

CDDS OFFICERS 2019 - 2020

President	Samer Othman
President Elect	Noell 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
Governmental Affairs	Kendrick Mathews
(Law Day, Legislative Reception)	Ched Smaha
GADPAC	Mike Loden
	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
	Doug Booth, Bradshaw Ford - At-large

CDDS Delegates:
Michael Wright (2021)Chair
Pinkney Gilchrist (2020)
Vincent Carey (2021)
Vin Bhasin (2022)
Cameron Garvin (2023)

Board of Trustees:
Ash Walker (2020)
Noell Craig (Pres Elect)
Mike Loden

CDDS Alternate Delegates:
Tommy Peterson (2024)
Ash Walker (2025)
3 open spots;
*please inform leadership if you
are interested in serving.*

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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CDDS MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020

Social 6-7pm Dinner and Lecture 7-9pm

Idle Hour Country Club
Trotter's Room

♥SPEAKER♥

WES LYON, CPA, CFP
The McGill & Hill Group

♥TOPIC♥

**Tips on Becoming Financially
Independent in Today's Economy**

2 hours of CE
(speaker will provide!)

Don't forget to make reservations!!! Thursday Dinner meeting - \$30.00
Send to: Dr. Don Benton via enclosed card by Friday, February 7th
4128 Arkwright Rd. Ste. B Macon, GA 31210-1707 t.doc@cox.net



WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Samer Othman
<sam.othman.dds@gmail.com>

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a restful holiday season with your families and loved ones. I hope 2020 will be a productive and successful year for the Central District. I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone of Dr. Babo's theme for the year: Turning Awareness into Action. With membership renewals beginning, it is an important time to remind current membership of the importance of renewal and try to recruit new members to our awesome district. The renewal deadline is **January 31**.

The Board of Trustees and House of Delegates had a productive meeting in December. After receiving financial statements and updates from Ed Green, the Finance Committee chair, and Amber Lawson, the GDA Secretary/Treasurer, the BOT approved the budget for the coming year. Also discussed was the 8% overall growth in active membership, which is a great win for our organization and a trend we hope will continue.

The GDA will be launching a new campaign in March that is titled "Healthy Mouth, Healthy Me!" The goals of the campaign include enhancing the image of dentistry statewide, increasing awareness of the connection between oral and physical health among consumers in Georgia, positioning the GDA and member dentists as the state's experts and leaders on oral health issues, and driving consumers to GDA member dental offices. We ask that everyone embrace these goals and implement them as we continue to pursue the overall mission of the GDA.

Changes are coming for the terms of the GDA and district officers. The BOT passed a resolution to change the GDA Officer terms to a calendar year to match the GDA's fiscal year. Elections would still be held at the July HOD meeting, but the newly elected officers would not assume their positions until January 1. This would allow

increasing difficulty of fundraising. Please support the PAC!!!! Legislative Reception is on December 3rd, Tuesday evening at The Brickyard Clubhouse. Catering provided by Cast Iron Skillet. Ched will be contacting all contact dentists regarding maximum attendance. LAW Day is Scheduled for February 19, 2020. Maximum attendance is a must to continue showing our unity of voice to better oral healthcare in our state. Again -Support the PAC

•Member Services: Ash Walker noted that Hank Bradford of the Northwestern District was honored with an award from the ADA for his work in recruitment and retention and mentoring for membership!

•No other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Don Benton



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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TREASURER'S REPORT -January 2020

Balance Brought forward..... 33,850.09

Withdrawals

Scholarship frames for CGTC Awards 18.09

GDA Insurance Premium..... 1,604.42

Cast Iron catering Legislative Reception 3,934.05

The Brickyard Legislative Reception 708.07

Macon Letter Service Legislative Reception Mailing

Newsletter/Envelopes for mailings..... 1,208.95

Deposits

Late GDA Dues Receipts..... 82.56

Balance CDDS Affinity Account 25,597.45

Respectfully submitted,
Don Benton

Executive Committee Report

CDDS November 5, 2019 - Office of Samer Othman 7 pm

Attending: Samer Othman, Ched Smaha, Ash Walker, Nancy O'Brien, Ty Ivey, Deena Smith, Amber Lawson, Adam Gordon, Bill Argo, Lindsay Holliday, Don Spillers, Mike Loden, Pinkney Gilchrist, Noell Craig, Don Benton

•Samer opened the meeting. The first point of business was a call with Julia Wood of the Community Foundation to discuss the mechanics of the grant process if we were to have a funding relationship with the Foundation. We discussed the grant process through the foundation to include separation of operating expenses and the charitable donation part. Julia noted that there is an annual 1% fee for funds management. Discussion ensued that left a number of the EC wondering if the process was worth the arrangement considering the rules on the intent of the funds and the mechanics of funds disbursement. Further discussion at the February meeting. Treasurer Don Benton will get with David Pope to confirm our tax status with the IRS.

•Next up was a lively discussion from the recent BOT meeting regarding thoughts from the ADA regarding Dues discounting and changing officer terms to the calendar year. Also discussed was consideration for compensation for House of Delegate members for travel and time. Michael Wright is working on the alternate delegate structure of our district as well as the Delegates as far as sequencing the succession of the individuals that have been elected. Mike Loden, Nancy O'Brien Adam Gordon, and others discussed the difficulties getting younger members involved with defined duties understood and or outlined. Ash Walker mentioned that the GDA has a toolkit that does outline the current job descriptions within the district and it would help when discussing opportunities for service at the District level. Much discussion followed particularly in light of the lengthy delegate and alternate delegate terms of service. We may need to adjust some of the time frames involved in this volunteer organization. Deena Smith mentioned that a conference call was scheduled for Wednesday evening Nov.6.regarding the Constitution and Bylaws. Deena noted that the District will need to modify our CBL as well as the Policy Manual. The EC chose to elect a task force to work on possible changes. Members of the task force are Samer Othman, Lindsay Holliday, Deena Smith and Pinkney Gilchrist. Their work will begin in January.

•**Governmental affairs:** Ched Smaha, Amber Lawson, Bill Argo noted the huge success of the Caucus Chairman PAC function at the always popular home of Michael and Bridget Wright on October 17. Senator John Kennedy and Representative Matt Hatchet were honored at this first of a kind function. Both of these leaders in their respective bodies spoke of the

the officers to set a full year's budget in-line with their initiatives and provide additional time for orientation/training/planning. District terms and BOT terms would also need to move to January 1 for operational ease. The matter will be considered by the House in July.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone of **Law Day** coming up on **February 19**. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend, as it is another great opportunity to speak directly to our representatives at the capital and give them our feedback. It's important that dentistry keep its foothold in the political realm and that we have a strong follow up to the legislative reception in December. Thank you and I hope every has a wonderful Spring. Looking forward to seeing you all at our upcoming meeting on February 13.

Governmental Affairs Report

by Ched Smaha



Mark your calendars for February 19th!

This is the CDDS Law Day.



What is LAW DAY? This is an annual event where any dentist of the Central District may visit with our state legislators and discuss current events that effect our profession. Law Day has become a tradition where we learn from our GDA leaders over a nice warm breakfast adjacent to the State Capitol building. We meet with our state legislators and share knowledge and experiences that only a dentist can express. Legislators are always thankful for the input we provide and are typically happy to support dentistry with their vote. So, mark your calendar! Wednesday, February 19th is our day we meet in the morning and drive to our State Capitol for some good fellowship and to support organized dentistry. Please email or text Ched Smaha in you are interested.

Email is Chedsmaha@gmail.com and cell is 478-960-9966.



OSHA/HIPAA MEETING

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

4 HOURS CE!
CDDS will provide

SPEAKER - CAROL PAIGE

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 27, 2020

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

Registration & Hot Breakfast..... 8:00 until 8:30
Meeting..... 8:30 until 1:00

Cost: 50.00 per person

Register by March 1st

Please make checks payable to: CDDS and mail to:
Don Benton

4128 Arkwright Road, Ste B, Macon, GA 31210

**For more information, please contact:
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NEW GDA STAFF HAS CDDS ROOTS

Jamie Mitchell's son Matt Mitchell is our district's new GDA Member Service Representative. Matt will serve as our direct source for support and information to all things GDA. Matt plans to attend our district meetings, and he will be reaching out to visit in-person at our offices.

Matt's cell phone is (706) 819-0125
and his email is matthew@gadental.org



2020 Calendar of Events



Tuesday, February 4 th	Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 13 th	Meeting with speaker
Wednesday, February 19 th	CDDS Law Day
Friday, March 27 th	OSHA/HIPAA Meeting
Tuesday, June 9 th	EC Summer planning session
Wednesday, July 15 th	BOT Meeting at GDA in Amelia
Thursday, July 16 th	HOD Meeting at GDA in Amelia
Tuesday, September 1 st	Executive Committee meeting
Thursday, September 10 th	Meeting with speaker
Tuesday, November 3 rd	Executive Committee meeting
Thursday, November 12 th	Meeting with speaker
Tuesday, December 1 st	Legislative Reception

Mark your calendars now so you won't miss out!

