

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
	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, MAY 9, 2019

SOCIAL - 6:00-7:00

DINNER AND LECTURE - 7:00-8:30

Anderson Conference Center

5171 Eisenhower Parkway, Macon 31206

Speakers

•Dr. Lee Whitesides•

Practicing Oral Surgeon in Atlanta

The Opioid Epidemic:

Where does the dental profession fit in?

•Scott Lofranco•

Attorney and the GDA General Counsel

An Update on Georgia Prescriber Laws

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

Send to: Dr. Don Benton via enclosed card by Friday, May 3rd

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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Central District President over the last year. I would like to thank everyone on the executive committee for all your input and ideas throughout the year. I feel we have accomplished many goals and the future is bright for our district. Thanks to everyone who attended the OSHA/HIPAA meeting at the Children's Methodist Home. We had almost 300 attendees register this year! I would like to give a big shout out to Samer Othman for doing such a great job getting this event organized for our district! I really wanted to recognize the dentists and dental team members of the Central District for donating over 1,000 dollars to the Children's Methodist Home at our meeting. I can not say how much this meant to the staff who were almost brought to tears when we presented the donation!

I urge everyone to continue to volunteer at the Macon Volunteer Clinic and Rehoboth Life Care Ministries Clinic in Warner Robins. Thanks to all those members who support these clinics and the care they provide for the underprivileged in central Georgia.

If you have not registered for the GDA convention (July 25-28, 2019) at the Ritz Carlton Amelia Island, please plan to attend this meeting. There will be over 40 hours of CE available and many family activities for you and your family to enjoy! Amelia Island has always been one of our most popular locations for the annual meeting due to the great service and amenities that the Ritz-Carlton offers. July will be here before you know it so please don't forget to get registered for this event! I hope to see everyone there! Once again thanks for all your support over the last year and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Ash Walker
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Don't delay... send in your reservation card today!



TREASURER'S REPORT

April 1, 2019

Balance Checking brought forward30,522.89

Withdrawals

Macon Letter Service 694.89
Moonhanger Group..... 321.00
Grow Catering..... 1,265.00
Singletary's 159.38
Publix..... 101.72
Edgar's Bistro..... 500.00
PPal Goodwill Macon 500.00
Publix..... 53.72
Fed Ex office supply 24.97
Methodist Home 4,545.00
GDA Caucus Breakfast 508.23
Square % 40.05

Deposits

February Meeting Receipt960.00
March CE Receipts 6,825.00
March Vendor Receipts 1,200.00
Transfer from Suntrust..... 156.35
GDA Member. Receipts..... 6,652.49

Balance Affinity Checking 36,378.84

Balance Morgan Stanley 3,545.86

Total CDDS Assets 39,924.70

Respectfully submitted, Don Benton

Calendar of Events



Tuesday April 30	CDDS EC meeting at the office of Dr. Ash Walker
Thursday May 9	CDDS meeting at Anderson Conference Center
Friday, June 14	Summer Planning Session 3 to 5 at Samer Othman's office, 4705 Northside Dr., #100, Macon 31210 Refreshments provided
Friday, June 14	CDDS Social - 6:30 - for members and families The Society Garden 2389 Ingleside Ave., Macon
Tuesday Sept 3	CDDS EC meeting at the office of Dr. Samer Othman
Thursday Sept 12	CDDS meeting at Idle Hour (GDA Officers Visit)
Tuesday Nov 5	CDDS EC meeting at the office of Dr. Samer Othman
Thursday Nov 14	CDDS meeting location TBD
Tuesday Dec 3	Legislative Reception at Brickyard

- Discussion on meeting topic Cornelia Outten Dental Advocacy Group dealing with maximizing revenue from Dental Insurance. Samer to give briefing on meeting topic.

- Discussing and vote on allowing spouses to attend future meetings once or twice a year to get more involvement. Dr. Michael Wright has a speaker proposal for social/spouse event, **Anne Hanse**, who graduated from **Emory Dental School** in **1960**. She was the first female dental student at the school.

- CDDS checking and money market account have been moved to Affinity Bank. Don Benton to discuss any topics regarding this transfer. All funds are now with Affinity Bank.

- Future Meetings: Samer Othman will discuss meeting dates and speakers for 2019 meeting for CDDS.

- 2019 OSHA HIPAA meeting. Friday March 15, 2019 by Carol Page at the Methodist Children's Home. Dr. Samer Othman to discuss all specifics for meeting.

- Discussion on CDDS EC remote 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. Will discuss if this could be used for a team building event for the CDDS EC committee. Tentative dates discussed??

•Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm by Ash Walker.

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

We want to know and want to share with your colleagues!!!

Please email or call me, Amy Lee

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday - April 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.



★★★★Governmental Affairs Report



As I write this report, there are only two days left of the 2019 session. All things told, we have had a great year. While we will not see a lot of legislative action this year, this can obviously be a good thing. for the great turnout at Law Day. A complete summary of the legislative year will be forthcoming soon.

Over the next few months, Dr. Ched Smaha will assume the role of chair of the CDDS Governmental Affairs committee. I know you all will continue to support Ched and our efforts in the legislative arena.

Bill Argo



Cassidy Dental Associates

together with

Cassidy Dental Lab & Dental Life Seminars

announce the

Open House and Ribbon Cutting

for their new lab and teaching facilities

Friday, May 3, 2019 from 1:00 to 4:00

148 College Street, Macon

ADA REPORT by Amber Lawson

Have you been wondering what the ADA has been doing for you? I just returned from a Council on Communications meeting in Chicago and learned of a service the ADA offers its members at no charge that I had never heard of. It is the ADA's Third Party Payer Concierge. Members get one-on-one support for your dental benefit issues, including third party payer, provider contracts, coding and dental plan issues. Insurance plans can get quite confusing and this service may help you and your staff work through the process of deciding which plans you want to participate in and also assist you in reading and understanding their contracts. If this service is of interest to you check it out at <https://success.ada.org/en/dental-benefits/contact-ada-cdbcq>.

Another resource you should make sure you are taking advantage of is your Dentist profile on the ADA website. Three years ago, the ADA Council on Communication was assigned the task of creating a tool that would drive patients to ADA member dentists. The Find-a-Dentist online tool was created. Now this online search tool will direct patients to ADA member dentists when they search for a dentist near them. The data has shown that profiles with pictures and complete information receive more views. Have you updated your profile? If not, do yourself a favor and do that now. The ADA is beginning a new PR campaign which will utilize the ADA's Find a Dentist tool to direct patients to your offices. Help them help you by making sure your profile is complete!

If you have any questions about what the ADA is doing for you let me know!

All the best,
Amber

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Central District is purchasing an engraved brick representing the Central District at the new ADA office in Washington, DC.

CDDS SOCIAL

For all CDDS members and their families

Friday, June 14th at 6:30pm

The Society Garden

2389 Ingleside Avenue 31204

Pizza provided - Cash bar

RSVP by June 7th to:

Samer Othman's office - 478-207-6939

Executive Committee Report

February 5, 2019 at 7:00 pm

●**Roll Call:** Ash Walker, Amber Lawson, Samer Othman, Lindsay Holliday, Bill Argo, Paul Fraysure, Michael Wright, Nancy O'Brien, Cameron Garvin, Amy Lee, Noel Craig, Deana Holliman Smith, Pinkney Gilchrist

●**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

●**Committee Reports for CDDS:**

ADA - Delegate information from Dr Amber Lawson

Discussion on setting up achievement/scholarship in Dr Robert Wright's name.

●**CDDS Bylaws update:** Scott LaFranco has copy of current bylaws and will make suggestion for EC to vote on updates. Email was sent waiting for response Open as of February 5, 2019.

●**Dr Ched Smaha** has expressed interest in taking over Legislative Committee Chair from Dr Bill Argo. Discussion on appointment for this transfer. Dr Argo will remain for one year to transition position to Dr Ched Smaha.

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