



M-OCDS News

MONMOUTH-OCEAN COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

A Component Society of The New Jersey Dental Association and
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From the President

It's that time of year again – anxiously awaiting the April showers that bring beautiful May flowers. As the weather gets warmer and we start flocking to our local beaches, the flowers begin to bloom and remind us that each year, there is an opportunity for new beginnings. That being said, I encourage all MOCDS members to make the most of each and every day as our gifts and expertise afford us the opportunity and privilege to make a difference in the lives of others. As Dr. Seuss said, "You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way!"



This year's NJDA Annual Session is right in our backyard – LBI! The Annual Session will be on April 13-14th. Attending the annual session will fulfill your mandated CE courses from the State Board. Please visit www.njda.org/2023as for registration and additional details.

On March 21st, we had a fantastic dinner meeting with Dr. Jonathan Mendia of Advanced Dental Anesthesia Associates. Dr. Mendia presented on safe and effective sedation practices in the dental office. Our last and final dinner meeting of the 2022-2023 cycle will be on April 18th with Dr. Alexander Volchonok. Dr. Volchonok's seminar will be focused on exploring modern concepts in periodontics that every dentist should know. I encourage all of our members to attend – it will be a fantastic seminar!

In lieu of our President's Dinner Dance, we decided to bring back a Staff Appreciation evening that is open to all MOCDS member dentists, associates, staff, and spouses. Let's all take the time to thank our staff for the hard work and dedication that they bring to the office and take the opportunity to let loose. The theme of the event will be Casino Royale. So, roll the dice, spin the wheel, and keep those chips coming! The event will be on April 28th from 7pm-11pm at the Sheraton in Eatontown, NJ. It will be a formal affair with four hours of open bar, hors d'oeuvres, and a buffet dinner. We will have an amazing raffle at the conclusion of the event which will include an all-expense paid trip for two to the Dominican Republic, for the exception of airfare, and over 20 different gift baskets. Each person attending must be registered by name for check-in purposes the evening of the event. Non-registrants will not be granted admission to the event. Visit <http://www.m-ocds.org/staff-appreciation-night> for additional information and to register you and your teams for an amazing event!

"Every time you SMILE at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing." Mother Teresa.

Matthew Jones, DMD
M-OCDS President

APRIL 2023

Upcoming Events

TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 – 7 PM
ZOOM

JERSEY SHORE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER LIVE ZOOM

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 – 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
"ETHICAL AND LEGAL PEARLS FOR PROPER
TREATMENT PLANNING AND COLLECTING FEES"
John P. Little, DMD, JD, MPA, FAGD

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday – April 18, 2023
"THE ROARING 20'S FOR PERIODONTICS: MODERN
CONCEPTS IN THE FIELD OF PERIODONTICS
THAT EVERY DENTIST SHOULD KNOW"
Dr. Alexander Volchonok
WATERVIEW PAVILION 6:00 PM
FREE FOR MOCDS MEMBERS & EARN 2 CE CREDITS!

JERSEY SHORE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER LIVE ZOOM

Wednesday, April 19, 2023
"CUTTING EDGE MATERIALS AND TECHNIQUES
TO EXPAND THE GENERAL RESTORATIVE PRACTICE"
Dr. Robert A. Lowe

JERSEY SHORE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER LIVE ZOOM

Wednesday, May 10, 2023
"KEY ELEMENTS TO PRACTICE SUCCESS"
AND "LET ME TELL YOU A STORY..."
Dr. Wayne Kerr

M-OCDS STAFF APPRECIATION NIGHT

Friday – April 28, 2023
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March 14, 2023

Attendance:

Trustees: M. Ahern, S. Albin, C. Andricsak, M. Friedman, M. Furlong, A. Gupta, R. Hersh, J. Jeffries-Bruno, C. LaFalce, N. Nebblett, L. Ostrow, A. Seto, D. Shah, T. Sniscak, J. Soliman, M. Sones

Non-Trustees: L. Bak

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Matthew Sones at 7:03 PM. The meeting was held via ZOOM video conferencing.

We do have a Quorum.

Approval of the minutes from last meeting:

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the prior meeting was made by Dr. Albin and seconded by Dr. Friedman. All approved.

President's Report (Dr. Sones):

We have a great speaker lined up for next week's dinner meeting - Dr. Jonathan Mendia from Advanced Dental Anesthesia Services. He will be providing essential information with respect to safe sedation practices in dental offices and also reviewing basic dental emergencies. On April 18th, we have Dr. Alexander Volchonok providing new research and case studies regarding modern periodontal concepts that every dentist should know.

Staff appreciation update (April 28, 2023) - The event will include hors d'oeuvres, a buffet dinner, and four hours of open bar in addition to casino games/tables and entertainment provided by a DJ. We already have over 100 registrants. We will be having a raffle at the event and some of the prizes will include an all expense paid, for the exception of airfare, vacation for two to the Dominican Republic, a 65" High Definition TV, an iPad, Apple AirPods, an Apple Watch, and Apple TV's with prepaid subscriptions to Apple TV, and many more amazing baskets and prizes! This is a great opportunity for our member dentists to show how much we appreciate our staff for all of their hard work and dedication to our practices. We hope to see our retired members as well and especially our younger members who are not practice owners. Feel free to bring your spouse or significant other and have a great night out - we hope to see you there!

If you have not already done so, please register and take advantage of the NJDA Annual Session right in our backyard. The Annual session will be held on LBI with some great opportunities for CE, networking, and meeting with different vendors. Please register online - we expect to have a great showing from our MOCDS members.

Sponsorship Report

Our sponsors for the March dinner meeting are as follows:

Platinum: Asteto Dental Lab, Staff Driven Dental, ZimVie
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Vice President's Report (Dr. Soliman):

I am currently working to finalize next year's schedule for the association as well as update all of our Trustees and committee members. The Budget has also been started and awaiting information from our CPA to present to our Trustees at the next meeting.

Dr. Akriti Gupta has formally been nominated as a candidate for next year's Secretary position and will be announced at our next dinner meeting.

Discussed pros and cons of returning to in-person Trustees meetings vs remaining virtual.

One of the major goals for next year is to engage more new members

and members who are willing to step up to Committee and Chair positions, as we have some Trustees who have expressed interest in scaling back and some that are reaching their term limits.

Treasurer's Report (Dr. Nebblett):

\$2000 was donated to NJDA towards the Building Capital Campaign. This was the fourth out of five installment payments.

Secretary's Report (Dr. Seto): No report.

NJDA Trustee Report (Dr. Furlong):

NJDA has a new CEO Reva Brennan and a new legal firm. NJDA is currently interviewing for a Concierge and a Public Affairs Coordinator. There is no longer a Dental Benefits staff member, since it was determined that there were very few inquiries by NJDA members. Inquiries will now be fielded to another staff member or the ADA website. Former NJDA employee B. Smith recently passed away (she was receiving employee benefits as part of her contract from many years ago).

There has been clarification of NJDA constitution and bylaws, and updates will be presented at the next NJDA HOD meeting in June. Notes from meetings in executive session are only to be shared with Trustees and Alternate Trustees, and will be kept in confidence for 3 years.

Dental Lifeline Network needs volunteers in Ocean County. WE SHOULD CHOOSE SOMEONE TO REPRESENT DLN AT EACH DINNER MEETING WHO CAN ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.

VISIT THE NJDA WEBSITE AND CHECK OUT THE NJDA PERKS PAGE. NJDA no longer has "endorsed partners" and now companies that offer an exclusive discount/benefit for NJDA members are included. Reps from Best Card, Tempmee, Bell Insurance, Epstein Practice Transitions met with us via zoom. CHECK IT OUT FOR REDUCED FEE CREDIT CARD PROCESSING, TEMP STAFFING, INSURANCE, AND PRACTICE TRANSITION NEEDS.

Dental benefits-Enhanced CDT codes have been a topic of discussion at the ADA. Thus far it seems that they will create problems with little to no benefit for dentists. They will likely increase costs because changes in software will be necessary. A motion was made at the meeting 3/8 and NJDA board of trustees unanimously opposed the ADA enhanced CDT codes, and it will be brought up to the ADA 4th district caucus in September. This will be discussed at the June 7 House of Delegates meeting. You can also visit the NJDA WEBSITE-there is a link to leave your opinion about this.

NJDPAC Golf outing will be April 14, and more events to follow in the upcoming months.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS MUST BE DONE BY 3/31/23 TO AVOID LOSING MEMBER BENEFITS (NO GRACE PERIOD ANYMORE).

Reminder: This is a license renewal year so you must have CUEs by October. Sign up to attend the Annual Session to get your license requirements and enjoy a beautiful venue. You may also attend other live or online courses as well (see the NJDA website).

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE NEXT HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING IS JUNE 7.

ADA Delegate (Dr. Shah):

As you all may remember last year's biggest thing was Strategic Planning and money we have invested in the new system. I wanted

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to share with you all, where it stands as of today. So please see attachments- its structure and function along with its progress since last October. We do not have to add all into our Newsletter because it is available at ADA website. It is for your information if you are interested and feel that your money is at work or not.
[Attachments in email and on the ADA website for your review].

COUNCILS:

Council on Annual Session (Dr. Andricsak)

The synopsis of the event is below on the registration page:

"NJDA's 2023 Annual Conference is heading to LBI for an education destination. We're taking our successful Licensure Requirements Series LIVE for 1 day on Thursday, April 13th at the Mainland Hotel just 6 miles from Long Beach Island. After completing your mandated required courses in just one day head over to the luxury Hotel LBI for a beautiful sunset dinner reception. Consider their beautifully appointed guest accommodations and a round of golf on Friday at the new LBI National Golf Course in Little Egg Harbor."

The Chair has reached out to the council members to advise us that we need to promote this event more. Registration is low.

Courtney from NJDA will be sending each component with printed flyers to distribute at the next dinner meeting. Please be sure to distribute the printed material and post the event on our social media page.

Also, since this event is on our "home turf", our component should have the best showing. Please let's register. It is very simple on the NJDA website. It is an awesome venue and should be a great event in this new format.

You can modify your registration anytime up to two weeks prior to the conference date (if available) by using the "Modify Registration" button in your confirmation email.

Council on Membership (Dr. Sniscak):

Please check the documents and reach out to anyone you know who has not yet renewed their membership for 2023. [Documents attached to email.]

Membership as of 2/13/23 3,610 total members (+127 members, 79.87% of 2022 total members). Membership rates have dipped below 50% of licensed dentists. See attached snapshot for more details. 2022 ADA End of year reports are also attached for your review. The ADA is in the process of calling all non-renews. Results will be provided when the calls are complete. The February dues bill was sent to all non-renews (dues insert attached). The March dues bill with the local component letters will be sent in the beginning of next month. 4 components submitted updates to the letter. The remaining 8 components letters will be sent out from the component president. NJDA Member Resource Review: Several website pages were reviewed with the Council.

Dental Advocacy: Legislation Dental Benefits NJDA Perks Insurance Hub CE/Event Report:

- My Career My Community (MCMC) This is a series of lunch & learns designed for each class and happy hours scheduled from November thru May
- Licensure Requirement Series and Lunch Sessions started up in January
- Annual Session in person event is scheduled for April 13th

Council on Peer Review (Dr. Friedman):

No active cases. Jennifer M has left NJDA. Her replacement is Colleen Walkowitz.

COMMITTEES:

Committee on Communications (Dr. Friedman):

The next newsletter issue will be April. Submissions due by March 17th.

Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (Dr. Hersh):

Revisions of the Bylaws are in progress. There are sections that are ready to be reviewed so that we can discuss at the next Trustee's meeting.

Committee on Nominations (Dr. Soliman):

Dr. Akriti Gupta is nominated for Secretary for next year.

There are a few open Committees and Councils that we are looking to fill, including Council on Annual Session, Governmental Affairs, and Constitution and Bylaws.

Committee on Investments Budget and Finance (Dr. Albin):

All accounts are in good standing.

Committee on General Membership and Educational Programs (Dr. Gupta and Dr. Seto):

At our January meeting, we had 47 people attend, including four residents from Jersey Shore, three dental students, and one new member who had just joined MOCDS the week prior. As of today, Monday, 3/6, we have 37 people registered for our upcoming dinner meeting.

Committee on Children's Dental Health (Dr. Jeffries-Bruno and Dr. Sones):

The poster contest was held bringing in more than 60 posters over 5 schools in the Monmouth Ocean County area.

We did not hold a fair this year due to a lack of reasonable venue options but plan to explore other options and hope to bring the fair back next year.

NJ Dental Lifeline Network (formerly Donated Dental Services) (Dr. Feeney):

Next trustees meeting is Thursday, 3/16/23.

Recent statistics from 7/1/22-2/28/23 have revealed

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Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Preliminary version of revised Bylaws to be reviewed next meeting.

Good and welfare:

Hope to see everyone at the NJDA Annual Session and Staff Appreciation!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23PM

Respectfully submitted,

A. Seto, DMD M-OCDS Secretary 2022-2023

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The New Jersey State Board of Dentistry requires the mandatory completion of forty (40) hours of continuing education for license renewal, which takes place every two years. For registration renewal beginning on November 1, 2021, the following 10 hours must be completed as part of the 40 required hours.

- One Hour in Prescription Opioid Drugs
- Two Hours in Preventing and Controlling Infectious Diseases
- Three Hours of Pharmacology and Internal Medicine
- One Hour in Professional Ethics and NJ Law Concerning the Practice of Dentistry
- Three Hours with Practical Hands-On Certification for CPR

PLEASE NOTE: CPR is **NOT** included in this series but we offer a convenient solution for dentists and their staff available on NJDA.org

- Courses are offered monthly at NJDA Headquarters
- Blended Learning Courses are offered monthly- complete the lecture and testing requirements online followed by completion of a hands-on testing at NJDA Headquarters
- Schedule a Private Program at your practice (minimum 6 attendees required) for the same low member price!
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Although HIPAA Compliance is regulated by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and enforced by the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) it is NOT A LICENSURE REQUIREMENT. Practitioners are, however, required to be updated. The NJDA has elected to add this program into our Licensure Requirement Series offerings.

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS & DATES

• HIPAA Compliance & Social Media: Simple Ways to Protect Your Practice - Kelly Anne Koch

January 20 @9:30-10:30AM

May 2 @1:00-2:00PM

September 7 @7:00-8:00PM

• An Introduction to Ethics and Professionalism - Gregory LaMorte, DDS

January 26 @1:00-2:00PM

March 15 @9:00-10:00AM

September 22 @7:00-8:00PM

• Pharmacology and Internal Medicine - Hillel Ephros, DMD, MD

January 30 @6:30-9:30PM

May 17 @9:00-12:00PM

September 14 @6:30PM-9:30PM

• Oh, The Pain of It All - Tom Viola, R. Ph. C.C.P

February 7 @1:00-2:00PM

June 21 @9:00-10:00AM

September 28 @7:00-8:00PM

• Controlling Infectious Diseases - Richard Szumita, DDS

February 22 @9:00AM-11:00AM

June 5 @7:00PM-9:00PM

September 12 @6:00PM-8:00PM

[www.njda.org/continuing-education-events/
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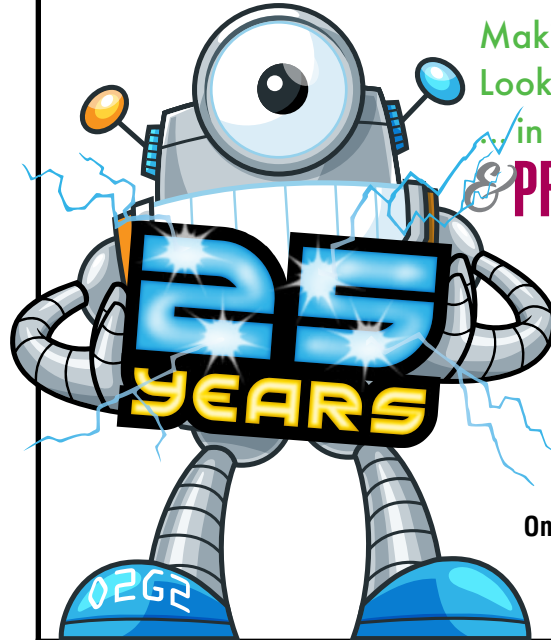
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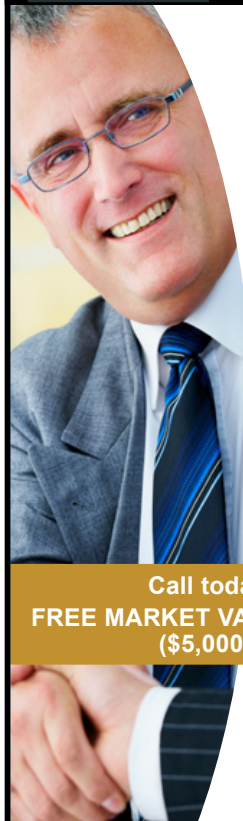
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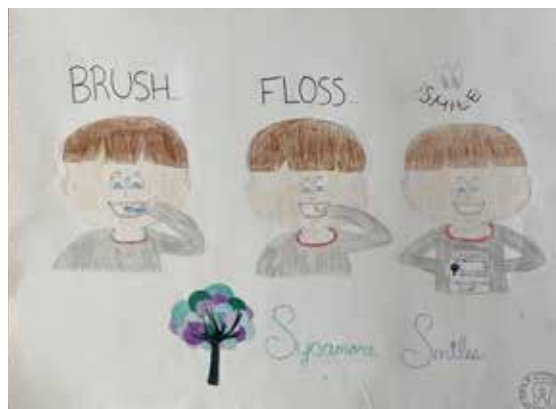
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Top Left: Overall Winner Madilyn White (3rd Grade), Top Right: 1st Place 6th Grade Monmouth County, Isabella Camacho-Lemus. Bottom Left 1st Place First Grade, Cassidy Kearns. Bottom Middle 1st Place 6th Grade Ocean County Yehudis Gortelick, Bottom Right - Awarding Mahala F. Atchison School.





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THE MONMOUTH-OCEAN COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

Ethical and Legal Pearls for Proper Treatment Planning and Collecting Fees

Presented by John P. Little, DMD, JD, MPA, FAGD

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023 FROM 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
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