

Montgomery Bucks Dental Society  
Executive Council Meeting  
November 6, 2019  
Minutes

**Present:** N. Eraydin, A. Farrell, J. Freedman, M. Garbin, H. Ghazzhouli, L. Green, A. Greenfield, A. Hammer, T. Howley, D. Kaffey, A. Levine, R. Lewin, J. Scordamaglia, R. Singer, A. Stout, D. Teitelman, S. Qing

**Call to Order:** 7:11 PM, President Ghazzhouli

Minutes from 9/18/2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Announcements:**

- Dr. Ghazzhouli introduced a new guest, Dr. Stephen Qing, who is interested in more involvement. Dr. Amanda Hemmer is our new Community Dental Awareness Chair. She was editor before Kruti Patel.
  
- **Reports of Officers**
  - **President** - President Hadi Ghazzhouli reported the membership outreach initiative is working on getting better contact information on members since the goal is to get more personal outreach; he will keep everyone updated.
  - **President-Elect** - No new report.
  - **Corresponding Secretary** - Dr. Danielle Teitelman reports that she has sent welcome emails to new members.
  - **Recording Secretary** - No new activity to report.
  - **Treasurer** - Dr. Matthew Garbin reported we're down slightly from where we were last year, significantly. CE and sponsorship have been great this year, however.
  - **Directors to 2nd District/ADA Delegation** -The following items were discussed:
    - Jay Freedman discussed 2nd District's strategic guideline which recommends each of the local societies set up a New Member Concierge committee with a subgroup for Diversity & Inclusion. The goal of the concierge is to be in more personal contact with members and to help them be aware of and understand their

membership benefits at each level. Reaching out more and having more events to local GPRs and residencies was also discussed. It will be up to the board to decide if our officers will automatically serve as the concierge committee or if a separate committee should be formed. Second District is also currently working on streamlining the committees at the district level, and this should be considered at the local level. In order to make changes to structure, we would have to propose bylaw changes which must be presented to the public and then voted on after two meetings with the board.

- The board also discussed ideas for MBDS to have a presence at the Greater Philadelphia Dental Meeting in Valley Forge; the idea of sponsoring coffee was presented. If anyone has any ideas please send them along to one of the officers.

- **Committee Reports**

- **Communications**

- **Bulletin** - Dr. Rachel Lewin remarked there isn't a lot of content for the upcoming Bulletin. Dr. Nuri Eraydin recommended asking speakers for the upcoming All Day CE to contribute articles about the topic they'll be speaking about. As a reminder, here are upcoming Bulletin deadlines:
      - Bulletin 3- Highlighting All Day CE Meeting: Nov 25th
      - Bulletin 4- Highlighting Feb Dinner Meeting: Jan 13th
      - Bulletin 5- Highlighting March Dinner Meeting: Feb 17th
      - Bulletin 6- Highlighting President's Banquet: March 23rd.
    - **Informatics** - Dr. Danielle Teitelman reported that Dr. Maggie Rosenberger is now on their committee and they are working on ideas for Instagram and boosting some of our posts on Facebook. The board discussed setting up a budget for advertising for dinner meetings and CE meetings. A motion for funding a budget of up to \$500 for advertising for Distinguished Speaker and All Day CE meetings was made and unanimously approved.
    - **Business Manager** - No new activity to report.

- **Education**
  - **All Day CE** - Dr. Nuri Eraydin reported we have fewer registrants than usual for next Friday's All Day CE. He also encouraged board members to register and attend these meetings because if we don't have a presence, how can we expect other members to attend? It was again brought up that the committee should try moving the day of the meeting since it's possible the members who aren't attending can't make it on Fridays. As a reminder, here are the dates for upcoming events:
    - 1/17/2020 - Dr. Peter Auster (How to be Thrilled in Dentistry (For the First Time?))
    - 4/3/2020 - Christine Lajoie - Sleep Apnea / Airway
  - **Distinguished Speakers Series/Evening CE** - No new activity to report.
  - **Sponsorship** - Nothing new to report.
- **Fellowship**
  - **Social Programs** - Unfortunately, the Oktoberfest event had to be cancelled due to not enough people signing up. It was discussed that advertising has to be done early, and registering has to be simple. Planning events farther in advance will allow more time for advertising and getting the word out.
  - **Fellowship & Advisory** - No new activity to report.
- **Finance**
  - **Audit** - No new activity to report.
  - **Budget & Finance** - Please see attached budget sheet.
  - **Financial Investment Committee** - No new activity to report.
- **Governance**
  - **Nominating** - Dr. Hadi Ghazhouli appointed Dr. Rachel Lewin to complete Dr. Pappy Chhina's unexpired term that ends in 2022. The board unanimously approved. The nominating committee will meet to discuss the replacement of Dr. Chhina's President Elect position and will present their deliberations at the next board meeting.

- **Constitution & By Laws** - No new activity to report.
- **Membership**
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    - Dr. Hadi Ghazzhouli discussed the recent PDA Congress, for which we had several in attendance from MBDS. Committees met for the first half of the meeting. In the second half there was an open panel discussion on the introduction of dental therapists to the state of Pennsylvania.
    - Dr. Jay Freedman encouraged our local society to write a grant request for the Engagement Program Grant. Up to three grant requests can be made. They need to be written and in by early December and need to be submitted through a component Executive Director.
  - **Membership Benefits** - Dr. Jay Freedman reported that registration for The Greater Philadelphia Dental Meeting at Valley Forge Casino is now open. Courses are a great member benefit. At PDA Congress, members discussed the upcoming Pennsylvania Dental Meeting as well as ideas for trying to make it a more family friendly event.
  - **New Dentist Subcommittee** - Dr. Amy Farrell reported the New Dentist Committee is considering hosting a happy hour. It was brought up by Dr. David Kaffey that we should consider following the path of Lehigh Valley dental society which organizes one happy hour social event every month. The board discussed holding a recurring event (i.e. the third Friday of every month) so that members will remember it and so there are more opportunities for members to get together and network and meet socially without an agenda.
  - **Member Insurance Programs** - No new activity to report.
- **Peer Review**
  - **Insurance Review** - No new activity to report.
  - **Ethics & Law Enforcement** - No new activity to report.
  - **Patient Relations** - Dr. Tom Howley reported that Dr. Bruce Terry had no new cases since the last meeting.

- **Public Interface**
  - **Community Dental Awareness** - The Candy Buy Back Program was advertised in the last Bulletin.
  - **Interprofessional Relations** - No new activity to report.
  - **Government Relations** - No new activity to report.
  
- **Executive Director** -No new activity to report.
  
- **Parliamentarian** - No new activity to report.
  
- **Ad Hoc Committee Reports** - No new activity to report.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** The following new business was discussed:

- Dr. Jay Freedman announced recent changes in dues alignment.
- Dr. Jay Freedman reported that Dr. Cary Limberakis intends to run for ADA Trustee. The board discussed the process of having a local board member run and having the board support their candidacy. To be discussed further at the next board meeting.
- It was discussed that the nominating committee should convene to discuss nominating someone to replace Dr. Pappy Chhina in her absence as President-Elect.

**Adjournment:** 8:20 PM