

CDDS OFFICERS 2018 – 2019

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GKAS	(Open)
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Task Force on Medicaid	Alfred Peters
Finance	Donald Benton
	Jim Hall, Kendrick Mathews
Governmental Affairs	Bill Argo
(Law Day, Legislative Reception)	Mike Loden
GADPAC	Michael Wright
	Mike Loden
	Ty Ivey (at large)
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	Jimmy Cassidy III
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Nominating	Nancy O'Brien- HOD Chair
	Amber Lawson- ADA Delegate
	Tommy Peterson - Immediate Past President
	Kara Moore , Ched Smaha - At-large

CDDS Delegates:

Nancy O'Brien (2017-19) Chair
Don Spillers (2019)
Pinkney Gilchrist (2020)
Amber Lawson (2021)
Michael Wright (2022)

CDDS Alternate Delegates:

Vincent Carey (2023)
Vin Bhasin (2024)
Cameron Garvin (2025)
Jamie Mitchell (2026)
Tommy Peterson (2027)

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Ash Walker (2020)
Samer Othman (Pres Elect)
Jamie Mitchell (2021)

ADA Delegates:

Amber Lawson
(Alt Open)



CENTRAL DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

Here's your dose of "Mental Floss"

Dr. Amy Lee - Editor

Dr. Lindsay Holliday -Assistant Editor

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MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018

SOCIAL - 6:00 • DINNER AND MEETING - 7:00

IDLE HOUR COUNTRY CLUB

251 IDLE HOUR DRIVE - MACON, GEORGIA 31210

SPEAKERS

UBS WILE CONSULTING GROUP

Harris Gignilliat, CRPS, CIMA & Cory Sellars, CPA, CFP, CRPS

UBS has been working with the GDA for over 15 years and will be presenting to the CDDS important information regarding how the new tax laws affect dentists and also investment strategies for dental professionals. This will be a very informative meeting and they will be available for any of your questions regarding tax planning and investments.

TAX TALK

How the 2018 Tax Reform will Impact Dental Professionals

In December 2017, Congress made the most significant changes to the tax code in a generation and many of the alterations are new concepts. Tax rates have been cut, itemized deductions have been pared back and exemptions are gone. What does the new 20% deduction give to S corporations, partnerships and sole proprietors mean to dentists? Should you convert your S corporation to a C corporation? Join us for an in-depth look at how tax reform will impact you.

MARKET PLAYBOOK AND TRENDS

From Raging Bull to Aging Bull

The bull market and economic expansion that began in March 2009 is beginning to show signs of weakness. What are the major risk factors affecting global economic growth and financial markets? Are there any opportunities still remaining in the stock market? What will be the impact of interest rates, tariffs and other geopolitical threats? We will tackle these questions leveraging the latest global research from the UBS Global Investment Management.

Don't forget to make reservations!!! Thursday Dinner meeting - \$30.00
Send to: Dr. Don Benton via enclosed card by Friday, November 9th
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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope this letter finds everyone well. My thoughts and prayers go all out to those who were affected by Hurricane Michael earlier this month. I am happy to report that we had a great turnout for our remote CDDS small group meetings in Dublin and Griffin. I enjoyed meeting all those who participated. These meetings have really allowed some of our members who live in remote areas to participate and meet our state officers. I feel this is a great grassroots effort to go to our district where they live and provide easy access to the CDDS. Our annual GDA officer meeting in September was a success. Thanks to Dr. Jamie Mitchell for standing in for me at the last minute due to a family emergency. I urge everyone to reach out and get involved with our district and invite members who have been absent or not participating. Thanks to all the dentists who have been volunteering at the Macon Volunteer Clinic. Please continue to document your treatment there so that the GDA can keep accurate numbers on procedures performed. Also, for those who provide free care in their private offices please document this as well so that this information can be sent to the GDA to show our participation for access to care. We are looking forward to our presentation by UBS at our November meeting. Our speakers will be discussing new tax law implications regarding deductions for dental practices and investment strategies to maximize practice revenue. Please mark your calendars for our annual Legislative reception on December 4th. It is imperative to get as many of our CDDS members to meet our legislators. A strong presence from our society shows our legislators our commitment to the oral healthcare for our patients. Every year the legislators state our meeting is one of their most favorite events of the year! I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving and I look forward to seeing all of you at our November meeting!

Please contact me with any questions or concerns:

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Ash Walker

ADA REPORT by Amber Lawson

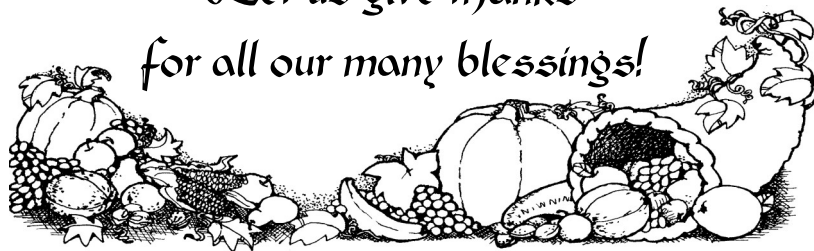
Your Georgia Delegation began preparations last month reviewing resolutions and holding conference calls in preparation for discussions with the Fifth District Caucus. The Caucus met in Birmingham this past weekend to prepare for the ADA Annual Sessions and House of Delegates meeting that will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii October 18th-22nd. At this time, 83 resolutions have been submitted by the ADA Board of Trustees and various councils, commissions and trustee districts to be voted on by the House of Delegates. If any of you plan to attend the ADA meeting in Hawaii, please stop by one of the meetings of the House of Delegates. Seeing so many individual dentists coming together to focus on the future of our profession is pretty amazing.

In the next newsletter, I will update you with the outcome of many of these resolutions. Make sure to read the ADA news and Morning Huddle which is emailed to you. The Morning Huddle is a great resource to let you know how the mainstream media and the public feel about dentistry. It compiles news stories throughout the country that relate to dentistry. It is not a reflection of the position the ADA has taken regarding an issue. Its purpose is to keep ADA members in the know about what is being reported regarding dentistry in the news.

Please contact me if you would like to know more about what the ADA is doing for you. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your delegate on the Georgia Delegation. It is an exciting honor and privilege.

Amber P. Lawson

*Let us give thanks
for all our many blessings!*





TREASURER'S REPORT

October-15, 2018

Balance Brought forward.....37,056.89

Withdrawals

Dublin Meeting Food and Beverage500.00
 GDA July Caucus Meeting583.79
 EC Meeting Food and Beverage.....136.07
 Sept. Mtg. Macon Letter Service.....604.76
 Taylor Trophy60.99
 Dr. Bridget Wright honorarium to GMOM1,000.00
 Sept. Meeting IHCC1,914.93
 Transfer to Affinity Bank Acct.....30,000.00

Deposits

September meeting receipts1,890.00
 Transfer from SunTrust30,000.00
 GDA late dues receipts71.36

Balance SunTrust checking.....2,256.35

Balance Affinity Checking31,961.36

Balance Morgan Stanley acct.....3,614.50

Total CDDS Assets37,832.21

Respectfully submitted,
 Don Benton

Got any news we can sink our teeth into?.....

We want to know!! Please email or call me, Amy Lee
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★★★★★Governmental Affairs Report



We obviously have a very significant election day on **November 6th** with control of the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House and the Georgia Governor's office all at stake.

BUT, please do not forget that our state house and senate races also play a major impact on our patients and our practices. Get involved - check in with your legislators and see if they need help. Also, please put the following events on your calendar as our relationships and communications with our legislators remain critical if we are to be heard during the 2019 session.

DECEMBER 4, 2018 - LEGISLATIVE DINNER AT THE BRICKYARD

FEBRUARY 20, 2019 - LAW DAY

William V. Argo, Jr.



Calendar of Events

Nov6 Executive Committee Meeting
 Dr. Ash Walker's office (2700 Northside Crossing)
 Nov 15 CDDS Meeting
 Idle Hour Country Club - Macon, Georgia
 Dec 4 Legislative Reception at Brickyard Golf Club - Macon, Georgia
 Feb 20 Law Day at the Capital

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday - November 6th- 7:00 pm

Dr Ash Walker's Office

2700 Northside Crossing
 corner of Northside and Forest Hill Road
 beside Lee Gerdes State Farm Office.

Light dinner will be catered

All Committee Chairpersons, Delegates, and Officers are members of the Executive Committee are required to attend.

Any CDDS member is welcome to attend.



Executive Committee Report

August 28, 2018

- **Call to Order:** President Ash Walker called the meeting of the CDDS Executive Committee to order at 7:00 p.m. August 28, 2018. Dr. Ash Walker gave the Invocation.
- **Roll Call:** A quorum was present. Those present were: Drs. Amber Lawson, Samer Othman, Don Benton, Lindsay Holliday, Bill Argo, Paul Fraysure, Michael Wright, Nancy O'Brien, Amy Lee, Noel Craig, Deana Holliman-Smith, Pinkney Gilchrist, Ash Walker.
- **CDDS Bylaws Update:** Discussion on revisions of current CDDS Bylaws discussed. Last update was in 2007. Members present asked for Scott DeFranco to look at our current bylaws and give suggestions for an update to be brought back to the next CDDS meeting to review before sending out a copy of the updated bylaws to the district for complete review before voting on update.
- **Discussion of Services to be provided to the CDDS from the GDA:** Services were discussed in detail on what the GDA can provide to the CDDS. The newsletter is costing about 2500 per year. The committee requested that Frank with the GDA quote CDDS for price to create and mail the CDDS newsletter on a quarterly basis. The committee also requested to have a mockup of current newsletter the GDA produces for the Northern District. Additionally, the committee requested cost estimates to manage the non-profit status of the CDDS. A list of services includes the following: 1. Accounting, financial management, budgeting, tax audits, District financials to be set up in Quick Books. 2. Routine legal assistance management of nonprofit status and annual filings with the IRS and annual 990 filings for the CDDS entity. 3. Meeting coordination management for CDDS setting up meeting space, meeting calendar, and attendee communications. 4. Arrange district legislative Annual meeting for CDDS. 5. CE program speakers for quarterly CDDS meetings. 6. Website formation and updates on monthly basis. 7. Membership dues and retention for CDDS. 8. Maintain Email List on a quarterly basis.
- **Update on non-profit for CDDS and Articles of Organization:** Currently, an attorney, David Pope has been retained to create all necessary documents for compliance for the CDDS. Articles of Organization documents have been completed and registration with the Secretary of State has been completed.
- **Discussion on CDDS GDA Officer Meeting:** The GDA President Bradberry and staff will brief members of the CDDS on the important issues regarding dentistry in Georgia. Membership services and legislative updates will be given at the meeting.

- **CDDS Newsletter:** Discussion regarding the format of the CDDS newsletter recommended that in future issues the BOT district action takeaways be placed as an addendum to make the newsletter flow better.
- **Incorrect email and addresses for CDDS members:** Lindsay Holliday brought forward 8 members from the CDDS with wrong emails. Corrected emails and addresses will be updated.
- **CDDS checking and money market account:** Don Benton is moving the CDDS checking account from Suntrust Bank to Affinity Bank.
- **Future meetings:** ● Nov 18, 2018 - Idle Hour Country Club in Macon. UBS Financial Services will present "Financial Strategies for Dentists" to navigate the new income tax laws. ● December 4, 2018, Annual Legislative meeting at Brickyard Golf Club in Macon Ga. Bill Argo discussed the specifics of the meeting. He will be training a new legislative affairs person in the next year as he transitions out of this role. ● Samer Othman will be setting up speakers for the 2019 year for the CDDS.
- **2019 OSHA/HIPPA review course:** For the past 3 years, Patterson Dental Company has sponsored Linda Harvey for annual HIPPA/OSHA course. Some CDDS members have asked for a different speaker to get a new perspective. Ms. Carol Page, RDH. has just developed a new HIPPA/OSHA course aimed at also team building. Members of exec requested to ask local rep from Henry Schein Dental Company to sponsor Carol Page for the next year's course. Dr Samer Othman will follow up on this event.
- **Integrity Buyers Group:** Mike Loden stressed the importance of using the GDA Integrity Buyers Group for obtaining some or all dental supplies. The membership fees have been waved and many new products are now available.
- **Dr Bridgette Wright** would like to have payment for her presentation sent to the next GMOM event to be held in Valdosta in 2020.
- **Conclusion 8:15 PM**

With Deepest Sympathy

Walter Craig McCroba, DDS

Craig, 67, passed away on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with Parkinson's. As most of you know he was very active in the CDDS and GDA.