

COUNCIL ON THE NEW DENTIST

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The Council on the New Dentist met Friday, October 21, 2005 at 12:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Albany, New York. All members attended with the exception of Drs. Mentzelopoulou; DeSanti; Dunlap, Moore, Snisky, Trivedi and Wasserman. Also in attendance were Ms. Michele Bresler, Manager, Tripartite Grassroots Membership Initiative, American Dental Association; Ms. Kendra Fryer (ASDA-Buffalo); Ms. Nasim Aleahga (ASDA-Columbia); Mr. Justin John Seaman (ASDA-NYU); Mr. Andrew Young (ASDA-NYU); Ms. Sandra DiNoto, NYSDA Director of Public Relations, and Ms. Amie Cheeney, NYSDA Program Coordinator.

Membership Reports

The Council was joined by the Council on the New Dentist for a working luncheon to discuss membership initiatives.

Ms. Bresler shared updates about ADA programs, events as well as resources available to membership teams. The recent ADA Annual Session was well attended by non-members with 908 non-members attending compared to the usual 50 or 60. The ADA will be sharing non-member information with state societies so these attendees can be recruited for membership.

Copies of a recent NYSDA membership report were distributed and discussed. NYSDA's non-renewals have been reduced by nine compared to this date in 2004, but 338 non-renewing members is a significant loss in dues income for the organization. Sixty-five percent of the non-renewing members are between the ages of 30 and 49, and 29 percent of non-renewals are women.

Freshmen Programs

NYSDA has held one Freshmen Welcome program at NYU and will be scheduling events in other schools. Freshmen will be receiving Chamfer Preparation Kits from NYSDA with the NYSDA logo on the inside.

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 be promoted to the dental schools.

Transition Programs

New York University has expressed an interest in a NYSDA-sponsored transition program for students in 2006. Council members will be contacted once a date is set. The council was in agreement that, due to licensure changes, it may be necessary to offer two versions of the program so that it would be suitable for those entering residency programs as well as for dentists

going directly to practice after dental school. Once the licensure law changes take effect in 2007 in New York State, the focus of this program evolve again.

Lunches at Board Exams

Many students are opting to take Part I of the National Board Exam on computer and NYU only offers the computer version of the exam. The council feels that this remains a worthwhile outreach program in support of students, and was in unanimous agreement to request \$5,000 to cover expenses for lunches for students taking the written Part I of the National Board exam in July 2006.

Senior Gifts

The Council discussed new concepts for gifts for seniors and was asked to share additional ideas with NYSDA staff.

ADA Grants

The ADA continues to offer grants for student programs, up to \$3,000 per dental school. Ms. Bresler anticipates that some form of reimbursement for dental student programs will continue for constituent dental societies in 2006.

Guide for New Dentists

NYSDA's new **Starting Out: A Guide for Opening a Dental Practice in New York State** is still being developed. Portions of the guidebook are posted on the NYSDA web site in the members only area under "member resources." Topics will continue to be added to the guide online and staff expects to get the final book typeset in a more unified format.

New Dentist Leadership Award

The Council was in unanimous agreement to continue presenting its New Dentist Leadership Award and will request \$1,000 to fund the award program in 2006. Dr. Yakir Arteaga (NY), winner of the 2005 award, will be nominated by NYSDA for the ADA Golden Apple New Dentist Leadership Award.

Component Reports

Members present 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 who have attended discussed the program. The Council unanimously agreed to request \$1,500 for the chair's attendance and funding, not to exceed \$750 per attendee, for up to six members of the council to attend the national conference.

Spring Meeting

The NYSDA Council on Chemical Dependency has invited the New Dentist Council to meet jointly for part of its spring meeting in Spring 2006. At the combined meeting, the councils will discuss resources available to new dentists and chemical dependency issues as they pertain to the new dentist population. The Council on Chemical Dependency has also offered to provide a CE program on drug abuse and dentistry.

The Council adjourned its meeting at 3:00 p.m.