

Montgomery Bucks Dental Society
Executive Council Meeting Minutes
DATE: 5/14/25

Present: E. Bhogal, J. Freedman, T. Howley, M. Kienle, R. Lewin, A. Mason, S. Ly, L. Pulaski, H. Qai, N. Levin, W. Rivera, A. Sethi, R. Shah, A. Stout, D. Teitelman, B. Terry, S. Varghese, A. Weiss

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

Minutes from 3/26/25 were unanimously approved.

I. Membership & Engagement

Dr. Kienle introduces Dr. Levin Nasim who practices in Ambler, PA.

Dr. Kienle reports that the 2nd District is dissolving and it is under discussion now where the funds from 2nd District will be going. He is hoping to return some of that money to the local societies. Dr. Howley states that in June there will be another meeting to decide where the funds will go. There was a discussion about where the money from 2nd District should go and what it should be used for.

a. Continuing Education

Dr. Stout discussed the results of the membership survey. There was concern that some of the surveys went to spam. Also shared on Instagram with a QR code linking the survey. 66 responses from two email blasts. 3 responses from the Instagram blast. Most respondents were 60 years and older. Younger demographic responded based on the QR Instagram post. Would like to send another blast out with the QR code to try to get responses from a younger demographic. Dr. Stout will send the survey prompt with the QR code to Dr. Howley to send out as another blast.

The next dinner is October 16 and a social event in November. May plan an all day CE event in the spring. Dr. Stout suggests to alternate events: all day CE one year and then events like Tech and Toys the following year. Dr. Freedman suggested a Materials Extravaganza event. It could be planned for Fall 2026.

There was a discussion about doing virtual events and the expense of the AV equipment that may limit that. It was decided that panels in lieu of CE may be a good direction for the society to go in.

b. Social Programs

Dr. Ly reports that the New Dentist Summer Series will be a new program for the summer. Member dentists will have free admission and non-member dentists will have a nominal fee. Goal is to find new grads and bring them in upon graduation and have them

excited about organized dentistry. Sponsors are looking forward to these events. DDS Match wants to sponsor a shredding event. Dr. Howley will connect Dr. Ly with the contact information for DDS Match and M&T Bank. Some sponsors are willing to pay more to be the exclusive sponsors of the event, for example the exclusive bank or exclusive consulting firm present. The idea of a mentorship program came up as well.

There was a discussion about new ideas for events and ways to engage members.

Discussed Dr. Kaffey's Business Symposium and talked about bringing that program back or something similar to it to engage members.

June 12th is the next happy hour event at Evansburg Winery. October 5th is the Zoo Event.

There was a discussion regarding the last CE for TMJ and ways to improve attendance for example via different marketing of the course and a different day of the week.

II. Outreach

a. Publications and Communications

i. Bulletin

Dr. Lewin states we will have 3 editions of the Bulletin: September, December and March. Please send any photos or content ideas.

ii. Social Media

iii. Website

iv. E-blasts

b. Government Relations

c. Patient Relations

d. Fellowship and Community

Dr. Terry reports that June 6th and 7th is the next MOM-N-PA event, there is a need for more volunteers.

Dr. Freedman gives a reminder that the PDA vacation CE is August 14-16.

Also, the PDA Leadership Academy still has a few spots available if anyone knows anyone who is interested in participating.

Many PDA committees do not have enough people to serve on those committees. If anyone is interested in joining any, please let Dr. Freedman know.

e. Professional Relations

Dr. Shah reported that MBDS had a presence at the MBIT hygiene career fair, and they were appreciative of our being there.

III. Board Structure and Process

a. Executive Committee

i. Budget and Finance

Dr. Kienle confirmed with Dr. Qing that dues have been received and accounted for. There was no discussion of the P&L and balance sheet.

- ii. Sponsorship**
- iii. Business Manager**
- iv. Audit**

b. Constitution & Bylaws

c. Executive Bylaws

New Business:

Dr. Howley reports that the website needs to be edited. There was a discussion about doing more board meetings virtually rather every few months in person. Dr. Howley and Dr. Shah will review the schedule for his upcoming presidency. Dr. Kienle was given a plaque in honor of his work as President this year.

Meeting Adjourned 8:28 pm