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MONMOUTH-OCEAN COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

A Component Society of The New Jersey Dental Association and  
the American Dental Association

APRIL 2017

## From the President

Happy Spring to our entire component! It is unfortunate the winter weather forced us to miss March's dinner meeting. I am pleased we were able to reschedule the presenter, Dr. Rajeev Gupta, to April 25, when we will have a dual presentation as part of our regular dinner meeting. The first presentation will start at six o'clock, when Dr. Kayvon Haghighi will introduce a dynamic colleague, Dr. Thomas Bilella, who is a chiropractor and nutrition specialist. Dr. Bilella, founder of the Nutrition Treatment Center in Red Bank, will present "Fatigue: An Alternative Approach to Wellness." The goal is to help us lead healthier and more productive lives. Dr. Gupta will immediately follow and all attendees will receive 4 CEUs.



Many of you may already be aware of the email blasts that the NJDA sends out every Monday morning. I encourage all members not to delete them, but to take a moment to open and read the valuable information that the NJDA is disseminating. It could be something that dramatically affects your practice, from the recent ban of powdered gloves to the use of certain codes to legislation. They regularly offer CE courses, study clubs, and can even connect you to career opportunities.

I am pleased to report our membership has been continuing to grow through word of mouth, referrals from the NJDA and Rutgers School of Dental Medicine. Recruitment has been a key goal for the strength of our profession.

The NJDA offered a recent proposal to renovate and/or other options for headquarters at 1 Dental Plaza in North Brunswick. I will keep you abreast of what they will be moving forward with and how it would affect our component.

Sincerely yours,  
Dr. Richard J. Angowski

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, April 4, 2017  
Dinner at 6:30 PM Meeting 7 pm Board room  
Jersey Shore University Medical Center, Neptune

### JERSEY SHORE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

Wednesday, April 19, 2017  
"Integrative Dental Medicine: Dentistry & Whole Health"  
*Dr. DeWitt C. Wilkerson*  
JSUMC Lance Auditorium, Neptune  
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### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING

Tuesday, April 25, 2017  
"Fatigue: An Alternative Approach to Wellness"  
*Dr. Thomas Bilella PLUS*  
*Dr. Rajeev Gupta*  
**Free Dinner** for MOCDS members & earn 4 CE credits!  
Riverview Pavilion, Belmar 6:00 PM

### MONMOUTH MEDICAL CENTER BARNABAS HEALTH

Wednesday, April 26th, 2017  
"Diagnostic Considerations &  
New Treatment Options for Difficult Patients"  
*Dr. Edward Feinberg*  
Jumping Brook Country Club, Neptune  
Tara Fawcett, Dental Residency Coordinator 732 923-6790

### JERSEY SHORE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

Wednesday, May 3rd, 2017  
"Let's Talk About Infection Control & OSHA"  
*John A. Molinari, PhD*  
Sheraton Eatontown Hotel  
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### 2017 GARDEN STATE DENTAL CONFERENCE & EXPO

Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott  
May 5-6, 2017 [www.NJDA.org](http://www.NJDA.org)

### LEGISLATORS NIGHT

Wednesday, May 10, 2017 6:00-8:30 PM  
The Mill, Spring Lake  
All members invited for cocktails & hors d'oeuvres  
Contact: Dr John Kukuka (732)223-6000

### PRESIDENT'S DINNER DANCE

Saturday May 20, 2017 6:30 PM  
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# MOCDS TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES MARCH 24, 2017

Monmouth-Ocean County Dental Society  
Trustees Meeting Minutes  
Friday, March 24, 2017

Meeting called to order 7:00pm by Dr. Angowski  
Attendance: Drs. Andricsak, Angowski, Bosnac, Condello, Feeney, Furlong, Guerrasioi, Gupta, Hersh, Richard Isaacson, Robert Isaacson, Jeffries-Bruno, Kukucka, McTaggart, Safari, Shah, Sirota, Sniscak, Velazquez, Sereda, Sones.

Approval of January 2017 Minutes: Approved

President's Report: Dr. Richard Angowski  
The NJDA has been working diligently to increase our membership and retain old membership. This has been obvious from the reports of the NJDA officers. Dr. McTaggart has been working effortlessly in this venue. I hope we all have a great spring and continue good attendance at our dinner meetings. Many table sponsors have been soliciting us for future meetings and the income from that is greatly helping the society.

Vice President's Report: Dr. Matt Safari  
Dinner meeting speakers for Nov 2017 and January 2018 are scheduled.

November 14, 2017: Dr. Joan Monaco agreed to present MOCDS members 2 hours course on Dental Benefits-The year in Review

January 09, 2018: NJDA officer visitation for Monmouth-Ocean 2017 -2018 budget Beth "MOCDS accountant" is working on the 2016-2017 expenses I will bring paper copy of the last year's 3yr file, with the detail of FY13-FY15 expenses, and one updated for FY16 with FY16 expenses to review.

We then discussed the course on November 14, 2017 as a potential dinner to include a staff member for free. The venue has a maximum of 140 people which will need to be taken into account. The thought is to have the first staff member free with a potential additional staff member at a cost of \$35. The idea was well received; a final decision and more details will follow at a future trustees meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Dr. Thomas Sniscak  
All accounts are in good standing.

Recording Secretary's Report: Dr. Jocelyn Jeffries-Bruno  
I received an email for a potential new Dinner meeting sponsor. CPT Jessy Villanueva, Army Healthcare Representative. We are in discussions. They currently are sponsoring the NJDA meeting in May with a table.

NJDA Trustee's Report: Dr. Elisa Velasquez

TRUSTEES REPORT  
Meeting 1/18/17

Unfinished business: An architect was hired to determine if the NJDA headquarters building should be renovated or sold. They will get us a complete analysis in a few months. NO commitments have been made but this is informational only at this point. The first phase will cost \$12,500.00

A presentation was given by Dr. Barry Wolinsky regarding corporate dentistry. He spoke of the potential problems for patients and business owners. He questioned why they were allowed to rent a table at the annual session. Minor discussion was had and it was explained that anyone can purchase a table at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr Lou Ghisalberty has been nominated uncontested to be the next secretary of NJDA. The next slate of officers:  
Dr. Mark Vitale President, Dr. Alan Rothstein as President -elect, Dr. Tom Rossi Vice President, Dr. Mitch Weiner Treasurer, and Dr. Ghisalberty Secretary. In the future, the secretary will also be the treasurer in training.

The goal will be to have more courses approved by AGD and to help to get AGD credits approved. State components are required to get state board approval for all component courses.

Motion to the board by Dr Alan Chenman to help Dr. Derrick Pham spread the word for his program for Veterans Smile Day. The board advised Dr. Chanman to invite Dr. Phan to present to NJDA at the next BOT meeting to outline the needs.

STAFF REPORTS:

We have 4600 members and are up 1/2 point. Dues Waivers promotional pieces have been revamped to help members who are unable to afford dues. Mentor program will have a match program to connect people. This will be developed.

The career center went into affect 2/1/17 to list jobs available for dentists and staff. This will be a great member benefit and be a potential revenue source.

CE courses reviewed and we are all encouraged to attend the annual session to be held in Newark this year. Our EBA program was reviewed. Members are encouraged to thank reps at the next meeting and stop by to give them some face to face time.

There is a complaint against Stericycle and it will be going to the state board.

Opioid guidelines are encouraged to be reviewed and utilized. These have been implemented by the COGPA. A motion was made and approved to mandate 1 hour CE for opioid awareness for dentists. PAC goals reviewed and the prediction is the next swing in state politics will be towards democrats. We are bipartisan and are involved on both sides.

NJDA has been trying to have a very active presence at the school. Jim Schultz and Dr. DeScissio have presented at Rutgers DS.

Dr DeScissio is the liaison to the Rutgers DS. He reviewed that the school is having some renovations. NERB exam part I has changed to pass or fail. PLEASE ALL ATTEND THE ANNUAL SESSION 5/5-5/6

SUBMITTED BY DR. VELAZQUEZ, TRUSTEE

Discussion then proceeded regarding the new renovations pending at the NJDA headquarters. It was decided by the group in attendance for Dr. Velazquez and Dr. Angowski to draft a letter which would be read at next week's meeting at the NJDA by Dr. Velazquez. The letter will reflect our concern as a component on the following matters: (1) the need for transparency of spending with regards to the proposed renovations (2) The possibility of excessive spending on cosmetic improvements to the building. (3) Details about the committee at the NJDA for the renovations.

COUNCILS

Council on Annual Session

Chairperson: Dr. Dipika Shah

REPORT:

Three Documents were sent over email.

1. January 24, 2017 - Meeting Minutes
2. Conference PowerPoint slide
3. Conference JPEG (image version of power point can be imported to any presentation)

As discussed at the meeting on January 24th, the attached conference promotion piece is to be displayed on a PowerPoint prior to any component meeting.

As a reminder from your Chairperson:

- There are currently 9 spaces left on our show floor. Please continue to support our exhibit sales.
- "Spread the word, Registration is open!"

Next meetings schedule:

Thursday, March 9th & Tuesday, April 25th

Floss & Gloss: Women in Dentistry - March 1, 2017

2017 Garden State Dental Conference & Expo - May 5th & 6th, 2017

# MOCDS TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES January 11, 2017

Council on Dental Benefit Programs Chairperson: Dr. Todd Sirota  
REPORT:

## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON DENTAL BENEFIT PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY 8, 2017

Delta Fee Decrease – Dr. K. Libou Visit: Discussed meeting with Dr. Libou and Delta's fees being lowered, and Delta's policy of not providing fee schedules to providers. Members were advised to contact Delta Provider Relations and discuss dissatisfaction with the policy. If providers drop out of network, Delta will notify their patients of other providers they can see. If a provider wants to become a Delta provider after dropping out, he can only apply as PPO provider.

Multiplan Expedited Payment: Discussed Multiplan as third party vendor for most commercial carriers that have medical component (Aetna/Horizon). They are asking you to accept reduced fee for expedited reimbursement. Fees based on 400 million occurrences across the nation, RVU (relative value units) and a conversion factor. Conversion factors for each CPT codes are based on the medium accepted reimbursement amount by physicians nationwide.

MetLife FEHB Plan Overpayments: Federal plans, Military family, etc. are advised to submit to dental before submitting to medical. Met will estimate primary FEHB benefits and pay as if they were primary, but if they identify later that there are other allowable benefits – they will seek reimbursement overpaid .

BCBS NJ Prime Therapeutics: Horizon can deny coverage based on medical necessity. Need to find what the criteria are before submitting. Prime Therapeutics is an administrator for Horizon BCBS of NJ and issues Rx benefits based on BCBS Medical necessity criteria. This was denied due to the "prior authorization program".

United Concordia: New Dental Officer/Contract Amendment: Dr. Quinn Dufurrena is the new Chief Dental Officer at United Concordia. Dr. James Bramson will retire at the end of 2017. UCCI recently amended the UCC participating dentist agreement for NJ based on information from the NJ DOBI.

"Dentist may bill member for non-covered services, which are defined as any service for which no payment is made under the applicable plan or arrangement for any reason".

Council on Peer Review Chairperson: Dr. Richard Angowski  
REPORT: Dr. Sandy Goldstein from Middlesex County Dental Society is stepping into the role of Peer Review chair for the NJDA. For the calendar year of 2016, 36 cases were opened statewide. 3 cases remain open as of this report, 14 cases were mediated without formal peer review proceedings, 12 cases were closed prior to completion, 2 cases were decided in favor of the dentist and 5 were decided in favor of the patient.

Council on Membership  
Chairperson: Dr Robert McTaggart REPORT:

The most recent meeting was cancelled.

New Member Additions:  
5 non members who came to the NMM converted into dues paying members. So thank you to all who made them feel welcome. I will have their contact information shortly. Other new members:

Dr Elizabeth Fanciullo Fair Haven  
Dr Yana Kozlovsky Marlboro  
Dr Edward Kozlovsky Marlboro  
Dr Maureen Bennett Jackson Orthodontics Jackson

MOCDS Standing Committees

Committee on Budget & Finance Chairperson: Dr. Richard Angowski

- Budget and Finance was discussed

Committee on Children's Dental Health Month  
Chairperson: Dr. Brett Wohlstetter  
The Children's Dental Health Fair was a success. We hosted it on February 12 from 1-3 pm at both Monmouth Mall and Ocean County Mall. As in years passed we held a poster contest with the ADA selected theme "Choose Tap Water for a Sparkling Smile". We received hundreds of posters from the schools in both Ocean and Monmouth Counties. We awarded trophies and gift certificates to the poster contest winners. A magician entertained the people as they passed by and OCDS members were able to get the message out on good dental health. Many MOCDS members came out to help. A special thanks to Dr. Jeffries-Bruno for running the Monmouth Mall and all MOCDS members who attended with myself; Dr. Jeffries-Bruno, Dr. Kearns, Dr. Badalaty, Dr. Nebblett, Dr. Safari, Dr. Guerrasio, Dr. Yana Koslovsky, Dr. Edward Koslovsky, Dr. Raymond Simmons, and the Monmouth Medical Center Residents (Drs. John Ding, Shira Gross, Jay Moon, Andrew Morris, Rima Solanki, Krisha Verma, Eleith Brown), Dr. Mikhly, Dr. Sones, Dr. Sereda, Dr. Furlong and Dr. Velazquez.

Committee on Necrology Chairperson: Dr. Robert Isaacson  
Moment of silence for the following members:  
Dr. Terrance Fay of Wall  
Dr. Harvey Norman Rein of Wellington, Florida, formerly of Holmdel, Monroe Township and Newark

Committee on Dues Waivers Chairperson: Dr. Richard Angowski  
1 waiver was received and it was accepted.

MOCDS Special Committees  
Aruba Health Seminar Committee Chairperson: Dr. Robert Isaacson  
Report: Last checks from the course were received and given to treasurer.

Committee on Donated Dental Services Chairperson: Dr. John Feeney  
\$24 million of total care since inception. Always looking for new volunteers.

M-OCDS Old Business:

The calendar dates were reviewed

M-OCDS New Business:

Dr. Matt Sones was nominated for the position of Chairperson Sponsorship Committee by Dr. Thomas Sniscak the motion was then second by Dr. Jocelyn Jeffries-Bruno. In this position he would work in collaboration with the dinner committee. Dr. Sones Accepted.  
Smile Direct Club was discussed by Dr. Isaacson. There is concern that this should be looked into further by NJDA that it bypasses a dentist for comprehensive aligner orthodontic treatment. Members present were also in agreement that this should be looked into further.

Good and Welfare  
Be aware of what is important for representation in leadership  
– Among the 2017 Top Jobs are Dentists!  
Public Session – guideline for Opiate use was established by a committee chaired by Dr. Elisa Velazquez. The guidelines were shared with the Attorney General by Dr. Feeney

Adjournment:  
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Recording Secretary, Dr. Jocelyn Jeffries-Bruno



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# MOCDs Celebrates Children's Dental Health Month!

## Children's Dental Health Fair was held at the Monmouth Mall and Ocean County Mall on February 12, 2017

The event was a huge success with hundreds of people stopping by. We handed out literature on dental health, toothbrushes, pencils and had the opportunity to meet many nice people and families in the community. All the Monmouth and Ocean County schools were invited to participate in a poster contest with the ADA's theme "Choose Tap Water For A Sparkling Smile" We received hundreds of poster entries and award over \$1000 in prizes to poster contest winners.

We had magicians entertain the crowds at both malls. Many of the teachers, nurses, and Administrators from participating schools attended the fair to show their support.

There were also contests and giveaways for others who stopped by to check us out.



Monmouth Mall

### Attending Monmouth County Dental Health Fair

Dr Jocelyn Jeffries, Dr Britni Kearns, Dr Madeline Badalaty, Dr Natalie Nebblett, Dr Matt Safari, Dr Sally Guerrasio, Dr Yana Koslovsky, Dr Edward Koslovsky and Dr Raymond Simmons  
Monmouth County Board of Health



Monmouth Medical Center residents with Drs Jeffries & Simmons

### Attending Ocean County Dental Health Fair

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**Special 4 Credit Meeting Starting at 6:00 PM!**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING**  
**Tuesday – April 25, 2017**

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**& “Use of CBCT in Endodontics” - Dr. Rajeev Gupta**

**Free Dinner** for MOCDS Members & Earn **4 CE Credits!**  
Riverview Pavilion, Belmar **6:00 PM**

**Please R.S.V.P. by: April 18, 2017 to Attend**

Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ will  
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