

COUNCIL ON THE NEW DENTIST

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The Council on the New Dentist met Friday, October 26, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Albany. All members attended with the exception of Drs. DeSanti; Dunlap; DeCastro; Moore, and Gehani. The Sixth District position is currently vacant. Dr. Sean Rooney attended as a substitute for Dr. Patel. Also attending were Ms. Sandra DiNoto, NYSDA Director of Public Relations and Ms. Amie Cheeney, NYSDA Program Coordinator.

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

ADA Report

Dr. Mentzelopoulou gave a report about ADA New Dentist activities and encouraged council members to submit ideas and articles for the **ADA New Dentist News**. More than 20 dentists from New York State attended the most recent ADA New Dentist Leadership Conference held in Oregon, and she noted that this was a very good showing for New York. The ADA is sponsoring web seminars for new dentist leaders and council members were urged to participate and to share the information at the local level. The ADA booklet, "Words of Wisdom," is a guide for opening a dental practice and is available for free to new members. The ADA also offers a New Dentist Resource Kit.

ADA Student Grants

The council discussed the ADA Student Grant program which currently provides state societies \$3,000 per dental school for student programs on behalf of organized dentistry. In New York, there is a disparity in the number of students at each school and the council discussed whether it was an option to ask for more based on the class size at each school. Some of the bigger schools miss out as funds are depleted quickly. After discussion, the council agreed to submit a resolution requesting that the ADA consider reconfiguring grant allotments available to constituent societies based on the student population in dental schools in each state.

Freshmen programs

NYSDA participated in white coat ceremonies at Columbia and at Stony Brook presenting incoming freshmen a gift, lab glasses and a lanyard with the NYSDA logo and web site imprinted on the items. Freshmen welcome programs are scheduled for Buffalo and NYU. The council agreed to continue offering safety glasses for Freshmen gifts in 2008.

Resume Course

The NYSDA presentation, “How to Write a Resume for a Residency Program,” is scheduled to be given to students at NYU on November 8.

Lunches at Board Exams

Board exams are mostly computer-based, and the council agreed to phase out its program offering lunches at the National Board exams.

Senior Gifts

The council discussed outreach to graduating seniors and ideas for gifts from NYSDA at graduation events. The council agreed to charge staff with exploring the costs of giving graduates a USB computer drive with the NYSDA logo printed on it.

Starting Out

NYSDA continues to expand “Starting Out—A Guide for Opening a Dental Practice in New York.” Council members were invited to review the booklet and share additional ideas with NYSDA staff.

Resident Events

The New York State Dental Foundation is scheduling a program for residents at the Greater New York Dental Meeting.

Membership Workshops

NYSDA will offer component membership programs in 2008. Council members were encouraged to consider membership programs that focus on new dentist recruitment issues. All components are encouraged to schedule a workshop by contacting Sandy DiNoto at NYSDA.

Quick mention about the survey and being an ongoing effort?

New Dentist Leadership Award

Applications for the NYSDA New Dentist Leadership Award are due December 31, 2007. The 2007 recipient, Dr. Peter Theodorou (NY), will receive the award at the November Board of Governors meeting. He has been nominated by NYSDA for the ADA New Dentist Leadership Award. The council unanimously agreed to request \$1,000 for continued funding for this program.

Component Reports

Council members shared information about programs in their region. Events include luncheons and a new member brunch, outreach to residency programs, mentor programs, a wine tasting outing, practice management seminars and family and social functions.

ADA New Dentist Conference

The American Dental Association New Dentist Conference is scheduled for June 26-28, 2008 in New Orleans. The council unanimously agreed to request \$1,500 for the council chair's expenses to attend this meeting and for \$4,500 to offset expenses for the participation of up to six members of the council at this conference.

NYSDA Hallmarks of Excellence Award?

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The council's next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 14, 2008.