From left to right: Dr. John Demas, Dr. Mitchell Mindlin, Dr. Alyson Buchalter, Immediate NYSDA Past President Dr. Craig Ratner, Dr. Paul Teplitsky and Dr. Paul Albicocco

Dentists from all over the country joined together at the American Dental Association's (ADA) House of Delegates meeting in Houston, Texas, to address the issues facing the profession. This year the attention turned inward to focus on the health and sustainability of the organization itself.

The ADA has been facing a shrinking market share over the past decade. To reverse this trend, our new executive director, Dr. Raymond Cohlma, and the ADA Board of Trustees felt it was time to take action. They proposed a new structure for the way the ADA would conduct its business. The premise is a system that would make the organization more responsive to changes in the environment and therefore more responsive to the needs of

its members. The hope is that a more efficient ADA will deliver more for its members. The organization would be more valued by the profession, which will hopefully drive membership. At the very least, it would make the organization more efficient. At the heart of this change is the creation of a Strategic Forecasting Committee. In the past the ADA would formulate a five-year strategic plan which would be evaluated at the end of the five years. Under the new system of forecasting, policies and strategies will be evaluated on an ongoing basis and adjusted accordingly. It is thought that the organization needs to constantly look forward to where we need to be, instead of focusing on correcting where we were.

Besides the creation of the Strategic Forecasting Committee, four subcommittees and 13 action groups were created to focus on different issues facing the profession and our organization. Recommended changes can then be forwarded for action rather than waiting a year or more to be looked at by the next House of Delegates (HOD) session. These committees and groups will be populated by members of the HOD, ADA trustees, ADA members, and non-members with needed skills.

Seismic changes like this don't come easy. It is no surprise that its creation took up much of the focus and energy of the House. That doesn't mean there was any shortage of issues affecting our profession that needed to be addressed. The reference committee on Dental Practice and Benefits looked at resolutions dealing with key issues facing practitioners. ADA policies proposed a model for insurance companies related to explanation of benefits, urging more transparency as to

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who is reviewing claims. Policy was also clarified addressing the grading system insurance companies use to rate providers, urging the ADA to seek legislation to ban the practice. Today's practitioners face the issue of social media reviews and online reputation. The House directed the ADA to develop a reputation defense tool kit to help dentists react appropriately to social media posts.

The reference committee on Budget, Business and Membership looked at ways to make the business of the ADA Foundation more transparent to membership. To that end, the approved minutes of the ADA Foundation's board will now be posted.

The ADA continues its effort to address the issues of diversity and inclusion. The House reauthorized the task force to eliminate barriers for underrepresented minorities in the dental profession. A new membership category had been proposed to create space for dental team members in the organization. The idea was to give them access to educational programs and other goods and services provided by the ADA. This concept resulted in extensive commentary, both for and against. Ultimately, the House overwhelmingly rejected the idea.

The House continues to look at the changing world of the new dentist. The House directed the

ADA to collect data on the new dentist over their first 10 years in practice. They will be looking at the type and location of their practices, as well as trends and other factors new dentists face. There was also a resolution to investigate and implement ways to improve the ADA's job placement program.

The reference committee on Education and Science tackled the policy on the use of amalgam as a restorative material. This has been a challenging issue which pits public perception against evidenced-based research. The policy now includes the responsible use of amalgam restorations for clinical situations where it is appropriate. Recognizing the need to reduce environmental mercury, the ADA recommends dentists eliminate the use of bulk dental mercury and amalgam alloy and that they use only encapsulated amalgam alloy. It remains against ADA policy to advocate to a patient to remove serviceable amalgam restorations solely to substitute a material that does not include mercury.

Another greatly debated issue was the creation of a searchable digital archive of state and component publications. The creation of such an archive will greatly assist readers by providing whatever research they need whenever they need it. It will also aid the

research community by archiving their articles, making them easy to reference. This will aid dental researchers applying for grants to continue their work. It will also support the submission of these articles to component publications, ultimately benefiting all members.

The reference committee on Legislative, Health and Governance looked at the issue of the unlicensed practice of dentistry and hygiene. Not surprisingly, members of the House felt strongly that this policy needed to be strengthened. It was proposed that state attorney generals prosecute these cases more quickly and



ADA Delegate Dr. Mitchell Mindlin addresses the Second Trustee District (NYSDA) Caucus at the ADA House of Delegates

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to the full extent of the law. It was proposed to give state dental boards a role in stopping these practices. Unfortunately, there have been liability issues for these boards and different states have different laws regulating their scope. The policy was ultimately sent back to ADA councils to find solutions to these issues.

Several resolutions tried to address providing more funding for dental services to those in need. The ADA will be advocating for increased funding for dental services to veterans. We will also be supporting enforcing better dental loss ratios in the Medicaid programs. This would mean a greater percentage of dental insurance premium dollars would go to providing care and less to administration. The Medicaid task force will be continuing its work to develop policies that increase reimbursements, reduce administrative burdens and generally make the program more appeal-

ing to providers, thereby increasing access to care. They also addressed the subject of student debt by looking at ways to improve the debt relief programs for those working in the National Health Service Corp. There was also policy to address concerns about the federal government's proposed student loan forgiveness program. The ADA will lobby to make sure dentists are included in any federal program.

An election took place for the position of ADA president-elect. The trustee from Washington, Dr. Linda Edgar, bested the NYSDA ADA Trustee Dr. Paul Leary for the position.

The Second District Dental Society (SDDS) was represented by Drs. Paul Albicocco, Alyson Buchalter, John Demas, Mitchell Mindlin, Craig Ratner, and Paul Teplitsky.

Dr. Mitchell Mindlin serves as ADA delegate for SDDS. He is also a past president of SDDS.

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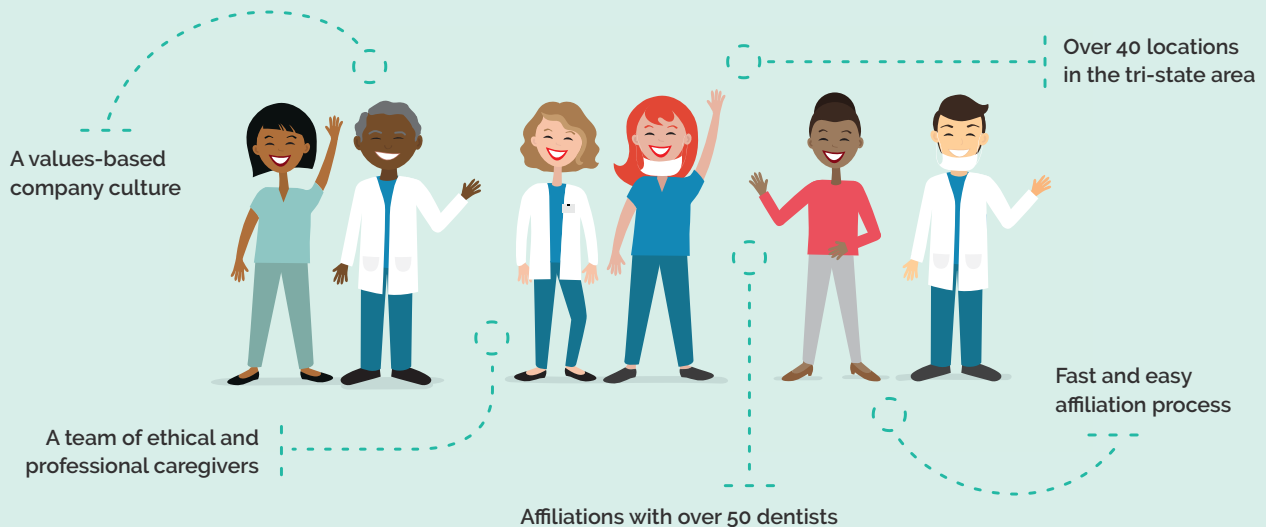


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The End of the Pandemic

By John P. Demas, D.D.S.

The pandemic is over.

The mayor has said so.

The governor has said so.

Even the president has said so, although he acknowledged that we have a “COVID problem.”

The public at large has embraced the idea that the pandemic no longer exists. “Masks? We don’t need no stinking masks.” Not even on crowded (or not so crowded) mass transit. The masks have come off and it seems that everyone is endeavoring to get back to what they perceive should be “normal.” A COVID-19 infection is no more dangerous than the flu or a common cold.

Some facts:

Daily deaths from COVID-19 in the U.S. still hover between the mid-three hundreds to low four hundreds (using a rolling seven-

day average). So, are we on track to have another million citizens die from COVID-19? No, not at this time, as the herd has, sadly, already been culled to a degree. We are, however, seeing between 2,500 and 2,600 fellow citizens die from COVID-19 each week, which, when one does the math, translates into 10,500 deaths per month and around 126,000 deaths per year. This is not the flu. Annual deaths from the flu in the U.S., averaged over the last decade, are 36,000.

The rate at which the Omicron variants are mutating has not slowed as compared to that rate when they first appeared, which means that the virus is still rapidly changing its appearance (and, possibly, its potential to be lethal). All the Omicron subvariants are showing increased transmissibility

and properties of immune escape. The XBB and other newer variants are very possibly unaffected by the monoclonal antibody regimens available, which, if this is the case, puts the immunocompromised at even greater risk.

All in the public health sector of this country know that we have a “COVID problem.”

It is called a pandemic; it has not bid us adieu and it will be with us for a while. While fewer of our loved ones or acquaintances will succumb to it, the numbers are still staggering and the wild card in the entire mix is “long COVID.”

We made the acquaintance of this virus less than three years ago. To a very great extent, we are mostly guessing (doesn’t matter that they may be educated guesses, they are guesses all the same) at

what predisposes one to lingering effects, how the virus continues to harm our systems, and how to treat the long-term symptoms, simply because it is young and constantly changing. It is, indeed, novel. We will need quite a few more years of data and analysis to get beyond conjecture and anecdotes.

Have I written anything that you, as a doctor and scientist, do not already know?

I would hope not.

So, why did I bother?

Mostly to remind us that it should be the science that we should pay attention to, not the politicians and never the television. It is the science that should dictate how we make practice decisions meant to ensure that our offices, our staffs and our patients are all

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**WHEN
IS THE END?
#COVID19**

as safe and protected as we can make them.

In 2020 the office of the governor and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) issued “Interim COVID-19 Guidance for Dentistry” for starting up our practices after the shutdown. We were handed mandates that included checklists and very specific documentation. Included among them was a written pre-appointment screening form, the daily documenting of the temperature of staff upon arrival and departure, and the documentation of the patient’s temperature immediately prior to their appointment, as well as another in-office screening form.

Those mandates were rescinded in 2021 and replaced with a second set of mandates, these being issued by the New York State Department of Labor under the HEROES Act. The HEROES Act has also been rescinded and there are presently no mandates whatsoever. None. Simply recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which are also referenced by the NYSDOH.

So, our autonomy has been restored but many look for something more concrete than recommendations. Some would feel most comfortable (understandably) with a new checklist that spells out our obligations.

As this list of best practices does not exist, we are faced with answering: “What might we be doing to best ensure that our office is not a locus from which COVID transmission is facilitated?” (Keep in mind that this is the author “thinking” out loud; pick and choose if you think a practice makes sense.) **Let’s consider some of what we had been doing.**

Screening the patients on the phone when confirming their appointments. Asking if they have been in close or proximate contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or who has or had symptoms of COVID-19 or if they have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days, and/or have experienced any symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days.

It does not hurt to ask. One can tailor the time frame to what they feel is reasonable.

Have the patients fill out a questionnaire regarding the above when they arrive for their appointment and keep that record in their chart.

In my opinion, while the answers to the questions are important, putting it on a separate piece of paper is simply a waste of paper.

Keep a log of the temperature of all staff when they arrive and when they leave, as well as documenting the temperature of patients when they present for their appointment.

Theater. While it is possible that some office in this country actually did have a patient present with an elevated temperature that proved to be related to a COVID infection, it seems that the odds of winning Lotto twice are better.

Wait at least fifteen (15) minutes after completion of the dental visit or procedure to allow potential contagious droplets to sufficiently fall from the air before beginning cleaning and disinfection of surfaces in the dental operatory.

Seemed reasonable when it was proposed. However, when the theoretical was actually studied, it turned out that the air in our operatories was not a cesspool of pathogens and the CDC rescinded this recommendation. The highest concentrations of pathogen containing aerosols turned out to be extremely close to the mouth of the patient, not the other side of the room, and the main component of the aerosol was the hand-piece irrigant, not saliva.

We know that dentists are the medical professionals that are probably the best versed in barrier technique and source control to prevent infection. We should do what we do best — mitigate transmission by creating barriers.

Consider requiring that masks be worn by patients in the waiting area. If you choose to do so and a patient objects and states that they cannot breathe when they wear a mask, educate them in the kindest and most polite way possible that that is a load of nonsense. Dentists, worldwide, are proof that proper mask wearing minimizes or prevents the spread of airborne/respiratory pathogens. There is no death certificate anywhere that records the cause of death as “a well-fitted surgical mask.” Should a patient object on the grounds that there is no such governmental mandate or you are violating their personal rights, depending upon your comfort level, you may show them the door — your office, your rules. You are legally within your rights as the proprietor of your business to establish reasonable rules and expectations.

Consider the continued use of HEPA filters or another form of air cleaning system in each operatory and in the waiting and administrative areas.

Consider adopting a pre-procedural mouth rinse with an agent that has been shown to reduce the oral viral load of SARS-CoV-2.

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Continue to utilize intra-oral high volume evacuation and if you have been using extra-oral high volume evacuation consider continuing its implementation.

Continue the use of face shields and eye protection and guarantee that N95 masks are available for you and your staff. Remember, the CDC recommends that an N95 be worn when treating a patient known to be or suspected of being positive for SARS-COV-2 infection (they should not be in your dental chair).

Continue to use those strategies that you have been using that make sense to you.

A final thing you might consider is to educate your patients. Explain to them how germs are spread. Explain how one can effectively protect themselves and their families (stripping down to your skivvies in the garage and wiping the bottom of your shoes with Clorox is okay if that is what you are into, but it does nothing to prevent disease transmission). Advise them that Google searches all end in death. Ask them to consult a real

doctor for their medical advice, not their Aunt Tilly, their best friend's cousin's most recent Uber driver, or their neighbor's blog posts.

Explain transmission routes (for all pathogens, not just COVID-19) and how those routes can be mitigated. Explain that vaccination will mitigate the severity of an infection but is not (and was never ever meant to be) a guarantee that you will not contract the causative pathogen if exposed. The more educated your patients are the more they will appreciate your efforts to keep them protected.

Should you have questions or concerns, consult the CDC website or contact the New York State Dental Association (NYSDA) or feel free to contact me at johnp.demas@gmail.com (I am no authority but you will get my opinion as a former chair of the NYSDA Council on Dental Practice).

Dr. John Demas is a member of the NYSDA and SDDS board of trustees and the former chair of the NYSDA Council on Dental Practice.

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Dr. Danielle Katherine Pallas -
Columbia University, 2021

Dr. Juan Pablo Munoz Gonzalez -
New York University, 2021

Dr. Pranali Pankil Vyas -
Tufts University School of
Dental Medicine, 2021

Dr. Lyndsay Park -
Tufts University School of
Dental Medicine, 2021

Dr. Eribel Rodriguez -
New York University, 2021

Dr. Hyo Sup Shin -
New York University, 2020

Staten Island University Hospital

Dr. Pehalvi Chadha -
New York University, 2021

Dr. Parth Chokshi -
Rutgers School of Dental Medicine, 2022

Dr. Areumbyul Hong -
University of Pennsylvania, 2013

Dr. Tohidul Islam -
Creighton University, 2022

Dr. Sonya Mazlyer -
New York University, 2022

Dr. Diego Paredes -
Rutgers School of Dental Medicine, 2022

Dr. Youstina Robil -
New York University, 2022

Dr. Thomas Rollo -
Rutgers University, 2022

Dr. Christian Watkins -
University of Connecticut, 2022



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2023 SDDS DENTAL STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM

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Are you:

- A newly licensed dentist who has had your license for **five years or less** and has completed your residency program or specialty training program?
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Apply by March 31 and you could be one of several new dentists selected to receive an **award up to \$10,000** to help decrease your student loan debt.

View eligibility requirements to see if you qualify.

Program opens on January 2023
Application deadline is March 31, 2023



SDDS Photos of the Month



RCDS past presidents at the November RCDS membership meeting. Standing, from left to right: Drs. Michael Donato, Robert Sorrentino, Marc Meiselman, Louis DeSantis, Philip Buccigrossi, Jr., Paul Albicocco, Valerie Venterina, Raymond Flagiello, Edward Jastremski and Michael Costa. Seated, from left to right: Drs. Phyllis Merlino, Vincent Frazzetto, Robert Seminara, Charles Mistretta and Michael D'Anna



Anne Marie Gothard (incoming president of the AADEJ) presents SDDS Bulletin Editor Dr. Stuart Segelnick with a plaque in recognition of his leadership as president of the AADEJ



SDDS Past President Dr. Deborah Pasquale (center) at a retirement party held in her honor by Jamaica Hospital on Sept. 22. Also pictured are Drs. Benjamin Solomowitz (left) and Dr. James Sconzo (right)



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2023

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023

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SDDS Participates in Bed-Stuy Community Outreach

By Esther Nelson, D.D.S.

September 10 marked one of the most successful community outreach programs of the year, as Second District Dental Society (SDDS) had a collaborative event with NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital (NYPBMH) and Christ Fellowship Baptist Church in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn. This outreach was well-received and most definitely appreciated, and it confirms the SDDS Oral Health Committee's commit-

ment to ensuring that oral health is an integral component of health and wellness.

Fortunately, Andrea Bland, the manager of community affairs at NYPBMH, was on site to help coordinate and guide the program in an orderly fashion. Dr. Chloe Beninati, a dental resident at NYPBMH, helped tremendously in screening members of the community and answering questions pertaining to oral health. SDDS Oral Health Commit-

tee Member Dr. Esther Nelson also participated in the program, providing oral health education to attendees and distributing informational pamphlets and toothbrushes. Extra help came from Daniel Jeremy Lopez, R.D.H., from Columbia University, who is affiliated with a mobile dental clinic catering to Harlem and the Bronx and expressed his willingness to collaborate with SDDS in future outreach events.



The SDDS and NYPBMH outreach team mans the dental table at the Bed-Stuy health fair. From left to right: Dr. Esther Nelson, Daniel Jeremy Lopez, R.D.H., and Dr. Chloe Beninati



Bed-Stuy community members attending health fair attentively engaged in tabletop presentations

SDDS Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

President, Dr. Michael Donato, called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

Motion Passed: To accept the minutes of the June 13, 2022 board of trustees meeting as distributed.

Motion Passed: To accept the minutes of the August 22, 2022 joint board meeting of SDDS and NYCDS as amended (Dr. Demas was not present).

PRESENT:

Drs. Donato, Flagiello, Quartey-Sagaille, Teplitsky, Venterina, Merlino, Albicocco, Buccigrossi, Buchalter, Butt, DeLeonibus, Demas, Flamer-Caldera, Libramonte, Richard, Segelnick, Turchak and Wolfe; Mr. Hackett

EXCUSED:

Drs. Bina, Bongiorno, Meiselman, Merola, Mistretta and Rosenwein

GUESTS:

Drs. Eliscar, Oshrain, Pavlakos and Sconzo

DECEASED MEMBERS:

Dr. Ira Pisetznier –
New York University, 1963

Dr. Howard J. Krigsman –
New York University, 1970

ELECTION OF MEMBERS

NEW MEMBERS:

Dr. Vyacheslav Ripa –
New York University, 2000

REINSTATEMENTS:

Dr. Rony Mashihi –
New York University, 2003

TRANSFERS:

(none)

RESIDENT MEMBERS:

See November 2022 Bulletin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

See “Upcoming Events” calendar.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Email (8/24) from District 2 ASDA officers acknowledging receipt of funding for annual meeting
2. Letter dated August 24 from NYSDA acknowledging Dr. Anthony Cuomo’s visit to SDDS
3. Letter dated July 15 from International College of Dentists to Dr. Stuart Segelnick, editor of the SDDS Bulletin; congratulations for winning Division 2 award for the September/October 2021
4. Letter from Dr. Sari Rosenwein to Mr. Hackett and the SDDS Board of Trustees expressing her thanks and gratitude for the support given following the loss of her mother

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STAFF:

President — Dr. Michael Donato:

- Thanked the Nominating Committee for their time and effort
- Acknowledged the GNYDM Personnel Committee which held interviews during the summer. The search process yielded a highly qualified individual to serve as the new general manager of the GNYDM
- Dr. Mindlin will be arranging a GNYDM audit committee meeting at the end of this month
- Encouraged all board members to register for the Greater New York Dental Meeting and to volunteer as presiding chairs

President-Elect — Dr. Raymond Flagiello:

- Appointed Dr. Sumaya Ibraheem to the Publications Committee for a five-year term effective January 2023
- Re-appointed Dr. Alyson Buchalter to the position of component reporter for the NYSDA dental journal effective January 2023

- With the recommendation of the Publications Committee, re-appointed the current members of the editorial staff for 2023 except for Dr. Teplitsky, who is stepping down and being replaced by Dr. Ibraheem
- The committee which was formed to develop next year’s SDDS continuing education program included Drs. Segelnick, Lam and Flamer-Caldera. They have done an exceptional job and are nearly complete

Treasurer — Dr. Valerie Venterina:

- Reported on the balances in the Chase operating and savings accounts and the peer review escrow account
- The value of our Vanguard investment portfolio has seen a recent increase but is still down approximately 16% from its Jan. 1 position
- Our investment ratio is within the desired range

Executive Director — Mr. Bernard Hackett:

- Was asked to appear as a witness for an ADA hearing regarding an SDDS member who refused to comply with the peer review process. This was an ethics violation which the NYSDA Council on Ethics had previously acted on
- Dr. Jeffrey Galler, with the assistance of Dr. DeLeonibus, will conduct a mediation workshop for members of the Peer Review Committee. Members from other components will be invited to attend
- It is expected that all speakers and venues for the 2023 SDDS CE program will be secure by the end of this month
- We continue to have weak attendance at our live CE presentations. It is anticipated that attendance will pick up as the New York State Education Department requirement for live hours reverts back to pre-COVID levels
- A final shredding event for 2022 will take place at SDDS Headquarters on October 21
- Our ADA delegates and alternates have started caucus preparations for the ADA House of Delegates meeting

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SDDS Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

- It has been decided to hold our October board meeting virtually
- After experiencing many problems with Verizon phone service for the past two years, we have switched to a Voice over Internet Protocol phone system. It has been in use for the past month, is less costly than Verizon and has been working well with no issues
- This afternoon we received our final payment of proceeds from the 2021 Greater New York Dental Meeting. The total amount received by Second District for the 2021 meeting was a little over \$560,000

NYSDA REPORTS:

Board of Trustees — Dr. Demas:

- Minutes of the meetings have been emailed
- A new NYSDA executive director has been chosen, Mr. Gregory Hill
- The ADA is embarking upon a new strategic forecasting initiative
- NYSDA will be conducting a search for a new lobbyist

Council on Ethics — Dr. Teplitsky:

- Minutes of the June 22, 2022 meeting previously emailed

HOD Report — Dr. Demas:

- Previously emailed

SDDS REPORTS:

Greater New York Dental Meeting — Dr. Richard Oshrain:

- As of today, we have sold 905 booths and we are at 1,375 visas for international attendees
- We still need more presiding chairs
- Total registration so far for this year's meeting is at 7,859 compared to 5,581 at this time for last year's meeting
- Courses have been open for two weeks and we have sold 1,449 tickets to date
- The new general manager has been hired. Mr. Thomas Loughran will begin coming to the office on Sept. 22 and officially

assume the role of general manager on Jan. 1

Richmond County Dental Society — Dr. Merola:

- Via text message, it was reported that RCDS needs one more lecturer for their CE program next year

Nominating Committee — Dr. Donato:

- Report of the Nominating Committee has been emailed

Publications Committee — Mr. Hackett (in Dr. Lieb's absence):

- Dr. Flagiello has already reported on recommendations for appointments for 2023
- Dr. Segelnick had a report which was presented by Dr. Lieb announcing that our Bulletin won the newsletter award for the third time, two years in a row
- It is suggested that we encourage Second District members to submit articles and to approach hospital program administrators to have their residents submit case studies and articles

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Vacancy on the SDDS board of trustees
- The Board voted for candidates to fill the slot vacated by Dr. Demas when he assumed the position of NYSDA trustee. Dr. Mitchell Mindlin was elected to fill the remaining four months of the two-year term formerly held by Dr. Demas

NEW BUSINESS:

- Dr. Quartey-Sagaille was approached by Dr. Meena Kim from NYCDS for the Second District to co-sponsor a women's leaders luncheon to be held at the ADA House of Delegates meeting. The luncheon will be held on Sunday, Oct. 16 from 1:00–3:30 P.M.

Motion Passed: Second District will contribute \$2,500 to co-sponsor a women's leaders luncheon at the ADA House of Delegates meeting

GOOD & WELFARE:

- Dr. Wolfe reported that today was the first day in her new office

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

OCTOBER 3, 2022 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

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Motion Passed: To accept the minutes of the September 12, 2022 board of trustees meeting as distributed.

PRESENT:

Drs. Donato, Flagiello, Quartey-Sagaille, Teplitsky, Venterina, Merlino, Bina, Buccigrossi, Buchalter, Butt, DeLeonibus, Demas, Libramonte, Meiselman, Merola, Mindlin, Mistretta, Richard, Sager, Segelnick, Turchak and Wolfe; Mr. Hackett

EXCUSED:

Drs. Albicocco, Bongiorno, Flamer-Caldera and Rosenwein

GUESTS:

Drs. Halikias, Lieb, Pasquale, Ratner, Reyes and Sherman

DECEASED MEMBERS:

Dr. George Diacoumakos, NYU – 1981

ELECTION OF MEMBERS

NEW MEMBERS:

(none)

REINSTATEMENTS:

(none)

TRANSFERS:

Dr. Danielle Kristal – SUNY Stony Brook, 2019 (Transferred from Washtenaw District Dental Society – Michigan)

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Dr. Mariah Pewarski – University of Pennsylvania, 2018 (Transferred from Bronx County Dental Society)

RESIDENT MEMBERS:

See November 2022 Bulletin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

See “Upcoming Events” calendar.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(none)

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STAFF:

President — Dr. Michael Donato:

- Attended the GNYDM Organization Committee meeting on Sept. 15
- Encouraged all board members and guests to register and volunteer for the GNYDM
- It is recommended that next month's board meeting on November 7 be held via Zoom
- Attended the GNYDM Joint Budget and Audit Committee meeting on Thursday, Sept. 29

President-Elect — Dr. Raymond Flagiello:

- Working on our January Installation luncheon, which will be held at the University Club

Treasurer — Dr. Valerie Venterina:

- Reported on the balances in the Chase operating and savings accounts and the Peer Review escrow account
- The value of our Vanguard investment portfolio is now down approximately 21% from its Jan. 1 position
- Our investment ratio is within the desired range

Executive Director — Mr. Bernard Hackett:

- There is a Peer Review mediation workshop scheduled for Oct. 28. Other components have been invited to attend

- The Awards Committee is scheduled to meet Oct. 25
- We will hear a report from Dr. Ratner about the 2023 Loan Forgiveness Program at our November meeting
- NYSDA President-Elect Dr. Anthony Cuomo is planning to attend our membership meeting at Dyker Beach later this week

NYSDA REPORTS:

Board of Trustees — Dr. Demas:

- Will mail his report to Mr. Hackett so that he can distribute it
- The NYSDA board of trustees met this past Friday in Albany
- The ADA has launched a member app which can be downloaded
- NYSDA is backing a Massachusetts legislative initiative which will require dental insurers to spend at least 83% of their premiums for patient care

Council on Dental Benefit Plans — Dr. Buchalter:

- Report of the Sept. 19 meeting has been emailed
- The ADA strongly supports the Massachusetts Medical Loss Ratio ballot initiative because it is believed that if it passes, it can be used as a model for all the states

SDDS REPORTS:

Greater New York Dental Meeting — Dr. Richard Oshrain:

- Dr. Oshrain is out of town, so he asked Dr. Teplitsky to give a report in his absence
- Total registration as of today for this year's meeting is 11,372 compared to 7,454 at this time for last year's meeting
- Current booth sales are at 956, an increase of 51 in the past month
- Course ticket sales have risen from 1,449 to 2,456 in the past month. Educational revenue as of today is \$340,610
- We still need more people to register and volunteer as presiding chairs
- Mr. Thomas Loughran, our new general manager, was present at our last GNYDM Organization Committee meeting so we

all had the opportunity to meet and speak with him. He will officially assume the role of general manager on Jan. 1

Richmond County Dental Society — Dr. Merola:

- All speakers have been secured for the 2023 RCDS educational program

GNYDM Joint Budget and Audit Committee — Dr. Mindlin:

- The committee met on Thursday, Sept. 29
- The audit of the 2021 meeting was reviewed. No discrepancies were found and the audit was found to be clean
- For the next two years, the committee will be chaired by someone from New York County

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

(none)

NEW BUSINESS:

(none)

GOOD & WELFARE:

- Dr. Donato's daughter Nicole will be married on Oct. 22
- Regarding the recent hurricane, Mr. Hackett expressed concern for all current and past members who have homes in Florida
- Dr. Mindlin thanked everyone who expressed good wishes following his injury this summer
- Dr. Demas reported that his youngest daughter will be finishing her federal clerkship and will be joining a firm that is opening an office in Manhattan
- Dr. Merola recently celebrated the one-year anniversary in his practice

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

SDDS Job Board

POSITIONS WANTED

GENERAL DENTIST AVAILABLE PART-TIME: Experienced General Dentist available 1-2 days/ week and alternate Saturdays. Bay Ridge area, Park Slope, North Brooklyn and Staten Island. **Contact:** (917) 301-4436

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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**Note: Due to a printer error, the above ad was posted in the September/October 2022 issue with incorrect information. We apologize for the error.*

PEDIATRIC DENTIST - BROOKLYN HOSPITAL: Board certified/ Board eligible pediatric dentist wanted for an attending position in a Brooklyn Hospital, supervising pediatric dental residents. NYS license required. Please email your resume to Rena Kravitz. **Contact:** Rena Kravitz | rkravitz@maimonidesmed.org

ASSOCIATE WANTED: Busy cosmetic dental office in Brooklyn. Digital x-ray machine. Friendly and experienced staff. Good compensation. Possible transition to ownership. Send resume by fax: (718) 376-7652 or by email. **Contact:** (917) 400-5073 | ustech@gmail.com

FT ASSOCIATE – BROOKLYN: Implant Practice seeks full time associate. Experience a plus. No Saturdays. Available immediately. **Contact:** Dr. Simon Kappel | 718-436-0202 | doctorsmileone@gmail.com

ORAL SURGEON - ONE BROOKLYN HEALTH SYSTEM: Part-Time: 2 day/week at Brookdale Hospital Medical Center. Responsibilities: supervision/teaching residents. **Contact:** Dr. David J. Miller | 718-613-4707 | dmiller@interfaithmedical.org

PEDIATRIC DENTISTS - ONE BROOKLYN HEALTH SYSTEM: Full Time position, Monday – Friday at Brookdale Medical Center (full benefits package and loan forgiveness eligibility), Wednesdays at Interfaith Medical Center. Responsibilities: supervision/teaching residents. **Contact:** Dr. David J. Miller | 718-613-4707 | dmiller@interfaithmedical.org

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ORAL SURGEON - ONE BROOKLYN HEALTH SYSTEM: Part-Time: 1 day/week at Interfaith Medical Center. Responsibilities: supervision/teaching residents. **Contact:** Dr. David J. Miller | 718-613-4707 | dmiller@interfaithmedical.org

GENERAL DENTIST: Well established private practice seeking a full time General Dentist to join our growing team. We are in search of clinically skillful doctors with great communication skills and an ability to build a rapport with our patients. 2 + years experience preferred. **Contact:** Dr. Anthony Pannone | (718) 979 -2121 | jobs@oakwooddentalarts.com

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Advertising in the SDDS Job Board

The SDDS Job Board is a free member-benefit program for all Second District members who are seeking employment and for all SDDS members who have positions available at their office address in Brooklyn or Staten Island. This member benefit is available only to Second District members in good standing. Please call Christine at (718) 522-3939 or send us an email for details on placing an associateship listing.

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PRACTICE FOR SALE: 34 year old thriving Sheepshead Bay Brooklyn dental practice. Grossing near \$700,000.

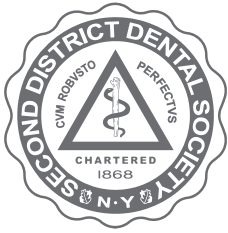
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