



April 2011

April's Meeting

April's meeting will be held on April 18th at the Mohegan Sun Timber's Restaurant. As usual, the board meeting will begin at 6:00 PM, with the general meeting immediately following. Patterson Dental & Sirona Dental Systems are sponsoring the evening and will present: 3D IMAGING – Implant Precision Redefined.

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If you are planning on attending, please contact Dr. Laura Holena, Program Chair, at either holenal@hotmail.com or 570-654-4141.



Congratulations Dr. Samantha Abod!

Heartfelt congratulations go out to our very own Dr. Samantha Abod and her husband, Bryan Bellas, on the birth of their beautiful daughter, Eulina Marie Bellas. Eulina was born on February 9th at 5:01 PM and weighed 7 pounds, 9 ½ ounces!



ADA/PDA News

ADA Washington Leadership Conference, May 9-11, 2011

Dentists from across the nation will converge in Washington D.C. for the ADA's annual Leadership Conference, from May 9-11, 2011, at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill. There will never be a better time to talk with Pennsylvania's Congressional delegation about health care reform and funding for dental programs in your communities. It is particularly important for us to establish relationships with Sen. Patrick Toomey and the new Congressional members. Help us achieve our advocacy goals at the federal level and have fun hearing from political pundits and others in "the know." For more information and to register for the conference, go to https://www.ada.org/ada/events/wlc/wlc_index.aspx.

House of Representatives Approves 1099 Relief Bill

The House of Representatives passed ADA-backed legislation (H.R. 4) to repeal the 1099 business tax reporting provision contained in the health care reform law. The vote was 314 to 112. Nearly 3,000 ADA members, responding to an action alert the association sent to them, had contacted their lawmakers to urge them to pass the bill.

The ADA and others contend that the requirement as interpreted in the health reform law—that dentists and other small employers file IRS 1099 forms for exchanges of goods or services valued at \$600 or more in a year—did not reflect the intent of Congress.

The vote, closely following a similar action by the Senate, signifies the last of the major hurdles for this bill. The two versions of the legislation now go to a House/Senate conference where differences will be worked out. When negotiators agree on a final measure it will go to the president for his signature.

[Contact: Michael Brzica at 202-898-2404 or govtpol@ada.org]

Budget Hearings for Fiscal Year 2012 Underway

While the Senate is still wrestling

with legislation extending current funding for the federal government through 2011, the House has begun its work on the 2012 budget, with a series of hearings planned. The ADA is lobbying for a number of funding provisions, including adequate funding for federal dental programs that promote prevention and rebuilding of the public health infrastructure. We are also strongly opposed to proposals to fund training and employment of alternative providers.

[Contact: Judy Sherman at 202-789-5164 or govtpol@ada.org]

Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at Timbers at Mohegan Sun on 3/21/2011. In attendance were Doctors Pranav Vohra, John Evans, Laura Holena, Sam Abod and Rich Grossman.

The Treasurer presented the 2010 Financial Report.

The State radiology requirements were discussed. Dr. Laura Holena is looking into possible speakers to provide continuing education credits for doctors and their offices during upcoming general meetings.

The LCDS received a note from Third District Trustee Scott Aldinger that included a letter from the PDA stating that local/district dental societies are at risk of being audited. We were asked to complete a form and get it to Dr. Aldinger. Dr. Gary Hughes is taking care of this.

A discussion ensued about companies sponsoring our general meetings. It was asked whether or

not they are entitled to our mailing list in order to solicit attendance at their presentations during our meeting. The board decided not to release our mailing list; however, we would mail correspondence on the sponsor's behalf if they paid for the mailing, mail house services, and postage.

In order to contain costs, there was discussion about the location of next season's meetings. Dr. Holena is looking into having meetings at the VIM Clinic and/or Benco Dental. It is thought that the only charge would be for food and not the facility.

Dr. Holena is researching the possibility of a May general meeting if the sponsor, Legally Minded, will host it on May 16th. If not, there will be no May meeting.

Dr. Richard Grossman suggested having a speaker from the PDA talk at one of next season's meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Letter from the President

Hello fellow members! Though spring has officially arrived, a look out your window at home or the office or a short walk to your car will tell you that Mr. Winter is still very much in-charge. Though we are all hoping for a change from the frigid winter weather, there have been many changes affecting our dental licensure.

One constant though, is the March 31st deadline for license renewal. This will be my last reminder of the same during my term as president so please don't forget to fulfill your obligations. There has been a lot of talk about a new requirement for Radiation training of all dental offices. The requisite is not from the PDA or the ADA, but from the DEP. Dr. Holena and the rest of the board members are working at

figuring out the exact requirement and we will arrange for a CE course on the same come the Fall meetings.

Our April meeting may be our last meeting before we break for the summer and let's hope for a good turnout on April 18th for this course sponsored by Patterson Dental at Timber's Buffet Mohegun Sun. Hope to see you all then !!!

Sincerely

Pranav Vohra D.M.D.



*Dr. Pranav Vohra,
President*

Third District November Meeting

Mark your calendars for the Third District Continuing Education Course on November 11, 2011 at the Woodlands. The speaker will be Dr. Gary Jones, oral surgeon from Temple University's Maurice H. Kornberg School of Dentistry. He will discuss emergencies that often occur in the dental office. Come and support the Third District, led by our very own Dr. Larry Shire.

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Welcome New Member

The LCDS would like to extend a warm welcome to Dr. Sprau, our most recent new member!

Dr. Sprau received his undergraduate degree in finance from Penn State University Park, where he was a member of the Penn State Investment Society and Financial Management Association. He attended dental school at the Temple University Maurice Kornberg School of Dentistry, where he earned a Doctorate in Dental Medicine in 2010. Dr. Sprau participated in the Temple University Outreach Program, where he provided volunteer dental work to the underserved and severely medically compromised in Philadelphia. After graduation, Dr.



Sprau was happy to return to his hometown of Dallas, Pennsylvania, where he currently serves as General Practice Resident at the US Department of Veteran Affairs, Wilkes-Barre. Upon completing his residency, Dr. Sprau will continue on to private practice in Dallas.

Upcoming Events

CE Course "Nutrition"	Inn at Nichols Village	April 6, 2011	8:30 AM
Board/General Meeting	Mohegan Sun	April 18, 2011	6:00 PM
Board/General Meeting	Mohegan Sun	May 16, 2011	6:00 PM
Third District CE Course	East Mountain Inn	Nov 11, 2011	8:00 AM

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