

CDDS OFFICERS 2018 - 2019

President	Ash Walker
President Elect	Samer Othman
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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
	Jim Hall, Kendrick Mathews
Governmental Affairs	Bill Argo
(Law Day, Legislative Reception)	Mike Loden
GADPAC	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)
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, FEBRUARY 14, 2019

SOCIAL - 6:00-7:00 ♥ DINNER AND LECTURE - 7:00-8:30

ARMORY BALLROOM

484 FIRST STREET, MACON

CATERED BY: GROW

SPEAKER

Cornelia Outten
Dental Advocacy Group

TOPIC

**Strategies to Maximize Revenue
from Insurance**

Don't forget to make reservations!!! Thursday Dinner meeting - \$30.00

**Send to: Dr. Don Benton via enclosed card by Friday, February 8th
4128 Arkwright Rd. Ste. B Macon, GA 31210-1707 t.doc@cox.net**

WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year! I hope everyone in the CDDS had a great 2018 and look forward to the coming year! During the year of 2018 we lost one of our distinguished colleagues, Craig McCroba. Please keep the McCroba family in your thoughts and prayers. I am happy to announce that more members are participating in the GDA Plus Supplies program. Over 500 dentists are now reducing their overhead with lower cost on dental supplies. Several new companies have been added to the program and ordering has been streamlined. Join today and begin reducing your overhead today by as much as 20 percent on dental supplies. If you have any questions, please ask Chairman Mike Loden. I am happy to announce that over 1000 dentists and their staffs are using the GDA Health Plan and receiving great rates for their family's and employees. Please call the Georgia Dental Insurance Services at 770-395-0224 to get your quote today. Also, the GDA offers personal insurance such as home and auto insurance and have competitive member rates.

I am happy to report that participation in the Georgia Prescription Drug Monitoring System (GA PDMP) is up from 51% to almost 100%. The Georgia Dental Association is working on a program to have Opioid Safety training available to the districts and dates have been set for training at the GDA office for February 22 and May 17, 2019 at the GDA office. Please call Michelle Amatulli at the GDA office at 770-395-0224 for all information regarding these updates. Many other courses including Radiation Safety, CPR certification, and Risk Management are also available. The executive committee is working on having the Opioid Safety Training brought to our district and incorporated into our regular CDDS meetings each year.

The Macon Volunteer Clinic is still needing volunteers to help man the clinic. Please call the clinic at 478-755-1110 for available days. Also, Georgia Donated Dental Services still has a large back log of patients who need treatment. Volunteers treat patients in their own offices, utilizing their own staff, and several manufacturers donate materials for dentures, crowns, bridges, and implants. Also, labs participate and costs are not incurred by the volunteer dentists. This is a significant program to reach individuals in dire need for dental care.

In conclusion, I hope everyone has a prosperous 2019 and look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting! I urge everyone to strive to continue to improve our attendance at the CDDS meetings by reaching out to those members who may have not been attending. I may be reached at 478-477-2761 or ashwalker10@gmail.com if anyone has any questions regarding the CDDS.

Ash Walker



★★★★★ Governmental Affairs Report



Thanks to all who were able to attend the Legislative Reception at the Brickyard on December 4th.

We had 12 legislators and 81 dentists and spouses.

Our Annual Law Day is coming up on February 20th.

This is a very important time to show our legislators that we care enough about our profession and our patients that we can take a half day off work and meet with them at the Capitol. Please respond directly to me (478-742-4254 or wvadmd@aol.com) about your attendance, and I will arrange rides for all who want to car pool.

Thank you., William V. Argo, Jr., DMD

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday - February 5th- 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

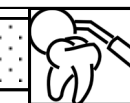
All Committee Chairpersons, Delegates, and Officers are members of the Executive Committee are required to attend.

Any CDDS member is welcome to attend.



Calendar of Events

- Feb 5 CDDS EC meeting
- Feb 8 GKAS
- Feb 14 CDDS meeting at Armory Ballroom
- Feb 20 Law Day at the Capital
- Mar 15 OSHA/HIPAA meeting at Methodist Children's Home Rumford Center Gymnasium



Friday, February 8th

7 am to 1 pm

Pediatric Dentistry of Central Ga - Macon
5437 Bowman Rd, #300, Macon, GA 31210
Look for details in an email from the District

• Other Discussions:

- Meeting topic UBS Wile Consulting Group Harris Gignillat and Cory Sellars. Will focus on Tax talk and impact to dental professionals. Contracting new services by the GDA? Board voted to have the GDA present a proposal for CDDS newsletter and prices to distribute the newsletter to the central district. As of November 5, 2018, no response from GDA on prices for this service.
- Vote to allow spouses to attend the Nov 15th meeting on tax law and investment strategy. Discuss how to pay for the meals and ensure enough tables are present. Will call all members who RSVP to invite their spouses to the meeting. Don Benton office manager will call dentists that confirm to invite their spouses.
- 2019 OSHA/HIPAA meeting. Samer Othman reported on details of the meeting. [now rescheduled for March 15. Methodist Home Conference Center]
- Discussion considering a CDDS Board Retreat meeting at BioHorizons implant HQ in Birmingham Alabama for an overnight stay. BioHorizons has invited committee to tour their implant facility and provide CDE for this event.
- Discussion of a program for middle Georgia dentists to have senior dental students do externship in general practice.

Adjourn at 8:31 PM

Donald Benton



TREASURER'S REPORT

January 12, 2019

Balance Brought Forward37,832.21

Withdrawals

CGTC Scholar/ Lunceford..... 500.00
 CGTC Scholar/ Knight 500.00
 Macon Letter Svc Nov. News 747.59
 Macon Letter Svc Dec Leg. Rec. 533.95
 IHCC November Meeting.....1,914.93
 Legislative Reception Cast Iron Catering..... 3,391.60
 Brickyard at Riverside, Legislative Reception 794.21
 Suntrust Maintenance Fee for Nov, Dec 40.00
 Armory Ballroom deposit Feb. Meeting1,000.00
 GDA General Liability+ Umbrella 1,648.77

Deposits

November meeting Receipts1,350.00
 2019 Dues Receipts from GDA 4,593.79
 Balance Affinity Bank..... 30,522.87
 Balance SunTrust196.35
 Balance Morgan Stanley3,545.86
 Total CDDS Assets34,265.08

Respectfully submitted,
 Don Benton



OSHA/HIPAA MEETING

Dentists, Hygienists and Staff
 join us for this informative meeting!

• SPEAKER - CAROL PAGE •

This dynamic, energetic speaker will discuss
 compliance with OSHA/HIPAA.
 It will be participation driven, so put your thinking
 caps on and enjoy this engaging lecture!

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019

The Rumford Center
 at The Methodist Children's Home
 304 Pierce Avenue, Macon, GA 31204

Registration 8:00 am
 Meeting 8:30 until 1:00

Complimentary continental breakfast

Cost:

25.00 pre-registered
 30.00 at the door

Please make checks payable to: CDDS

Mail to:

Advanced Dental Arts

Attn: Katie Wall

4705 Northside Dr., Ste 100, Macon, GA 31210

For further information contact: Samer Othman

sam.othman.dds@gmail.com

ADA REPORT by Amber Lawson

The ADA Annual Sessions and House of Delegates Meeting was held on October 19-22 in Honolulu, Hawaii. It was a busy meeting and no time for sightseeing, however, the Delegation accomplished much in 4 days.

The House elected Dr. Jeffrey Cole from Delaware as the 155th president of the American Dental Association. The House also approved Nominations to Councils and Commissions including Georgia representatives Dr. Donna Thomas-Moses on Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL), and Dr. Kevin Frazier on Council on Scientific Affairs. Dr. David Bradberry will continue his service on Council on Advocacy for Access, Prevention and Dr. Chris Hasty will continue on Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). I was nominated to serve on the Council on Communications.

During their three sessions, the House of Delegates reviewed and acted on ninety resolutions. Some of the key issues debated and decisions made by the House of Delegates included the following:

HOD approved a resolution to fund House Initiative Resolution 67H-2016: Utilization of Dental Services for ADA members (Find-A-Dentist/busyness initiative) from reserves for 2019 in lieu of the originally proposed \$58 member assessment.

HOD directed the ADA President to appoint an adhoc committee with relevant experience to review and update Resolution 5H-2006 which identifies strategies to address oral health issues of vulnerable elders. The adhoc committee will identify an implementation plan and timeline to address elder care including Medicare and present a progress report to the 2019 HOD.

The HOD approved the ADA's interim policy on Opioid Prescribing. The policy outlines best practices for continuing education and dosage/duration in addition to support for improving state prescription drug monitoring programs.

The 5th District decided to withdraw their resolution Urging for the Creation of a New CDT Code to Establish a Uniform Method of Quantifying the Value of Donated Dental Treatment and for Data Collection Purpose. The 5th District will instead pursue this code through the Code Maintenance Committee.

HOD approved a comprehensive policy on dental licensure developed by the Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL). The intent of the policy is to combine and succinctly reflect many ADA policies about dental licensure into one comprehensive statement.

HOD approved a policy statement on Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination for the prevention of infection with HPV types associated with Oropharyngeal Cancer as developed by the Council on Scientific Affairs (CSA) and further refined by the reference committee on Dental Education, Science and related matters. The HOD also approved an amendment to the policy adding support of dentist administration of the vaccine.

HOD adopted revised Election Commission and Campaign Rules as recommended by the ADA Election Commission. The reference committee on Legislative, Health, Governance and related matters requested that the appropriate agency study options for campaign travel and report back to the 2019 House. After much debate and several amendments, the House agreed to the study.

HOD approved the creation of a task force to develop a broad-reaching strategy for state-based dental benefits advocacy to minimize interference of dental benefit carriers into the doctor-patient relationship. The task force will report its strategy recommendations to the 2019 HOD.

HOD approved the 2019 ADA dues at \$554. The dues increase was needed to bring the ADA's 2019 operating budget to breakeven. The HOD also approved the budget.

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.

All the best, Amber Lawson

Executive Committee Report

November 6, 2018

- Ash Walker hosted meeting at his office and gave the invocation
- Attending:** Ash Walker, Amber Lawson, Samer Othman, Don Benton, Bill Argo, Paul Fraysure, Michael Wright, Nancy O'Brien, Amy Lee, Deana Smith, Pinkney Gilchrist, Jamie Mitchell,
- Awards:** Deana Smith reports the nominations have been made.
- Constitution and Bylaws:** Deana Smith reports GDA attorney, Mr. Scott DeFranko is evaluating the CDDS bylaws.
- GKAS:** board suggests that all general dentists treat patients. Feb 1st.
- Task Force on Medicaid:** Chairs Jim Hall and Alfred Peters are looking for new members.
- Finance:** Donald Benton has changed CDDS to Affinity Bank. Finance Committee this Saturday at GDA for 2019. Discussion on placing money from CDDS in Endowment Fund. Annual generates 4-5%, avoids penalties of having too much revenue in account. Bylaws would need to be generated to set up the Endowment. Community Foundation was mentioned as a administrator for this endeavor. Approved Ms. Julia Wood to present the Endowment Fund to the EC committee as next planned meeting.
- Governmental Affairs:** Bill Argo reported Legislative mixer on December 4th. He has contacted all legislators. Will keep the same caterers - William Foshee Cast Iron Catering. **Law Day** will be Feb 20th 2019. Mike Loden will promote this as the year progresses and have sign up forms at Legislative Dinner on December 4th. Bill Argo wants to step down from Governmental Affairs next year and he will help mentor new person. Mike Loden brought up as candidate.
- Membership Services:** Ash Walker will meet next week with Mr. Scott Piper of our GDA
- Recruitment and Retention:** Cameron Garvin discussed appointment new member for this position.
- Emile T Fisher Foundation:** Paul Fraysure reported all scholarship money was sent out.
- Workforce, GADPAC, Peer Review and Ethics and Public Relations** no report.
- Nominating Committee:** Nancy O'Brien reports nominations for VP and Alt Delegate must be to GDA by Nov 12th.
- ADA Delegate:** Amber Lawson reported 89 resolutions at ADA were voted on. No major impacts. Dues increase of 22.00 for 2019 for total of 554.00 per year. Special Assessment was not approved. ADA will use special reserves for funding the Find A Dentist for one year since the special assessment did not pass. ADA has purchased new building in DC.