

Montgomery Bucks Dental Society
Executive Council Meeting
February 25, 2016
Minutes

Attendees: Drs. J. Axler, J. Burrell, B. Dishler, J. Freedman, A. Greenfield, C. Gregory, S. Heleniak, T. Howley, G. Katz, C. Limberakis, S. Moriconi, J. Persichetti, N. Rosenthal, J. Sameroff, R. Singer, L. Stone, A. Stout, N. Eraydin

Absent: All others

Called to order: 7:05pm

Minutes from November 19, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

- **Reports of Officers**

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- Dr. Burrell discussed the success of the Women's event this past November including the positive financial outcome. She also congratulated Dr. J. Axler for his nomination to receive the PDA's 2016 Distinguished Service Award. There will be a second opportunity to meet the immediate ADA past president, Dr. Maxine Feinberg, at the "Women in Dentistry Conference" on April 10, 2017, featuring guest speakers Dr. D Walter Cohen and Dr. Barbara Steinberg.

- **President-Elect** – no additional information reported

- **Corresponding Secretary**

- No new report

- **Recording Secretary**

- No new report

- **Treasurer**

- Financial reports attached.

- **Directors to 2nd District/ADA Delegation**

- It was reported and discussed that the Greater Philadelphia/Valley Forge Dental Conference March 2 to 4, 2016 is already set to be the biggest in over a decade. The 3 day conference is free to all paid 2nd District members. Please note that it has been discovered that many members of three

2nd District components (MB, CD, & LV) don't realize that their parent organization is 2nd District or the Valley Forge Dental Society. It was encouraged that this issue be addressed at future component events. All members were encouraged to vote in the PDA Election for PDA President Elect, PDA Treasurer and the Delegates to the ADA Annual Session. Voting ends 2/29/2016 and if you have not received an email from PDA, please contact PDA Membership.

J. Freedman

- 2nd District President-Elect Report to MBDS
Executive Council: Cary J. Limberakis, DMD

This report regards the PDA's Council of Presidents teleconference I took part in on February 9th. The intended purpose of the Council of Presidents, following the dissolution of the PDA's House of Delegates, is to provide a conduit to the Board of Trustees of the concerns of the membership and to submit resolutions regarding such. As it is, the Council requires a quorum of District Presidents who have a vote, as well as participation of District Presidents-Elect and Presidents and Presidents-Elect of the Locals who have no voting privileges. No formal agenda nor resolutions can be passed along unless a quorum is present.

This teleconference did not have a quorum, thus nothing could be presented to the BoT. This lack of a quorum has occurred previously as well.

To change the system, the PDA bylaws would need to be amended. I hope to present several resolutions at the PDA annual business meeting in May.

There was also a lengthy discussion regarding PDA's recently joining the Mid-Atlantic Dental Conference in Washington, DC which takes place shortly following our own Greater Philadelphia Valley Forge Dental Conference. It was noted that at the 2nd district meeting March 31st. Drs. Greenfield and Sameroff volunteered to substitute for missing Directors.

- **Committee Reports**
 - **Communications**
 - **Bulletin** –
 - no new report
 - **Informatics**
 - The Informatics Committee has been creating email

announcements and website updates to promote upcoming events such as the 2015-2016 Distinguished Speakers Series and the 2015-2016 Continuing Education program. Please notify alyssaniel@gmail.com if there are other upcoming events requiring advertisement via e-mail, website postings, and/or mailings.

Dr. Nielubowicz encouraged all members to continue to send photos from events to her at alyssaniel@gmail.com so that she can keep our website and Facebook pages up-to-date and active.

- **Business Manager –**

- Retained bulletin sponsors-most sponsors maintained their status of 4 or 6 issues for 2015-2016 bulletin
- Continuing Education Ads: To update everyone-there has been no new CE ads in the last 6 months. This is a steady decline of CE ads compared to early 2015.
- We have only had one new sponsor to take an ad in the last 6 months. The question was raised “Is this a concern or are we happy with the amount of sponsors we currently have so that the bulletin is not saturated”. Discussion – encouraged to expand our sponsors.

- **Education**

- **All Day CE**

It was reported and discussed that our final full day CE program for the year will be held on Friday, March 18th. This will be the first “symposium “ style program we have offered. Dr Stone was encouraged that we will have a good turnout.

He is also in the process of finalizing the programs for next year. It looks as though we will be changing the venue for the full day meetings to the Blue Bell CC because of scheduling issues. This may actually prove to be an improvement in the overall experience.

- **Distinguished Speakers Series/evening CE**
 - The Chair reported that the Committee will be meeting shortly to discuss 2015-2016 speakers. Details will be release once finalized.
- **Sponsorship**
 - The Chair reported that Sponsorship had its best turnout of vendor numbers ever for the November program with Dr. Glazer. We will also be expecting a large number for this month's program with Dr. Graham. Members are encouraged to patronize our sponsors which greatly defray our costs of quality CE programs. We would like to place an ad in our final Bulletin of the year thanking all of our sponsors for their support this year. Discussion. Approved.
- **Fellowship**
 - **Social Programs** – no report submitted
 - **Fellowship & Advisory** – no new report
- **Finance**
 - **Audit**
 - No new report
 - **Budget & Finance**
 - No new report
- **Governance**
 - **Nominating** – no new report
 - **Constitution & By Laws** – no new report
- **Membership**
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 - It was reported that there will be a report after the Transitions Program at GP/VFDC 3/4/2016. National Signing Day at Temple and Penn Dental Schools is Thursday, March 24. Members were encouraged to participate and help out at the respective locations.
 - **Membership Benefits** – no new report
 - **New Dentist**
 - It was reported that he New Dentist event originally scheduled for Spring 2016, has been postponed due to several other “New Dentist” events being held by the

ADA, PDA and at the Greater Philadelphia Valley Forge Dental Conference. It was felt that there was too much overlap and that a different time of the year might be more appropriate for such an event. The event is tentatively rescheduled for Fall 2016.

- **Member Insurance Programs** – no report submitted
- **Peer Review**
 - **Insurance Review** –
The Chair reported on a recent inquiry by telephone from a Dr. being denied benefits from Indep. Blue Cross for perio scaling and root planning after submitting the proper radiographs and perio charting. The Chair instructed the dentist to resubmit with full documentation and await response before filing with state insurance commission.
The Chair will await response from the dentist as to the outcome.
 - **Ethics & Law Enforcement** – no report submitted
 - **Patient Relations** –
 - The Chair reported that there is one new case pending. Details to follow when available.
- **Public Interface**
 - **Community Dental Awareness** – no report submitted
 - **Inter-professional Relations** – no new report
 - **Government Relations** –
 - Everyone is reminded that this is an election year. Members of the House of Representatives and one third of the Senate plus all of our state legislators and other office holders are up for election. The ADA has a PAC-ADPAC which works with federal office holders and the PDA has a PAC- PADPAC for state government. Both of them are important. And both are bi-partisan. We financially support candidates, usually incumbents, who the states tell us are worthy of our support. Through our Independent Expenditure Committee we can actually send mailings, do pollings, and run a mini campaign without the candidates input. We now have three dentists in Congress and two more running this

year. It is invaluable to have a dentist explain dentistry's perspectives to his or her colleagues. I ask you to show your leadership by going on-line to ADA.org and/or Padental.org and make a contribution at the Club level. And if you want to help any of the individual dentists you can do that on the ADPAC page.

- **Executive Director**
 - No new report
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- **Additional Reports:**
 - *Give Kids a Smile* is scheduled for Saturday, March 12 at four Montgomery County offices. Dr. Freedman is heading up this program and is looking specifically for offices in the Norristown area. He asked to be contacted directly.
 - *Give Vets a Smile* is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2016. Details to follow.

New Business:

A discussion was held regarding MBDS possibly hosting a Child Abuse Course in the Fall. Drs. Moriconi, Burrell and Stout will be discussing whether this can be factored into the schedule going forward and report back at a future EC meeting.

Adjournment: 8:30 PM.