

COUNCIL ON THE NEW DENTIST

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DeCastro, Craig (5)	Salierno, Christopher (S)
Franklin, Matthew (6)	Schimmel, Laurence (B)

The NYSDA Council on the New Dentist met Friday, October 9, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. via conference call. All members participated with the exception of Drs. Carter, DeCastro, Weinstein, and Gehani. Dr. Ciccone joined late in the conference. Also participating were Dr. Joseph DeLuca, Eighth District Dental Society New Dentist Co-Chair; Dr. Ioanna Mentzelopoulou (NY), Second District representative to the ADA Committee on the New Dentist; Ms. Amie Cheeney, NYSDA Program Coordinator, and Sandra DiNoto, NYSDA Director of Public Relations.

Following introductions, the council approved the minutes from the previous meeting and adopted the day's agenda.

Student Initiatives

The ADA increased funding for the student block grants in 2009, and it has been a busy year for NYSDA as it offered more resources for dental school outreach. Ms. Cheeney shared an update and schedule of NYSDA events at each dental school. NYSDA is sponsoring a scholarship competition at Columbia University and students have submitted essays covering the subject of the future of dental education. Drs. DeLuca and Salierno will assist in judging the entries as well as representatives from the NYSDA Council on Education.

New Dentist Leadership Award

NYSDA received no entries for the new dentist leadership award in 2009. The council discussed ways to increase participation and it was suggested the deadline be later in the year. After discussion, the council unanimously agreed to change the deadline to October 15, 2010.

The council was in unanimous agreement to nominate Dr. Chris Salierno, last year's recipient, for the ADA Golden Apple Award for New Dentist Leadership.

New NYSDA Bylaws and Administrative Code

Due to governance changes, the council reviewed copies of the proposed NYSDA Bylaws and administrative code. The council was content with the description of the council's mission in the administrative code. The council agreed to propose the resident student member description section of the bylaws be changed. Currently, the proposed bylaws indicate that a resident member must be a member of ASDA, but residents are not eligible for membership in ASDA. The council suggests the last sentence in the dental

student/resident membership category description in the proposed bylaws be changed to "...and who is a resident member of the American Dental Association or student member of the American Student Dental Association."

Component Reports

Dr. Schimmel reported that Bronx held a successful golf outing and that its mentor program was doing well. Bronx County held a successful resident's night in May offering dinner and a CE program for members and residents.

According to Dr. Hwang, the Fourth District hosted a new dentist seminar with three presenters discussing financial and insurance topics. The Fourth is hosting a women's program for female members in October.

Dr. Bevilacqua reported the Eighth District held a senior class presentation at Buffalo addressing "What we didn't learn in dental school." The Eighth also sponsored a successful tour program visiting five newly renovated dental offices in the Buffalo region. The district provided bus transportation and refreshments between stops. New dentists and students participated.

Suffolk County is holding its annual "Grape Escape" event, a tour of local vineyards in the region in mid October. Dr. Salierno said the district is encouraged the new dean at Stony Brook is a member of organized dentistry and is getting involved in society functions. The district hopes to establish a shadow program for the 3rd year dental students at Stony Brook.

The Ninth District held a successful social for new dentists. Dr. Patel mentioned that some newer members in specialties expressed a concern about the term requirements for the New Dentist Council—10 years or less out of dental school. Specialty programs can go for an extended time, thus limiting involvement of specialists on this council. Staff noted there are plenty of opportunities for individuals to take part that are not age specific and most new dentist events are open to all members.

ADA Report

Dr. Mentzelopoulou reported that the June ADA Conference on the New Dentist experienced the highest attendance rate in its 23 year history.

As a liaison to the ADA Council on Government Affairs for its New Dentist Committee, Dr. Mentzelopoulou shared her concern that new dentist leaders be introduced to legislative events and programs so that they understand its importance and take ownership of this function early in their career. She encouraged the council to communicate this to the NYSDA leadership. Dr. Bray will send a letter to the chair of the NYSDA Council on Government Affairs to let the council know that new dentists are poised to be a resource in grassroots legislative initiatives.

Old Business

New Dentist Conference in New York

A proposal for a New Dentist Conference in New York State, prepared by Drs. Salierno, Salehezadeh and Mentzelopoulou, was shared with the council. Members of the council felt this program could start small in an effort to reduce costs. It was suggested that two new dentists be invited to participate from each local district and that the program be held at NYSDA headquarters. No expenses have been estimated for such a program. Staff will explore expense estimates for further consideration and the council requested that the proposal be shared with leadership as an attachment to the council's board report.

New Business

Despite a dysfunctional year in the New York State Legislature, NYSDA was successful in getting the limited permit bill passed and signed by the governor. Ms. DiNoto shared information about the new limited permit law and about flu vaccine resources that were recently posted on the NYSDA Web site.

Dr. Bray will be departing the council as he is no longer eligible due to the out of school terms. The NYSDA president will be appointing an interim council chair. Staff expressed thanks to departing council members and Dr. Bray for their participation.

The council will decide on its next meeting once a new chair is appointed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.