

## **COUNCIL ON THE NEW DENTIST**

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The Council on the New Dentist met Friday, April 7, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the Hampton Plaza, Albany, New York. All members attended with the exception of Drs. Chondrogiannis; DeSanti; Dunlap; Bossert; Brennan; Patel; Tang, and Varnai. Also in attendance were Ms. Sandra DiNoto NYSDA Director of Public Relations, and Ms. Amie Cheeney, NYSDA Program Coordinator.

### **Freshmen Programs**

Freshmen programs have been held at all schools with the exception of Columbia. Freshmen received chamfer preparation kits from NYSDA which have been presented by NYSDA volunteers. NYSDA will seek to be a part of white coat ceremonies for first year students in 2006. One suggestion for a student gift is a the text, **Pocket Pharmacopoeia**, a portable drug reference book.

### **Resume Course**

The Council will continue to offer its course for students that covers the topic of writing and preparing a resume for a residency program. This will continue to be marketed to dental schools.

### **Transition Programs**

NYSDA offered to hold programs at the dental schools covering the transition to practice or residency but none expressed an interest or were able to follow through with a commitment. The ADA Smart Start program was held at NYU in March and was given by council member Dr. Mentzelopoulou, also a member of the ADA Committee on the New Dentist. The program covers the financial implications of loans and debt load consolidation for dental students.

### **Lunches at Board Exams**

The council will continue offering lunches to students taking the written Part I of the National Board exam in July.

### **Senior Gifts**

The Council discussed new gift ideas for seniors in 2007 and was asked to share additional ideas with NYSDA staff. NYSDA will distribute leather business card holders and a congratulations card to graduates at senior awards ceremonies in May.

### **ADA Grants**

The ADA continues to offer grants for student programs, up to \$3,000 per dental school.

**New Dentist Leadership Award**

Two nominations have been submitted to the council for consideration. The council will submit its vote via paper ballot since there was not a quorum at this meeting. A phone conference will be held if there is a tie or the need for additional discussion by the council.

**Component Reports**

Council members shared information about programs taking place in their region.

**New Business**

The ADA National Conference on the New Dentist will be held in Boston, June 22-24, 2006.

Council members received information about NYSDA's need for volunteers at its state fair booth and media spokesperson training being conducted in May by the New York State Department of Health. DOH is specifically looking to increase its pool of dentists willing to speak about fluoride.

Residency training programs were discussed by the council. NYSDA will be making more of an effort to become more involved in programs for residents.

The Council adjourned its meeting at 11:00 a.m. and joined the Council on Chemical Dependency for a course covering addictions, resources for dentists struggling with substance abuse and the management of patients who present substance abuse problems.