

CDDS OFFICERS 2019 - 2020

President	Samer Othman
President Elect	Noel Craig
Vice President	Adam Gordon
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	(Open)
Finance	Donald Benton
	Jim Hall, Kendrick Mathews
Governmental Affairs	Ched Smaha
(Law Day, Legislative Reception)	Mike Loden
GADPAC	Michael Wright
	Mike Loden
Membership Services	Ty Ivey -At large
	Ash Walker
	Jimmy Cassidy III
Recruitment & Retention	Cameron Garvin
Emile T. Fisher Foundation Rep	Paul Fraysure
Peer Review and Ethics	Greg Burns
Public Relations	Lindsay Holliday
Nominating	Michael Wright-Delegate Chair
	Amber Lawson- ADA Delegate
	Ash Walker - Immediate Past President
	Kara Moore , Ched Smaha - At-large

CDDS Delegates:

Michael Wright (Interim) Chair
Don Spillers (2019)
Pinkney Gilchrist (2020)
Amber Lawson (2021)

CDDS Alternate Delegates:

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

Board of Trustees:

Ash Walker (2020)
Noel Craig (Pres Elect)
Mike Loden(Interim)

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 12, 2019

SOCIAL - 6:00-7:00

DINNER AND LECTURE - 7:00-8:30

Idle Hour Country Club

251 Idle Hour Drive, Macon 31210

Annual GDA Officers Visit

EVIS BABO

GDA President

Evis will speak to what she would like the GDA and the Central District to achieve this year under her leadership

FRANK CAPALDO

GDA Executive Director

Frank will give an update on the position of the GDA and where we are headed this year.

SCOTT LOFRANCO

will update us on the legislative agenda for the year ahead.

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

Send to: Dr. Don Benton via enclosed card by Friday, September 6th
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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well at the end of this hot and busy summer. I would like to start by taking a moment to remember John Fergusson, who passed away in July. John was the first orthodontist in Milledgeville and practiced for nearly 40 years. He was a very active member in the GDA and was instrumental in growing the GDIS (Georgia Dental Insurance Services) into what it is today. Please keep his family in your thoughts during this difficult time.

We had great turn out at the small group meetings in both Dublin and Griffin once again this year. Jamie Mitchell always does such a great job organizing these meetings and they have attracted interest from other district officers wanting to do the same in their districts.

The annual GDA conference in Amelia Island was a huge success this year with record attendance and exhibitor participation. There was a lot of great CE offered and representation of dentistry from all over the state of Georgia. I am also happy to report that we had productive BOT and HOD sessions at the conference as well. The two big challenges that we must tackle ahead are increasing our member's involvement, both at a district level and national level; and combating "do it yourself" dentistry. The BOT and HOD passed a resolution asking the GA Delegation to support severing the relationship with CVS if CVS continues its partnership with SDC (Smile Direct Club) after the terms of the ADA's contractual agreement with CVS expire or are no longer enforceable by operation of law. It is expected this topic will arise at the upcoming meeting of the ADA House. Mike Loden reported a steady increase in member participation in the IDBG (Integrity Dental Buyers Group). He has expressed that he would like the Central District to lead the charge and continues that sentiment. At the district level, I ask that everyone make the effort to approach those that are not currently involved in CDDS in order to boost our numbers and increase participation. We are only as strong as our membership, and the more involved members are, the more we can achieve as a district and as an association. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are members that you believe would be interested and I will be happy contact them.

Thank you to all the dentists that volunteer their time at Rehoboth Health Ministries, the Macon Volunteer Clinic, and



TREASURER'S REPORT August - 2019

Balance brought forward36,378.84

Withdrawals

Macon Letter Service - Newsletter683.97
 February Speaker 4,418.62
 J.Mitchell, Dublin Meeting1,146.56
 J.Mitchell, Griffin Meeting405.91
 Square - Charge Card Feeds.....35.30
 Edgar's Bistro - May Meeting.....1,965.72
 Edgar's Bistro - Bar Setup, May Meeting..... 225.98
 GDA Blast Fax Invoices5.70

Deposits

GDA Late dues Receipts1,607.85
 Vendor CE Receipts1,250.00
 May Mtg Receipts2,015.00
 Transfer from Morgan Stanley3,458.60
 Dublin Meeting Receipts 300.00

Balance Affinity Acct. 36,528.44

Note: CDDS Morgan Stanley Acct was closed by MS for lack of minimum amount in the account per their new account criteria.



Calendar of Events



Sept 3 7:00: CDDS EC meeting at Samer Othman's office
 Sept 12 6:00-8:30: CDDS meeting: GDA officers' visit.
 Idle Hour Country Club
 Sept 27-28: GDA Fall Conference
 Hyatt Regency Savannah River Front
 Nov 5 7:00: CDDS EC meeting at Samer Othman's office
 Nov TBD: All day CDDS Friday meeting
 Dec 3, 7:00: Legislative Reception
 The Brickyard Country Club
 Feb 19 Law Day at the Capitol

•**Recruitment and Retention:** (Cameron Garvin) updated as of April 30 2019

•**Emile T Fisher Foundation:** (Paul Fraysure) will reach out to Paul not present. Discussion on CDDS giving annual gift to this foundation.

•**Public Relations:** (Lindsay Holliday, Leigh Bennett) no report

•**Nominating Committee:** (Nancy O'Brien HOD Chair) no nominations for this period for CDDS. On state level there are two at large trustees' positions coming open. Nancy Obrien rotates off delegation in July 2019. Cameron Garvin is alternate who is eligible to run for chair for 2-year term.

•**ADA Delegate** information from Amber Lawson no news

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

•Dr. Lee Whitesides and Scott LaFranco will be doing Opioid Certification for one hour CE that is mandatory for all licensed Georgia dentists.

•Summer Annual Planning Meeting June 6 2019, 6:30-8:30, Samer Othman office.

•CDDS consider reimbursement for members going to GDA for state meetings.

•Ched Smaha was confirmed for taking over Legislative Committee Chair from Bill Argo. Bill will remain for one year to transition position to Ched Smaha.

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

November 2019 CE meeting: possible topic - Data protection, malware, office emergencies.

Discussion on CDDS Executive Committee 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.

New Business

Executive committee majority vote taken after meeting to have an engraved brick representing the CDDS at the new ADA house in Washington, DC.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm

Minutes submitted by Ash Walker

with Donated Dental Services. If you are not involved with these organizations and would like to be, please contact me and I will put you in touch with the right people to get started. As always, we ask that you document any pro bono dental care that you give so that we can report it to the GDA.

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, Dec 3 for the Legislative reception. It is especially important to have a strong showing of district membership at this meeting, as it is a chance for the legislators that represent us to meet the members and to hear about our concerns and challenges as oral health practitioners. I hope everyone has a great beginning of the school year and I look forward to seeing everyone at our September meeting! Please contact me with any questions or concerns: sam.othman.dds@gmail.com

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Samer Othman

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday - September 3rd - 7:00 pm

Samer Othman's Office

4705 Northside Dr #100, Macon, GA 31210

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



This year we will focus on the importance of GADPAC contributions. Our historical support with legislators has paid off immensely, and we would like to keep that relationship strong. Please plan to attend our legislative reception in

December. Invitations will be mailed, and we would love for everyone to bring their significant other. Law Day will be in February which is an opportunity to meet your legislator and help organized dentistry improve, protect, and modify our profession to best fit the needs of patient care and doctor relationships.

Thank you,
Ched Smaha

Summer Planning Session 2019 Minutes

In attendance: Samer Othman, Ash Walker, Noelle Craig, Jaime Mitchell, Nancy O'Brien, Amy Lee, Don Benton, Deena Holliman-Smith

Called to order at 6:50pm

Dr Elvis Babo, incoming GDA president, conference phone call - participation is a main concern and something she would like to address going forward:

- Identifying of offices that aren't member and GDA will reach out
- Drop goodies and invite dentists to become members
- Creation of a welcome in the CDDS
- Meeting format changes to increase participation

Create a list of district presidents with contact info and give to graduating students for them to call when they arrive in their respective district

Have a GDA lesson in the dental school

GKAS - nix the patient treatment aspect. It is a consensus that kids have access to care. It is believed that time would be better served in patient education at local elementary schools and church preschools

Meeting day format

- September officers meeting in the evening
- November meeting in the morning on Friday (11/15)
- Move the February meeting to the next Thursday (20th) in order to avoid Valentine's Day commitments

Reimbursement discussed regarding DC meeting and leadership conference in Atlanta. It was decided that reimbursement for Atlanta was not needed but that reimbursement for the DC meeting would help boost participation from the district. Dr. Benton will look at the way it was done in the past.

Dr. Jaime Mitchell voted into the delegation to the house on behalf of Nancy O'Brien

Find out how many attended Smaha/Kalish All Day Meeting in order to determine the success of converting one of the CDDS meetings a year to an all day meeting. Fees for the meeting to be set at \$125 for dentists and \$60 for team members.

Small Group meeting reminders:

Dublin meeting - Aug 6 at Deanos. 630

Griffin - Aug 13 at J Henrys 630

Executive Committee Report

The regular meeting of the CDDS Executive Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm on April 30, 2019

•**Roll Call:** Ash Walker, Vincent Carey, Samer Othman, Don Benton, Lindsay Holliday, Bill Argo, Michael Wright, Nancy O'Brien, Amy Lee, Noel Craig, Deana Holliman Smith, Pinkney Gilchrist, Ched Smaha

•**Minutes:** The minutes of the previous Executive Committee meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

•**Committee Reports:**

•**Awards:** (Deena Smith): Honorable Fellow start nominations date by Sept 1 2019.

•**Constitution and Bylaws:** (Deena Smith) Scott LaFranco have sent suggestions for amending the 2007 Bylaws for the CDDS

•**Council on Dental Benefits:** (Samer Othman) no news

•**GKAS:**(open) Margaret Moore - Poor showing of patients for this event in 2018. Suggested each dentist select a child from their practice and send to pediatric practice for this program to get better compliance. Reach out to Bibb County Public Health Dentist to get active in program. Invite him to next meeting for CDDS at not cost. Suggestions to change format to get better participation.

•**Workforce:** (Pinkney Gilchrist) will email him for info.

•**Task Force on Medicaid:** Jim Hall, Alternate on this position ask Scott if this committee is necessary on the district level.

•**Finance:** (Donald Benton) All day meeting on HIPPA OSHA meeting receipts : 6690.00 vendors receipts: 1750.00 expenses: 4545.00 profit 3345.00. Discussion on increasing fees for next year to align with national fees for this training.

•**Governmental Affairs:** (Bill Argo, Ched Smaha) Insurance card bill passed. Jan. 2020 will be enforced. Ched Smaha will take over in approx. one year with help of Bill Argo. Money has been set aside in Georgia for rural dentist program to get student loans paid off through an application process.

•**Legislative Reception:** (Mike Loden) will be December 3, 2019 at Brickyard Golf Club

•**GADPAC:** (Michael Wright) will get info from him

•**Membership Services:** (Ash Walker) GDA is working on having social events for new dentists that have been out of school for less than 10 years. First event is June 6,2019 at Monday Night Brewery Garage in Atlanta.