

This Year's World's Fair of Dentistry Is Largest Dental Event in QCDS History

For the fifth year in a row the Queens County Dental Society conducted its World's Fair of Dentistry at Terrace on the Park in September. The event ran for two days from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Dentists and dental professionals from all over the country could earn 18 Continuing Education credits by attending. They had the opportunity to meet with and learn from more than 50 vendors. This was also a fantastic networking opportunity for those in attendance, especially during the catered breakfast and lunch.

Admission was open to all dentists, not just those who are members of the American Dental Association. "This was a wonderful opportunity for us to show the value of organized dentistry to those who are not members and to hopefully convince them of the importance of joining the tri-partite," said Dr. Doron Kalman, chairman of the World's Fair of Dentistry Committee. Dr. Kalman served as the master of ceremonies, along with Dr. Ronald Garrett, president of QCDS.

Attendance at this year's event was much larger than last year. "We had nearly 600 people in attendance each day. Both days sold out and we had to turn people away who did not pre-register. It was by far the biggest dental event in Queens's history," said QCDS Executive Director Oleg Rabinovich.

Admission to the World's Fair of Dentistry for ADA members was \$125 for one day and \$185 for both days. However, admission was free to dental residents and students. "It's very important to have the next generation of dentists included in the tri-partite so we invited them as our guests" said Young Dentist Committee Chair Dr. Hemali Ajmera.

From Kindles to gift certificates to golf bags to dental equipment, over 60



QCDS members and staff greeted registrants at the World's Fair of Dentistry.



QCDS Past President Dr. Bijan Anvar presented a talk titled "Data Protection for Dentists."

items were raffled off throughout the two-day event. A silent auction of sports, film and entertainment memorabilia was also conducted.

"We wanted this to be a fun and ed-

ucational event. Every attendee got the chance to join in the raffle and to participate in the silent auction, if they wanted to," said Dr. Bijan Anvar, QCDS

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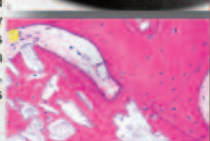
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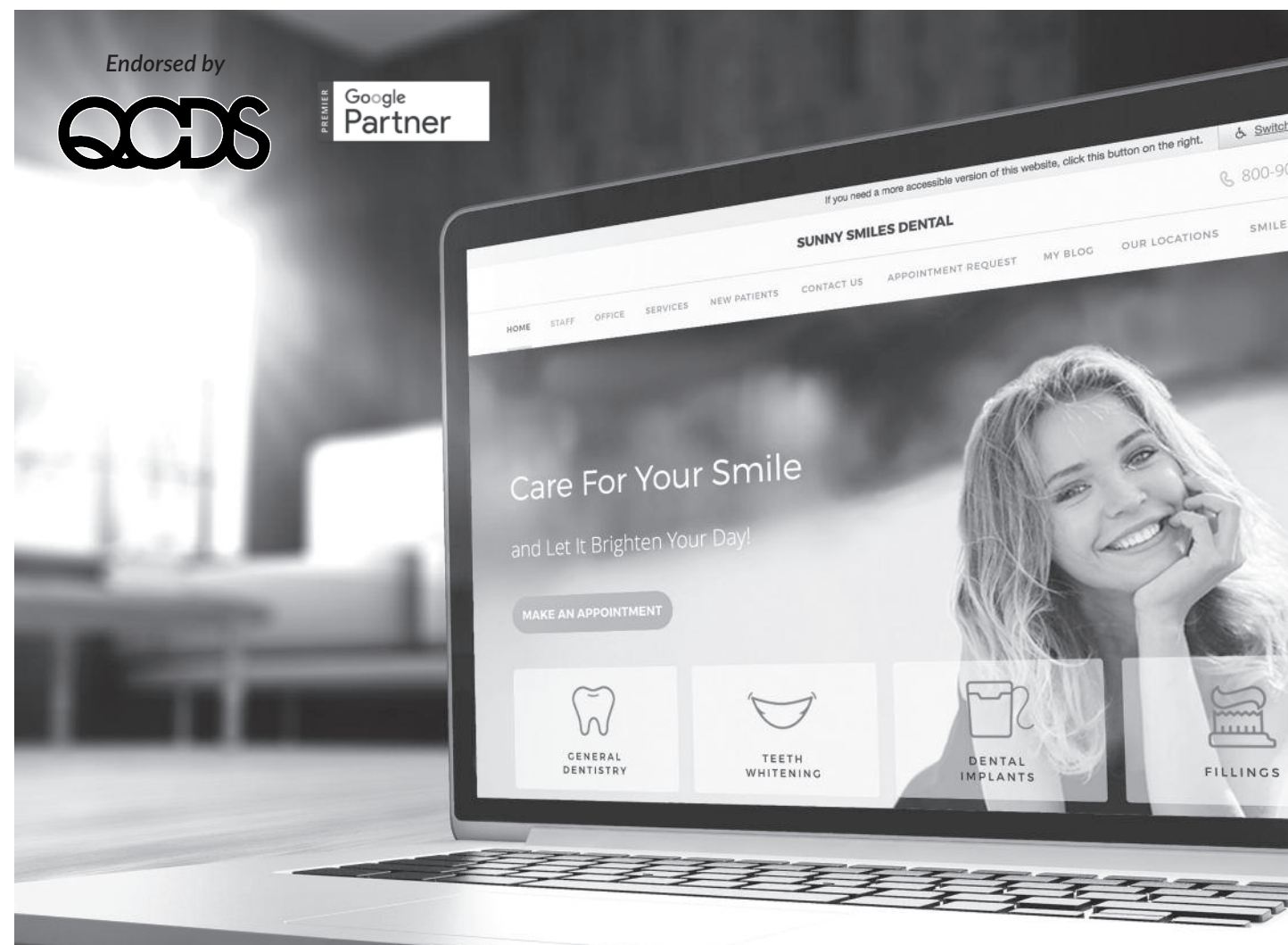
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ADA Trustee Report

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ADA Membership Is Increasing

By Chad Gehani, D.D.S.

Our membership numbers for this year are encouraging. ADA saw an increase in total member count (+1,561). Some more specific numbers are: 0.3 percent increase in market share as compared to June of last year, increases in key segments including women (+2,039), specialists (+588), and new dentists (+1,356), holding steady on two of the three ethnic/diverse segments (Asian and Hispanic), 0.5 percent decrease in the all active non-renew rate.

One of the stressors on our membership numbers is the increasing mobility within the profession. Over 5 percent of all dentists moved to a different state in the last five years. That percentage climbs to over 12 percent of dentists under the age of 40. This is an issue because the non-renew rate for a member who moves to a new state is nearly 21 percent. We are looking deeper into these numbers and our Membership Division is considering steps the ADA can take to improve this situation.

We changed our objective on membership in the ADA Strategic Plan: achieve a net increase of 4,000 licensed members by the end of 2019." The previous objective was: "ADA's member market share will be 70 percent or greater of active licensed dentists"

Congratulations to Dr. Jay Skolnick, who will represent New York State at conclusion of HOD 2017.

New Dentist Committee

The New Dentist Committee has proposed a new member award, as part of the ADA Pride campaign. The award will highlight new dentists' contributions to the ADA at all levels. It will replace one of the Golden Apple awards. The NDC is focused on integrating newer dentists in ADA tripartite governance and decision making in order to further diversify ADA to better represent its membership. One of our proposals going to the House is a resolution to convert the NDC liaison position on our councils, currently non-voting to full voting members of those councils (Resolution 47). These new council members will be drawn from any new dentist in the Association, as recommended to the Board by the NDC. It is very clear that the ADA must attract and retain new dentists to membership in order to remain viable into the future. To do this, we must better incorporate the voice of the new dentist throughout our governance structure. At the Board level, we now invite the chair of the NDC to attend all of our meeting. At the council level, Resolution 47 will enhance the voice of the new dentist by coupling it with the power to vote within those

councils. We believe this is an important governance innovation and we look forward to discussing it at the House.

Congratulations to Dr. Laureen Vitkus, who will be representing New York State at the conclusion of HOD 2017.

Business Model Update

We have been considering a major project which has been underway for the last few months, a study of possible new

business models that would achieve two important objectives: financial sustainability and member engagement. Our consultant on that project, Frog Design of Brooklyn, has led ADA through a review of its proposal for a new business opportunity for the ADA. This is a major, innovative undertaking, which ADA will continue to develop. To pursue it, we cannot manage it like we have always managed our work at the ADA headquarters. We will need to change—be more agile, accept more risk, be willing to work with incomplete information,

trust a smaller team of volunteers and staff and accept small failures on the way to bigger successes. The goal is to launch a product into the marketplace in a short two to three year time frame that substantially increases revenue over the long term, while quickly engaging dentists in new and compelling ways.

Update on 67H-2016

This resolution originally originated from New York. Among other reports being transmitted to the House is a report from the Council on Communications as an update on 67H-2016 (Three Year Initiative to Drive Utilization of Dental Services). The news is very good and we are pleased that the campaign is largely on track to meet its success measures for the year and we thank the Council for its comprehensive report.

Budget

In working on the budget, we considered financial trends. We are financially healthy, although some trends are concerning. Our revenue and expense lines are now running very close together. In other words, our margin is quite small. Revenue is not keeping pace with expenses. Absent changes, those lines will cross and we will be in deficit spending. Changes might include dues increases or expense cutbacks, but neither of these will prevent deficit spending over the longer term. These trends are why we retained Frog Consulting to consider new opportunities.

A key aspect of our financial health is our financial reserves.

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Family Leave Law: What You Need to Know

By Oleg Rabinovich

The New York State Paid Family Leave Law goes into law on January 1. It affects every dental practice, even solo practitioners.

What the Law Covers

The law guarantees employees the following:

- Wage replacement for eight weeks in 2018, increasing to 12 weeks by 2021.
- Job protection upon return from paid family leave.
- Continuation of health insurance while out on paid family leave.

Job protection is defined as returning to the same job or a job comparable to the one the employee held prior to taking leave. Employers may require that employees continue to pay their health insurance premium contributions.

Employees can seek paid family leave for the following broad reasons:

- When paid leave is necessary to provide care, including physical or psychological care, to family members due to a family member's serious health condition.
- To bond with a newborn child during the first year of the child's life or, in the case of adoption or foster care placement, for the first year after placement of a child with the employee.
- For any qualifying reason as provided for under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act arising from the employee's spouse, domestic partner, child or parent being on active military duty or, alternatively, being notified of an impending call or order to active military duty.

An employer may not discriminate or retaliate against employees for taking or inquiring about paid family leave. Employers must ensure that their employees are aware of the paid family leave program and that their policies comply with the law. Specifically, employers should:

- Include paid family leave information in their employee handbook or similar employee materials.
- By January 1, 2018 display a poster regarding paid family leave coverage in their place of business, similar to the poster required for Workers' Compensation or disability benefits coverage. The employer's insurance carrier will supply this poster.

Who is Covered

Employees with a regular work schedule of 20 or more hours a week are eligible after 26 weeks of employment. Employees with a regular work schedule of fewer than 20 hours a week are eligible after 175 days worked. In limited circumstances, employees whose regular work schedules are temporary or seasonal may opt out of paid family leave. When practical, employees should provide 30 days advance notice of their intention to use paid family leave.

Benefits phase in over four years. In 2018 employees are eligible for up to eight weeks of paid leave at 50 percent of their average weekly wage (AWW), up to 50 percent of the New York

State Average Weekly Wage (SAWW). Thereafter, the schedule of benefits is as follows each year: 2019: 10 weeks at 55 percent of employee's AWW, up to 55 percent of SAWW; 2020: 10 weeks at 60 percent of employee's AWW, up to 60 percent of SAWW; 2021: 12 weeks at 67 percent of employee's AWW, up to 67 percent of SAWW.

Dentists should use the following checklist to ensure compliance with the Paid Family Leave Law:

- Employers should contact their disability insurance carrier about obtaining paid family leave coverage.
- Employees are entitled to be reinstated to their same or comparable job upon return from paid family leave.
- Failure to reinstate employees to their same or to a comparable job may leave employers exposed to discrimination and/or retaliation claims.
- Employers must continue employees' health insurance while they are on paid family leave. Employers may require that employees continue to pay their health insurance premium contributions.
- Employers must ensure that their employees are aware of the paid family leave program and that their organizational policies comply with the law.
- Employers must display a poster regarding paid family leave coverage in their place of business, similar to Workers' Compensation or disability benefits coverage.
- Call 844-337-6303 or go to www.ny.gov/paidfamilyleave if you need help setting up your paid family leave program.

The New York State Paid Family Leave Law takes effect at the beginning of the year, employers have been able to make payroll deductions to finance the program since last July. The New York State Department of Financial Services has set the allowable payroll deduction rate for an employer to implement the family leave program. The maximum employee contribution in 2018 is .126 percent of an employee's weekly wage, up to the annualized New York State Average Weekly Wage. While an employer must pay for the program, the option of using employee payroll deductions makes it a no-cost program for employers. An employer does not have to use the payroll deduction option, but the employer then still has to pay for the program.

Coverage for the program is provided through an employer's Workers' Compensation disability benefits insurer. Every dentist should be in contact with an insurer to set up the paid family leave program. The intent of the law was for employees to completely fund the program through a payroll deduction system. While employers have the option to pay for the program themselves, instead of using employee payroll deductions, that is not expected to be a common choice.

This is a critical employer benefit obligation, and there are serious consequences for failing to implement the paid family leave program. Noncompliance can lead to costly claims under Section 120 of the New York State Workers' Compensation Law.

Dr. Fialkoff Rings NASDAQ's Opening Bell



Dr. Bernard Fialkoff rings the NASDAQ opening bell, starting trading for the day and raising awareness about drug abuse.

Drug education and prevention was front and center in September when Dr. Bernard Fialkoff, president and founding sponsor of The Americas Chapter of the Foundation for a Drug-Free World was featured in the NASDAQ opening ceremony.

In honor of National Recovery Month, NASDAQ selected Foundation for a Drug-Free World to ring the bell, signaling the opening of the stock market September 15.

Upon ringing the bell, Dr. Fialkoff said, "We are here today because of the scourge that is going through all our families and the amount of kids who are dying in our cities. We are here today for the Foundation for a Drug Free World, which is the largest educational program of its kind in the world, so we can help our families to fight against this drug epidemic. It's time that we started to fight back. It's time that we stopped this addiction, which is taking away our kids' lives and their future. We want to thank Nasdaq for this time and for supporting us."

Attending the bell-ringing ceremony were Foundation for a Drug-Free World volunteers and supporters, including Miss New York 2015 Jamie Lynn Macchia, musician Rappn Tate Da Great, Rabbi Levy Abdurakhmanov, 2016 Miss Africa USA Cultural Ambassador Noella Nsamwa, and drug education presenter Darla DeLeon of Steered Straight.

Among the government officials who have recognized Dr. Fialkoff's chapter for its contributions to the Greater New York area are Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Rep. Grace Meng, New York City Comptroller Scott

Stringer, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, and New York City Public Advocate Leticia James.

The bell ringing ceremony appeared on Bloomberg News, CNBC, Fox, and BNN and Foundation for a Drug-Free World drug prevention public service announcements played on the NASDAQ's Times Square electronic billboard for an hour the same morning.

Dr. Fialkoff founded, sponsors and is President of the Americas Chapter of the Foundation for a Drug Free World. Since 2006, his chapter has produced more than 1,200 free drug education events for more than 120,000 New York schoolchildren, trained thousands of educators and law enforcement officers on the program's free curriculum, and opened national office's in the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, and Guatemala.

The ringing of the bell marked the launch of the "Drug Free Smiles" campaign, a dental and medical field-focused drug awareness campaign that Dr. Fialkoff created, eliciting the support and participation of dentists around the United States and internationally to join this positive and healthy message for patients, patients' families, dentists' families and communities.

The Drug Free Smile campaign is the dental practitioners campaign, to showing that happy smiles, healthy smiles, and confident smiles that are also drug-free smiles.

Dr. Fialkoff says, "It's all in the name of promoting being healthy, taking care of your body and smile, and being drug free."

NYSDA President Elect Visits QCDS General Membership Meeting

The Queens County Dental Society General Membership meeting in October was fortunate to have a visit from NYSDA President-Elect Dr. Brendan P. Dowd. Dr. Dowd will be sworn in as the association's president next June.

Dr. Dowd earned a B.S. in Biology from Niagara University, Magna Cum Laude, in 1982. He earned his D.D.S. from the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine in 1986 and he practiced general dentistry in a private practice for 28 years before retiring. He continues to teach at the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine as a clinical assistant professor and group director. Dr. Dowd is active in the Eighth District Dental Society, the New York State Dental Association, where he is currently their president elect, as well as the American Dental Association. He enjoys spending time with his wife, Colleen, and his children, Alex, Emily, and Steve.

Some of the topics he touched upon in his presentation at QCDS were the importance of joining organized dentistry and the tripartite system. He also discussed his vision for the future of the dental profession.



Drs. Chad Gehani, left, and Prabha Krishnan, right, greeted NYSDA President-Elect Dr. Brendan Dowd when he visited the QCDS General Membership meeting in October.

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past president. "It was our intention to provide the best value, while still providing an abundance of useful information and phenomenal prizes."

On the first day of the event, attendees heard presentations from: Dr. Ted Korin on "Optimal Solutions for Achieving the Esthetic Restoration in the Atrophic Anterior Maxilla," Dr. Bijan Anvar on "Data Protection for Dentists," Dr. Amir Ahmadi on "Screw Retained Implant Restorations-Success and Failures," and Dr. Daniel Pompa on "The Role of the Dental Professional in the Treatment of the Diabetic Patient."

Another program feature was a professional photographer who was taking headshots for ADA members to post on their ADA Find-A-Dentist listing. The service was provided free as a member benefit.

ADA Trustee Dr. Chad Gehani, opened the second day of the program by updating the attendees about what the ADA

is doing for them.

Attendees then heard presentations from Dr. James Kouzoukian on "Update in Oral Hygiene Standard of Care," Dr. Leora Walter on "Restorative Componentry in Implant Dentistry," Dr. Dale Rosenbach on "Surgical Implant Failure: Lessons to be Learned," and Rick Garofolo on "OSHA Compliance for the Dental Practice."

The World's Fair of Dentistry even made the local news. The event was featured on NY1 News, New York City's 24-hour news channel. The story can be seen at: <http://www.ny1.com/nyc/all-boroughs/news/2017/09/23/dentists-brush-up-at-world-s-fair-of-dentistry.html>

The event would not have been possible without the hard work of World's Fair of Dentistry Committee Chair Dr. Doron Kalman and the committee members, Drs. Ronald Garrett, Bijan Anvar, Jay Ledner, and Mitchell Greenberg; as well as QCDS Officers Drs. Craig Tischler, Richard Yang, and

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Organizers of the highly successful QCDS World's Fair of Dentistry included, left to right, Drs. Jay Ledner, Mitchell Greenberg, Richard Yang, Arelys Santana, Chad Gehani, Craig Tischler, Prabha Krishnan, Doron Kalman, Ronald Garrett, Bijan Anvar, Eric Huang, Alan Queen, and Executive Director Oleg Rabinovich.



QCDS Past President Dr. Doron Kalman and Executive Director Oleg Rabinovich presented a wine set to a raffle winner.



"Optimal Solutions for Achieving the Esthetic Restoration in the Atrophic Anterior Maxilla" was the topic of a packed presentation by Dr. Ted Korin.



A lucky attendee won a golf bag, presented by Dr. Doron Kalman and Chad Widsensky.



The winners of the Crest Oral-B raffle.



Dr. Dan Pompa presented a well-attended talk on treatment of the diabetic patient.



Drs. Bijan Anvar and Doron Kalman, both QCDS past presidents, celebrated the conclusion of a great weekend of presentations.

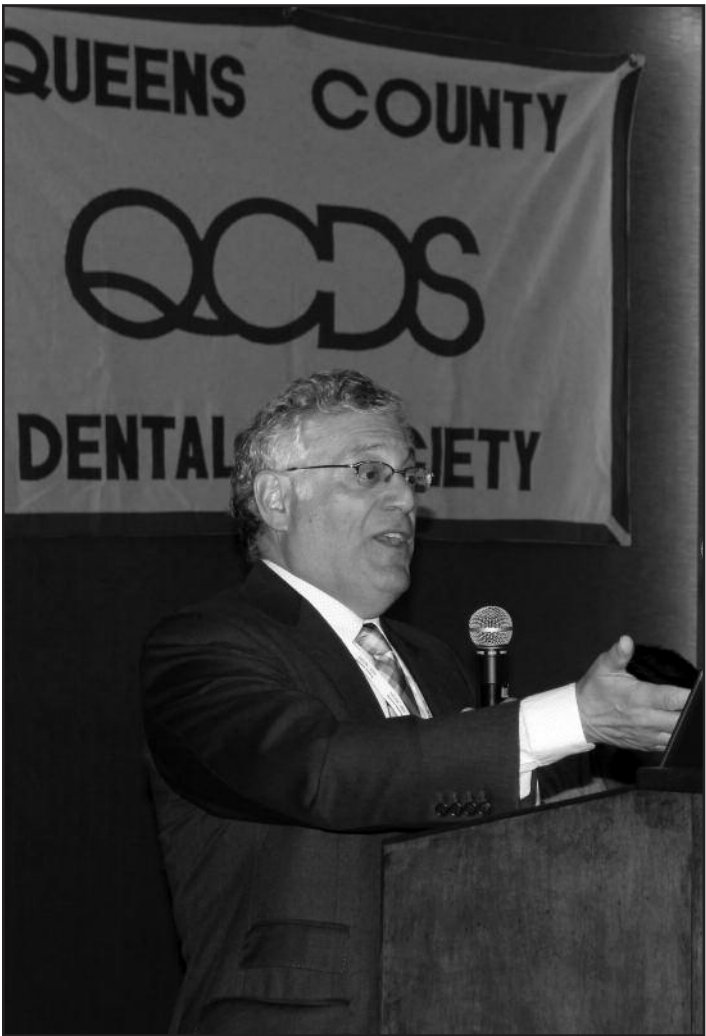


A packed exhibit hall allowed participants to meet with many vendors.

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Arelys Santana. QCDS Board Members included Drs. Alan Queen, Chad Gehani, Prabha Krishnan, and Eric Huang as well as QCDS staff, including Executive Director Oleg Rabinovich and Administrative Assistant Guadalupe Rodriguez.



“Oral Hygiene Standard of Care” was the topic of a talk by Dr. James Kouzoukian.

At the conclusion of the two-day event, the organizers heard rave reviews. Many of the vendors have already told QCDS that they will be back next year. Attendee evaluation of the courses and the speakers was nearly unanimous in their commendations.

Planning on the 2018 World’s Fair of Dentistry is well under way. It is scheduled for September 29 and 30, 2018.



Dr. Amir Ahmadi presented a talk during a packed World’s Fair luncheon.



The World’s Fair exhibit hall was crowded, as attendees received lots of information from a variety of dental vendors.

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Instructor: Safety Compliance Services

Tuition: ADA member/staff: \$90 Non-ADA member: \$260

Thursday, Dec 7 6:00 p.m.

CPR - Certification 4 C.E. Credits Topic: Basic Cardiac Life Support

Basic Cardiac Life Support Certification will cover 1 and 2 rescuer CPR, Heimlich maneuver, child CPR, and AED. The ability to recognize the signals of a heart attack and provide stabilization of the victim at the scene of a cardiac arrest is a priceless commodity. Life over death may someday become a reality to someone you know or care for. Be prepared to help save a life.

Instructor: Eric Zalewski, BLS Instructor

Tuition: ADA member/staff: \$105 Non-ADA member: \$260

Pre-registration is required. Call 718-454-8344 to register. Class begins promptly at 6:00 p.m. A \$15 late fee will be assigned to those who pay and/or register on the day of the event. A light dinner is included.

Friday, Jan 12 9:00 a.m.

Topic: Bone Graft Cement –Applications In Clinical Practice 3 C.E. Credits

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Instructor: Dr. Michael Katzap

Tuition: ADA member/staff: \$30 Non-ADA member: \$130

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Dr. Fialkoff Study Club

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Dec 13 7:00 -10:00 p.m.

Topic: “Understanding the Relationship Between Nutrition and Oral Health”

Speaker: Dr. Cori Stern Torres

Location: 47-10 Bell Blvd., Bayside

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ADA Trustee Report: ADA Membership Is Increasing

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Our reserves are, indeed, healthy, but we are authorizing more spending from reserves. This includes funding for our innovation fund, the Frog design study and our marketing campaign. The result of this is that our uncommitted reserves, which exclude the royalty reserves, are approaching the 50 percent of the annual operating expense budget. Accordingly, the Board is recommending a \$30 special assessment for two years to fund approximately 50 percent of the remaining budget for the Find-A-Dentist marketing campaign. The remainder will come from reserves.

If this results in our uncommitted general reserves falling below 50 percent of our annual budget, any remaining funding will come from the royalty reserves. Over recent years, the ADA has greatly improved its budget process. We have also continued to make incremental improvements in our governance processes. The Board has approved a report and resolution to be sent to the House to further both of these goals. This report addresses the most appropriate place in the Association for final authority to approve the Association's budget. The report reviews what we have learned and the best practices of other organizations, as well as advice we have received from outside experts. The Board is asking the House to shift authority to approve budgets to the Board. The report itself provides the rationale in support of this proposal. Dr. Roberts will host an open forum in Atlanta on this topic.

Commission on Specialty

In order to respond to current trends in Specialty recognition and to address The American Board of Dental Specialty issue, ADA had created a Specialty Recognition Task Force.

The Board agreed with the Task Force that the establishment of the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards will enhance the recognition program that sets requirements designed to help dentists excel throughout their careers and the public ascertain the importance of educated and board certified dental specialists. Acceptance by governmental agencies, including state dental boards and federal agencies that regulate or monitor dental specialty practice and advertising is likely. The new commission will have equal representation between specialists and general dentists. All comments provided to the Task Force were taken into serious consideration with full participation from each of the nine ADA recognized specialties.

ADA Foundation

We heard from Dr. William R. Calnon on behalf of our ADAF. We are all very lucky to have a leader of the caliber of Dr. Calnon to lead our foundation. ADA decided to provide an immediate grant of \$500,000 out of reserves (This is in addition to a funding request in our Budget) to the foundation in order to sustain the current improvements to its operations and reconfirmed our commitment to the future of the foundation as an important and aligned charitable arm of the ADA. We look forward to great things from it that complement the mission of the ADA.

Our country has recently experienced very difficult times dealing with the impact from two hurricanes. The ADAF offers

financial assistance to affected dentists, as do our state societies. In addition, the ADA has been in regular contact with both Texas and Florida and offers comprehensive information, advice and guidance regarding necessary resources related to dealing with property and business losses for affected dentists and dental societies. The Board recognized that the Foundation is doing great work, and the ADA is ready to support the Foundation's relief work. We have allocated up to \$250,000 to donate to the Foundation for its Emergency Disaster Grant Fund, upon the request of the Foundation. This will allow the Foundation to identify and vet the financial needs. We support the Foundation and this donation serves as an important message to everyone to support dentists affected by these disasters.

The ADA Foundation Board of Directors has named Nick Falco as the new executive director. Nick's first day in the office was October 16.

CODA Update

Dr. Mark Livingston, chair of CODA, informed ADA that CODA expects to soon receive full re-recognition by the secretary of the Department of Education in the coming weeks and this reflects very well on the work of the Commission. CODA held an open meeting on standards which are up for revision on October 20 in Atlanta.

ADA-CODA relationship: CODA is asking ADA to work on an accepted formula for calculating indirect costs, which will form part of a joint-services agreement. ADA staff will develop a formal agreement with CODA and use that agreement as a model for similar agreements with the other commissions. CODA is also seeking additional support with technology, specifically Aptify. CODA is also asking for a possible establishment of a CODA reserve fund in near future.

Choosing Wisely

The ADA has been participating in the Choosing Wisely campaign as the only dental organization involved in that campaign. The campaign focuses on five statements recommended by the ADA. These statements are reviewed every year so that we can update them as needed. For example, this year, we voted to add a statement on opioid use. We approved the new statements at this meeting. Our five statements are:

- Don't recommend non-fluoride toothpaste for infants and children.
- Avoid restorative treatment as a first line of treatment in incipient (non-cavitated) occlusal caries without first considering sealant use.
- Avoid protective stabilization, sedation or general anesthesia in pediatric patients without consideration of all options with the legal guardian.
- Don't routinely prescribe antibiotics for irreversible pulpitis (toothache) in the absence of cellulitis (swelling).
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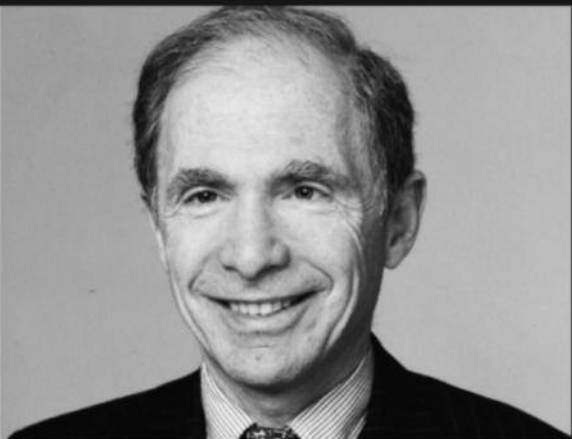
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