

CDDS OFFICERS 2018 - 2019

President	Ash Walker
President Elect	Samer Othman
Vice President	Noell Craig
Secretary/Treasurer	Don Benton
Newsletter Editor	Amy Lee

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Awards	Deena Smith
Constitution and Bylaws	Deena Smith
Council on Dental Health	Samer Othman
GKAS	(Open)
Workforce	Pinkney Gilchrist
Task Force on Medicaid	Jim Hall
Task Force on Medicaid	Alfred Peters
Finance	Donald Benton

Governmental Affairs	Jim Hall, Kendrick Mathews
(Law Day, Legislative Reception)	Bill Argo
GADPAC	Mike Loden
	Michael Wright
	Mike Loden

Membership Services	Ty Ivey (at large)
	Ash Walker

Recruitment & Retention	Jimmy Cassidy III
Emile T. Fisher Foundation Rep	Cameron Garvin
Peer Review and Ethics	Paul Fraysure
Public Relations	Greg Burns
Co-chair	Lindsay Holliday
Nominating	Leigh Bennett
	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)

Board of Trustees:
Ash Walker (2020)
Samer Othman (Pres Elect)

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, SEPTEMBER 6, 2018

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

IDLE HOUR COUNTRY CLUB

251 Idle Hour Drive, Macon, Georgia 31210

ANNUAL GDA OFFICERS MEETING

Enjoy an evening with the
Newly Elected Officers

of the

Georgia Dental Association

GDA President Dr. David Bradberry

and Executive Director Frank Capaldo

Other officers and staff may accompany them

This meeting will allow us to meet our officers
and hear what's in store for the upcoming year!

Don't forget to make reservations!!!

Thursday Dinner meeting - \$30.00

**Send to: Dr. Don Benton via enclosed card
by Thursday, August 30th**

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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

I wanted to start off by thanking Dr Tommy Peterson for his leadership over the last year. I look forward to implementing many of the ideas that he put in place for the CDDS. My goals for the next year include growing our membership and participation in the Central District Dental Society. I strongly believe that our profession is one of the best in the health care industry and our district is second to none in the state. I was honored to be elected to be on the Board of Trustees for the Georgia Dental Association and look forward to working with the GDA to represent our district. It is an honor to represent the Central District as your President and I look forward to the next year.

On September 6th, we welcome our Executive Staff from the Georgia Dental Association. Dr. David Bradberry, President of the Georgia Dental Association, along with Frank Capaldo, Executive Director of the GDA, and Scott Defranco, chief lobbyist and governmental affairs, will brief our district on current legislative bills that relate to the practice of dentistry in our state and on the national level. Many new services have been added for the benefit of our members and will be discussed at this meeting as well. They look forward to answering any questions from our membership.

Our summer planning session was held on June 23, 2018. The main topics of this meeting included district compliance, Articles of Incorporation and creation of a domestic non-profit corporation for 501c (6) tax exempt status for the CDDS. The law firm of Spivey, Pope, Green, and Greer were retained for this product. Frank Capaldo, executive director of the GDA presented services provided by the GDA to CDDS including day to day administration and management of the district, accounting, tax planning, IRS audits and compliance, newsletter creation and distribution. An updated list of CDDS email addresses was presented to Frank Capaldo to be uploaded into the GDA master directory. Also, remote CDDS meetings were discussed to maintain ties with our members who are outside the Macon area. These meetings will continue in Dublin and Griffin.

Over the next year I would like to set goals to increase attendance at Central District meetings. I encourage each member to reach out to a member who currently does not attend meetings or a non-member who may not know what the

●Expanded Duties Courses (for Dental Assistants)

August 10-11, November 2-3 and December 7-8

Visit <http://www.gadental.org/education/expanded-duties> for more information or to register

●Law, Ethics and Professionalism Course – LEAP (7 CE credits)

November 30 at the GDA office (8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

For Dentists/Hygienists - Covers various areas of the rules and regulations of dental practice in Georgia as defined by the Georgia Board of Dentistry, ethical scenarios and other professionalism topics, such as risk management, wellbeing issues and/or patient complaints. Visit <http://www.gadental.org/education/leap-courses> for more information or to register

●Additional CE Coming this Fall!

Watch www.gadental.org/ce over the coming weeks for additional CE opportunities including a Risk Management Webinar taught by Dr. Tom David, GDA's Practice Management CE Roadshow in three districts and a **BRAND NEW** Rubber Cup Prophylaxis Course for Dental Assistants.

SAVE THE DATE: Dental Health Day at the Capitol/Opening of Legislative Session

Monday, January 7, 2019

Plan to join GDA for Dental Health Day at the Capitol on the opening day of the Legislative Session. GDA members personally distribute our dental kits to legislators and their staff at the state Capitol in Atlanta.

SAVE THE DATE: 2019 Law Days

Attending a LAW Day is an integral part of the GDA's Government Affairs strategy. GDA LAW Days provide our member dentists with an opportunity to get a first-hand glimpse of the legislative process and speak to their legislators about bills that affect their practices. LAW Days are from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. and include breakfast, a briefing on the legislative issues for the week and meetings with legislators "on the ropes".

January 23, 2019 - Northern, Eastern

February 6, 2019 - Southwestern, Western, Northern-Hall Co.

February 20, 2019- Central

February 28, 2019 - Southeastern and Georgia Dental Society

March 6, 2019 - Northwestern

March 20, 2019 - Other Specialty Groups, Students, and anyone else who wishes to attend

2019 GDA Convention and Expo

July 25-28, 2019 at Ritz Carlton Amelia Island

For the full dental team and their family members

Registration will open at the end of February 2019

Integrity Dental Buyers Group: 3M products have been added to the GDA Plus+ Supplies program! There now are more than 550 brands and 65,000 active skews available through GDA Plus+ Supplies. Join IDBG or shop now if you are already a member at <http://www.gdaplus.com/gda-plus-supplies>.

Volunteers Needed:

Donated Dental Services (DDS) program: The Georgia DDS program needs volunteers now more than ever. The program was approved for \$85,000 in state funding during the 2018 legislative session. Volunteer dentists treat patients in their offices, utilizing their own equipment/staff. Several manufacturers donate materials and labs also participate in the program. Volunteers provide comprehensive treatment for 1-2 patients per year. The program currently has a waiting list of more than 250 patients and we need more dentists. Please consider volunteering today: <https://dentallifeline.org/our-volunteers/volunteer-now/>.

Adjunct Faculty Program: The adjunct faculty program connects GDA Dentists with Dental College of GA students through volunteer clinic hours in the clinic at DCG or any approved charitable clinic in Georgia. The goal of this program is to not only help bridge the gap between GDA member dentists and dental students, but also to provide dental students with quality, evidence-based instruction and ethical guidelines and concepts of professionalism that will serve as the foundation for their careers. Additionally, volunteer hours in charitable clinics help to further Georgia's Action for Dental Health Plan. Volunteer dentists must commit to teaching/volunteering at least one day per month over a minimum of a one-year period and complete the DCG adjunct faculty appointment process. For more information and a list of approved clinics near you, contact Katherine Torbush at katherine@gadental.org.

DCG Lunch & Learns: The GDA is seeking dentists to speak during lunch and learn events at the Dental College of Georgia in 2018-2019. If you are interested in speaking at a lunch and learn, please email Katherine Torbush at katherine@gadental.org or fill out the student engagement survey [online](#).

Upcoming GDA Events:

•CPR Certification/Recertification (2-4 CE credits)

September 28 at the GDA office (10 a.m. – 2 p.m. / includes lunch)

For all members of the dental team – receive an American Heart Association course completion card and 2-4 hours of CE credit (depending on certification or renewal) Register at <http://www.gadental.org/education/current-courses>

•Radiation Safety Course (6 CE credits)

October 12 at the GDA office (8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. / includes lunch)

Designed to train dental staff on safety techniques regarding x-rays and equipment – receive certificate of completion and 6 CE hours. Contact emily@gadental.org for more information

GDA and CDDS has to offer. Anyone who brings a prospective member will have the CDDS cover their guest's meal for the meeting. I have participated in the last three GMOM (Georgia Mission of Mercy) events and there is such satisfaction in providing services to those in need and I strongly urge everyone to participate in these events and our local volunteer clinics that serve Macon, Warner Robins, and Dublin. These clinics can be fully manned every year by just providing 1-2 half days per year for each member dentist. Many patients must be turned away due to fact that there is not dental coverage for many days. Another goal is to increase attendance at our Central District Law Day. Our presence in large numbers is paramount to making sure that legislators understand and are educated to how bills can affect the oral health of the citizens of our state.

In conclusion, I am very much looking forward to working with our district over the next year to provide excellent service and reaching out to all members of our district.

Ash Walker
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Calendar of Events

Aug 14	Dublin CDDS Dinner Meeting Deano's Restaurant
Aug 21	Griffin CDDS Dinner Meeting J Henry's Restaurant
Aug 30	Executive Committee Meeting Dr Ash Walker's office (2700 Northside Crossing)
Sept 6	CDDS Meeting - Annual GDA Officers Meeting Idle Hour Country Club, Macon, Georgia
Oct 18-22	ADA meeting - Honolulu, Hawaii
Nov6	Executive Committee Meeting Dr. Ash Walker's office (2700 Northside Crossing)
Nov 15	CDDS Meeting (speaker to be announced) Idle Hour Country Club Macon Georgia
Dec 4	Legislative Reception at Brickyard Golf Club Macon Georgia

Executive Committee Report

Executive Council meeting - May 8, 2018 - Office of Ash Walker, 7 pm.

--Attending: Tommy Peterson, Michael Wright, Deena Smith, Samer Othman, Amber Lawson, Nancy O'Brien, Vince Carey, Bill Argo Jamie Mitchell, Paul Fraysure, Amy Lee, Mike Loden, Don Benton, Lindsay Holliday, Ash Walker

- Tommy opened the meeting with a prayer.
- Bill Argo announced that he will be hosting a fundraiser for Lt. Gov. candidate David Shafer at his home on June 14 to meet the candidate.
- Arrive after work and spend a few minutes with friends discussing his campaign. Scott Lofranco and Bill will coordinate with an invite and suggested donation for the casual event.
- Tommy next mentioned the Rx opioid Registry that all providers must sign in to evaluate a patient's history of Rx. Statistically, we are way behind in our percentage of Dr's who have signed up. This is a must do!
- Next up was a discussion of the district standing committee appointments.
Council on the Annual convention--Open
Education and Training Advisory council--Open
Leadership GDA Task force--Megan Flournoy
Additionally, the subsidiary boards:
GDIS/GDHC--Open
IBDG--Mike Loden, term expires 7/18
GDAF--Open

Volunteers are needed to fill these spots for the coming year.

- Next, the EC reviewed the calendar for the upcoming year.
Ash is working on the calendar to have the GDA Officer Visit in Sept.
- Bill Argo is working to have a legislative reception date finalized very soon as well.
- Ash asked for suggestions for the Nov.15 2018 Mtg speaker. The EC tossed around some topics that we may have the option of DCG faculty speak to us or use a speaker from an outside source.
- The assembled group noted that GMOM is August 10 and 11 in Augusta and there is a need for both funds and volunteers for this large event. Tommy and Ash encouraged all to participate if at all possible and spread the word.
- Under new business: Tommy mentioned the possibility of getting Carol Paige to give the OSHA/Hippa review next year. Lindsay requested that we continue updating our district database of e-mails at this meeting. He noted that we are far from complete and accurate membership data and the GDA is nowhere close to having good data in a form that is usable for the districts.

Virtual Credit Card Reimbursements: During the 2018 legislative session, the GDA proposed legislation regulating virtual credit card reimbursements by insurance companies. The bill prohibits insurance plans from mandating that healthcare providers and hospitals only accept virtual credit card reimbursement payments and their corresponding fees. As a result of the hard work of the bill's sponsor, State Rep. Lee Hawkins (R-Gainesville), along with Georgia Dental Association members and staff, HB 818 goes into effect **January 1, 2019** and stands to save every dentist hundreds of thousands of dollars over the course of their practicing years.

2019 Leadership GDA Program: Applications for the 2019 GDA Leadership Program are due **February 1, 2019**. Leadership GDA helps members grow into more knowledgeable and confident leaders within the dental community. Participants also gain a better understanding of GDA and how to become involved in leadership in organized dentistry. The program includes a kick-off/ GDA 101 session, two webinars, a self-study, an in-person workshop, and spokesperson training. Program participants also choose two electives from a list including LAW Days, the GDA Convention, and BOT/HOD meetings. If members of your district are interested in leadership positions in GDA or your district, please encourage them to email Katherine Torbush at katherine@gadental.org for more information.

New at-large Trustees: The House elected the eight new at-large trustees to the GDA Board per the revised GDA Bylaws as follows:

Ash Walker (C) – 2-year term
Erik Wells (E) – 1-year term
Ryan Vaughn (N) – 3-year term
Ben Jernigan, Jr. (N) – 1-year term
Stan Halpern (NW) – 3-year term
Chris Rautenstrauch (NW) – 2-year term
Amanda Merritt (SW) – 2-year term
Renee Roberts (W) – 3-year term

2018-2019 GDA Vice President: Congratulations to Dr. Annette Rainge from Eastern District on her election as GDA Vice President.

Georgia Dental Insurance Services: GDIS business is growing in health, Medicare supplements, professional liability, business and personal lines. In 2014, GDIS was offering ten product lines from four carriers, and now GDIS offers twenty-seven product lines from eight carriers. Please give GDIS the opportunity to quote your insurance needs. Open enrollment for the GDA's health plan will begin in October, and members can enroll in the other lines at any time. Visit <http://www.gdaplus.com/> for more information or to request a quote.

**Don't delay....
Send in your reservation card today.**



TREASURER'S REPORT August, 2018

Balance checking brought forward:28,451.87
Balance Forward31,712.87

Withdrawals

Macon letter Service May Meeting592.79
Office Max Nametags 78.36
Idle Hour CC May Meeting/Meal1,914.93
Carlyle Place June Planning Meeting500.00

Deposits

May Meeting Receipts1,370.00
GDA Dues Receipts7,113.86

Balance Checking Account.....37,056.89
Balance Money Market Account.....3,613.14
Total CDDS Assets.....40,670.03

Respectfully submitted,
Don Benton

DISTRICT ACTION TAKEAWAYS: JULY 2018 GDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING

The Georgia Dental Association distributes District Action Takeaways after each Board of Trustees meeting. Board Members and District Presidents are asked to distribute these notices and requests to members in their districts as appropriate.

Revised Policy Manual: The Board and House voted to adopt the Constitution and Bylaws Committee's proposed revisions to the GDA Policy Manual, effective immediately. The updated GDA Bylaws and Policy Manual are available to all members via the GDA website at <http://www.gadental.org/member-services/leadership-resources> (member log-in required).

Awards Nominations: The GDA Awards Committee is seeking candidates recommended by District Awards Committees for Honorable Fellow, Community Service Award, Discoveries and Inventions Award, and the Award of Merit. All recommendations must be received in the GDA Executive Office no later than **September 1, 2018** per the policy manual. The GDA Awards Committee will review all candidates and will select nominees that have satisfied all requirements for the particular award to submit to the GDA Board of Trustees for their September 2018 meeting and then to the House of Delegates for final approval in December 2018. Detailed nomination information will be sent to the District Presidents or contact Jeannie Watson to request forms/nomination details at jeannie@gadental.org.

- Nominations for 8 at-large trustee positions that are due June 12. All districts.
- Tommy noted the annual Convention July 12-15 at Amelia Ritz-Carlton. Rooms are going fast so sign up ASAP.
- Jamie noted that the District challenge is Saturday night and we need 4-6 volunteers for the activities that night.
- Amy Lee suggested that newsletter submissions should be in 4-6 weeks prior to the meeting in Sept. for the newsletter!
- Tommy and Ash made note of the District Compliance checklist from Scott Lofranco to assist in gaining full IRS tax-exempt status and Secretary of State incorporated status. Ash will obtain help from Attorney David Pope who is very familiar with non-profits and their requirements. Don Benton will help with documentation required for filing the forms.
- Next Tommy reviewed the Calendar of events:
May 10 -CDDS Mtg Idle Hour CC, Speaker D. Bridget Wright
July 12-15 - Annual Convention and Expo
July 11 -BOT Mtg Amelia
July 12 - HOD Mtg Amelia
Aug.10,11 - GMOM Augusta
Sept. Mtg - TBD
Nov. 13 - EC Mtg
Nov. 15 - CDDS Meeting Idle Hour CC
Legislative Reception TBD

No other business meeting adjourned 8:35 pm.
Don Benton

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday - August 30th - 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.*

