

CDDS OFFICERS 2020 - 2021

President	Noell Craig
President -Elect	Adam Gordon
Vice President	Pinkney Gilchrist
Secretary/Treasurer	Don Benton
Newsletter Editor	Amy Lee

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Awards	Kara Moore
Constitution and Bylaws	Deena Smith
Council on Dental Health	(Open)
GKAS	(Open)
Workforce	Pinkney Gilchrist
Task Force on Medicaid	Jamie Mitchell
Finance	Donald Benton
Governmental Affairs	Ched Smaha
(Law Day, Legislative Reception)	Mike Loden
GADPAC	Michael Wright
	Mike Loden
	Ash Walker
Membership Services	Cameron Garvin
Recruitment & Retention	Paul Fraysure
Emile T. Fisher Foundation Rep	Greg Burns
Peer Review and Ethics	Lindsay Holliday
Public Relations	Michael Wright-Delegate Chair
Nominating	Amber Lawson- ADA Delegate
	Samer Othman - Immediate Past President
	Doug Booth, Bradshaw Ford - At-large

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

CDDS Alternate Delegates:
Cameron Garvin (2023)
Tommy Peterson (2023)
Jackson Fordham (2024)
Paulomi Shaw (2024)

Board of Trustees:
Ash Walker (2020)
Adam Gordon (Pres Elect)

ADA Delegates:
Amber Lawson



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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Zoom Membership Meeting



Thursday, November 12 at 7pm

Program
"Life is Easier with
Good Staff Management
Principles"

Speaker
Carol Paige

1 hour of CE provided
FREE of charge to attend

Use this link to register: <http://bit.ly/cddsosha>
If you are not receiving emails from the GDA,
please contact: drnoellcraig@hotmail.com

WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

In July, the Board of Trustees and the House of Delegates met for the first time via Zoom, and Dr. Annette Rainge was inducted into office as our new GDA President. Her theme for this year is "Bridging the Gap: Common Ground". She proposes that identifying common bonds among dentists will allow our profession to grow stronger and will help increase the GDA membership. The GDA new membership continues to increase! The ADA recognized the GDA as one of 10 states to see an increase in membership during the pandemic.

The GDA officers and staff worked tirelessly behind the scenes from the onset of COVID-19. The GDA supported its members by working closely with Governor Kemp, the Georgia Department of Public Health, and the Georgia Board of Dentistry to ensure that the Governor's COVID-19 emergency orders allowed dentists in Georgia to return to the full scope of practice as soon as possible. The GDA also worked with the Georgia Board of Dentistry to establish a temporary pathway to licensure for 2020 dental student graduates and hygiene student graduates.

GDA+Supplies through IDBG provided much-needed support for its members during the early phase of the COVID-19 outbreak. When many supplies ran out of or could not obtain PPE, the GDA+Supplies group found PPE for dentists allowing them to keep their offices open and patients protected. Membership in IDBG grew from 500 to over 1,000 in the last several months. There is no cost to join IDBG. Simply call the GDA office for assistance on setting up an account. The average savings for an office is 25%.

The GDA Government Affairs Committee recommended the cancellation of the 2020 Legislative Receptions for each district. As a result, our Legislative Reception on December 1st has been cancelled. The GDA is not scheduling any Law Days at this time.

ADA Delegation: Amber noted that everything was ZOOM this year and it would be challenging to say the least. Some of the meetings had begun already and were moving along. Pres. Noell noted that the ZOOM membership meeting would be next week on Thursday with the State Officers and CE one hr. by Scott Lofranco. She encouraged all to get the message out and she would send out the link to be a part of the meeting.

New Business: Pres. Noell established the next EC meeting for November 3rd and the member meeting would be November 12th, both via virtual media. Amy Lee wanted the newsletter deadline on October 12 but would appreciate submissions as early as possible to get it out to improve participation. Don and Amy will confirm Macon letter Service as available to do the newsletter or we will need a new printer for the project. Pres Noell noted that the House of Delegates would be virtual on November 14. No other business noted the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Don Benton
Secretary/Treasurer



TREASURER'S REPORT -January 2020

Balance brought forward January 2020.....	25,680.01
Withdrawals	
Macon Letter Svc, February 2020 Mtg	686.66
John McGill Co. Speaker Travel Expense.....	339.25
Georgia Health Sciences Foundation IMO Dr. Jim Hall	1,000.00
GDA Caucus Breakfast, Dec.2019.....	441.26
IHCC Member Meeting Feb.2020.....	2,241.28
GDA BlastFax	20.00
Ash Walker Lodging Reimbursement.....	141.55
CGTC Foundation Hygiene program equip.....	562.67
GDAPAC in lieu of legislative reception 2020	4,000.00
Deposits	
February Mtg Receipts	1,325.00
GDA Dues Receipts, Jan.-current	13,351.20
Vendor Deposits for OSHA/HIPPA Mtg	1,9229.25
Balance Affinity checking acct.	32,770.73

Respectfully submitted,
Don Benton

Executive Committee Report

Sept. 15, 2020 Virtual

- Meeting Called to order by Pres Noell at 7:12 pm.
- Presiding: Noell Craig, Attending: Amber Lawson, Ched Smaha, Lindsay Holliday, Michael Wright, Amy Lee, Cameron Garvin, Pinkney Gilchrist, Don Benton, Jaime Mitchell, Deena Smith
- **Planning session minutes** approved with the additional note that it was the ZOOM meeting. Pres. Noell welcomed all and thanked them for their time and efforts in the district. She recognized Ched Smaha of Gov't affairs who noted that due to C-19 there would be no Legislative reception this December. Ched's suggestion was to donate the funds that would have been used for the reception to the GDAPAC to be used to support races in the District especially since we have a solid group of the legislative leadership within our District. The money would go out via the conventional contact dentist network personally. Ched recommended \$4,000 to go to the GDAPAC. Michael Wright seconded. The discussion moved along questioning the ability to donate funds to a PAC in light of our non-profit status. The vote was to approve funds pending discussion with Scott Lofranco, the GDA council. Don Benton would also make inquiries with our attorney that has handled our non-profit status for an opinion.

• Committee Reports:

Awards: Deena working with Kara Moore for Awards. Constitution and by-laws: Deena continues to work with Scott Lofranco to get ours consistent with the GDA policy and procedures. Council on Dental Health: Pres. Noell asked for suggestions. Some included supplies to selected schools, sending photos to the GDA for an Action issue. Discussion tabled due to the complexity of dealing with C-19; will discuss at the next EC meeting. Workforce: No report. Medicaid task force : No Report.

Treasury: Don Benton gave total at Affinity Bank Account noting that no deposits were made from the canceled CDDS OSHA/HIPPA CE course. We had some vendors that paid for spots at the course but they have not requested refunds and we would of course honor those for a future event. GDAPAC: Michael Wright noted the need for PAC funds as this is a critical cycle of elections and we have a large number in leadership that are from the Central.

Membership, Fisher Foundation, Peer Review, Public Relations, Nomination: No report.

Recruitment and Retention: Cameron was uncertain of his status on the committee and has not heard from the GDA regarding any new agenda.

The Central District will continue to meet via Zoom until it is safe to resume in-person meetings with large groups. I encourage each of you to join us on the Zoom meetings in order to continue to network with each other and connect as colleagues as we navigate our lives and practices during the pandemic. Our next Zoom meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12th at 7pm. I look forward to serving as your CDDS President this year, and I encourage you to reach out to me if you need anything!

Sincerely,

Noell Craig, CDDS President

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2020-2021 Calendar of Events

Tues., Nov. 3	EC meeting at 7pm via Zoom
Thurs., Nov. 12	Membership Meeting at 7pm via Zoom 1 hour of CE will be offered
Sat., Nov. 14	BOT Meeting at 8am via Zoom. HOD Meeting at 1pm via Zoom.
Tues., Dec. 1,	The legislative reception cancelled this year.
Tues., Feb. 2	EC Meeting at 7pm via Zoom
Thurs., Feb. 11	Membership Meeting via Zoom 1 hour of CE will be offered. Idle Hour Country Club in Trotter's Room if in-person meeting is possible.
Fri., March 19	BOT Meeting -tentative location - GDA office Start time TBD.
Tues., May 4	EC Meeting at 7pm
Thurs., May 13	Membership Meeting
Wed., July 14	BOT Meeting at Ritz Amelia Island
Thurs., July 15	HOD Meeting at Ritz Amelia Island
Thurs., July 15 -	
Sun., July 18	Annual GDA Convention at Ritz Amelia Island

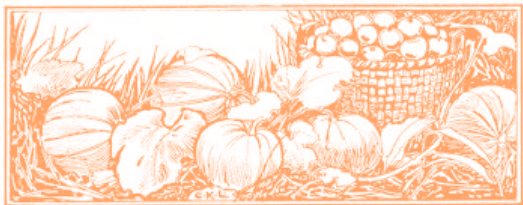
Law Days are not being set up at this time per the GDA

ADA REPORT by Amber Lawson

Wow what a year! Who knew the way we approach everything we do could change so quickly. The ways we run our practices, go to the grocery store, celebrate special occasions and hold meetings are different than they were in February. Most all in person meetings have been changed to a digital format including the ADA Annual Meeting. The interesting thing about having a virtual meeting is you can attend the CE on your time! It will be live, but also available on demand. Use this opportunity to take advantage of courses you may not have been able to attend before.

The ADA House of Delegates meeting will also be held virtually, which is quite the undertaking. When Dr. Mark Donald was elected as Speaker of the House last year, I am sure he never dreamed his first HOD would be so complicated. Mark and the ADA staff have been working tirelessly to take on this feat. The 483 Delegates along with Alternates have been doing online training to prepare for the 5 day HOD meeting which will be held October 15th-19th. The meeting will work with two digital platforms, one for viewing and speaking and one for voting. With 107 Resolutions to debate and vote on, it will be a very busy and important meeting. I will let you all know how it goes! Stay well and stay connected.

All my best,
Amber



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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Governmental Affairs Report

by Ched Smaha



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Our Annual Legislative Reception has been cancelled this year due to COVID-19, but we are happy to inform our members we did support our legislators with a GDAPAC contribution.

The following is **Key Legislation that Impacts Dentistry:** SB 359. (Passed) **Limited Immunity for Healthcare Providers (Including Dentist) and Georgia Businesses Relating to COVID-19.** This will grant limited civil immunity to healthcare providers (including dentists) and their staff against claims of transmission, infection, exposure, or potential exposure to a claimant related to COVID-19.

HB 888. (Passed) **Surprise Billing.** The GDA and Rep. Lee Hawkins worked hard to ensure the bill did not impose an undue burden on dentists and dental specialists and removed a requirement stating that the out-of-network provider had to obtain patient consent 48 hours before providing non-emergency care.

SB 375 (Passed) **Vaping Tax Increased.** A 7% tax on vaping products and raises the age to purchase tobacco and vaping products from 18 to 21. This initiative is projected to raise almost \$19 million for the state.

HB 914 (Passed) **Expedited Licensure for Spouses of Veterans.** Requires the Georgia licensing board to issue an expedited professional license to the spouse of a military service member or transitioning service member so long as the spouse meets certain requirements.

Thank you,
Ched Smaha

