

COUNCIL ON THE NEW DENTIST

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The Council on the New Dentist met Friday, March 31, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at NYSDA headquarters in Albany. All members attended with the exception of Drs. Chondrogiannis, Dunlap, Lee, and Schimmel. Dr. Perry Iacovetti (Q) attended as a substitute for Dr. Kiren Gehani. Also in attendance were Dr. Chris Salierno (S) and Ms. Sandra DiNoto, NYSDA Director of Public Relations.

Student Programs

Freshmen Welcome

NYSDA will make an effort to be involved in orientation programs or white coat ceremonies for first year students in 2007. NYSDA will be giving students a “welcome to dental school” gift—safety glasses and lanyards with NYSDA’s logo and web address on them.

Resume Course

The NYSDA course, “How to Prepare a Resume for a Residency Program,” was given at NYU in the fall and will be given by Dr. John Lagner (S) at Stony Brook in April.

Transition Programs

ASDA students at Stony Brook have expressed an interest in scheduling a program covering the transition to practice/residency in June. NYSDA will coordinate details of the presentation.

Lunches at Board Exams

The council will continue offering lunches to students taking the written Part I of the National Board exam in July. More students are taking the computer version of this exam, and NYSDA’s sponsorship of lunches at these exams may be phased out over time.

Senior Gifts

NYSDA will distribute leather business card holders and a congratulations card to graduates at senior awards ceremonies in May. Dr. Mentzelopoulou, also a member of the ADA Committee on the New Dentist, noted that the ADA is looking at providing all graduating seniors with a copy of the drug reference guide, *Pharmacopoeia*, in 2008. NYSDA will contact the ADA to discuss details of this gift and coordinate distribution in New York State Dental Schools.

Spanish Guide

Stony Brook ASDA students are working with the university’s language department on a booklet titled, “Useful Spanish for Dentists.” NYSDA will provide the ASDA chapter with a donation, made available from ADA student grant funds, to offset the cost of producing this guidebook. In addition, the ASDA chapter is looking at holding a class session for students given by a Spanish-speaking presenter.

Residents

NYSDA will have a presence at a program for residents with the Bronx County Dental Society scheduled for May 8 in the Bronx. NYSDA Assistant Executive Director for Health Affairs, Dr. Judith Shub, will present a program covering topics pertaining to dental benefits.

Throughout 2007, the live Risk Management course offered by NYSDA will be free to residents in New York State.

ADA Grants

The ADA continues to offer grants for student programs, up to \$3,000 per dental school. Dr. Mentzelopoulou was asked to inquire with the ADA New Dentist Committee about the possibility of adjusting the amount of grants offered based on student population at each dental school.

New Dentist Leadership Award

The council reviewed entries submitted by local districts for the New Dentist Leadership Award. Nominations were received for Dr. Kiren Gehani (Q) and Dr. Peter Theodorou (NY). After discussion, the council voted and selected Dr. Theodorou as the recipient for this award. The award is scheduled to be presented to him at the November NYSDA Board meeting. Dr. Theodorou will also be nominated by NYSDA for the ADA New Dentist Leadership Award.

Component Reports

Council members shared information about programs taking place in their region. Events include match day programs, luncheons, new member brunch, outreach to residency programs, practice management seminars and family and social functions.

ADA Council on the New Dentist

Dr. Mentzelopoulou shared a report from the ADA Committee of the New Dentist. The ADA is looking at expanding web-based resources for dentists, and is focusing on how to offer programs that enhance the skills and knowledge of dentists. The committee is also involved in developing programs that reach out to diverse groups within the profession.

New Business

The ADA National Conference on the New Dentist will be held in Portland, Oregon, June 21-23, 2007. Council members who expressed an interest in attending were Drs. Tang, Patel and Moore.

Council members took a brief survey and shared their thoughts on issues that were significant to them when they began in practice.

NYU is developing web-based materials for dental students and new dentists. NYSDA has offered to be a resource for the school as it develops content.

Information about the NYSDA student loan program was distributed to the council.

The Council adjourned its meeting at 11:50 a.m. Its next meeting will be Friday, October 26.