AAPD Names New Board Officers and Trustees at AAPD 2017 in National Harbor


James D. Nickman, D.D.S., M.S., President. Nickman earned his dental and Master’s degrees from the University of Minnesota, and was board certified in 2002. He is the chair of the Minnesota Dental Association MINDENPAC Board and a member of the AAPD PAC Board. He is a fellow of the American College of Dentists, International College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. He has also completed the AAPD Leadership Institute and Advanced Leadership Institute programs. Nickman maintains a private practice in the Twin Cities and teaches part-time at the University of Minnesota. His presidential agenda will include implementation of the Board of Trustee’s action for the Safety Task Force and Work Force studies, as well as advocating for access to and utilization of care for underserved and special health care needs populations. He will continue to work closely to support state and district chapters to serve all patients and members.

Joseph Castellano, D.D.S., President-Elect. Castellano received his dental degree from the University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston and completed an Advanced Education in General Dentistry residency and specialty training in pediatric dentistry at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas (UTHSC-SA). He is board certified in pediatric dentistry. Castellano is an assistant Clinical Professor for the Department of Developmental Dentistry at UTHSC-SA Dental School. He is a graduate of the AAPD Leadership Institute and the AAPD Advanced Leadership Institute. He is a fellow of the American College of Dentists. Castellano is in private practice in Laredo, Texas.

Kevin Donly, D.D.S., M.S., Vice President. Donly is currently a Professor and Chair in the Department of Developmental Dentistry and Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. He is board certified in pediatric dentistry. Previous positions include Professor and Associate Director of the Center for Clinical...
Studies at the University of Iowa, Associate Professor, Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston and Associate Professor, The University of Texas Medical School. He completed his four year term as the Pediatric Dentistry Commissioner for the Commission on Dental Accreditation. Donly has published over 300 chapters, manuscripts and abstracts associated with pediatric dentistry and dental restorative materials research and clinical utilization.

Jessica Y. Lee, D.D.S., M.P.H., Ph.D., Secretary-Treasurer. Lee is the Demeritt Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of North Carolina. She is also a Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management in the Gillings School of Global Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She received her M.P.H. and D.D.S. degrees from Columbia University and her certificate in Pediatric Dentistry and Ph.D. in Health Policy and Management from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she was also a NIDCR National Research Service Award recipient. She is a board certified Pediatric Dentist and an active member of the medical staff at UNC Hospitals and practices in the Dental Faculty Practice in the School of Dentistry. She has authored over 100 peer-reviewed manuscripts, abstracts and book chapters. She is involved in teaching, clinical practice and research and maintains several funded research grants. Her primary research interests are in infant oral health, access to dental care for young children and health services research. Lee is the recipient of numerous teaching and research awards including the 2008 American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Jerome Miller “For the Kids” Award. In 2010, she received the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientist and Engineers from President Barack Obama. In 2011, she was named the ‘Pediatric Dentist of the Year” by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

Jade Miller, D.D.S., Immediate Past President. Miller received his dental degree from the University of the Pacific Dental School and his certificate in pediatric dentistry from the Children’s Hospital Medical Center at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital. In addition to his service to multiple dental organizations, he has held appointments with the Nevada State Board of Health, the Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee, and Nevada Board of Dental Examiners. He is an associate faculty member at University of the Pacific School of Dentistry, University of Washington School of Dentistry and University of Nevada School of Medicine. Miller is a graduate of AAPD’s Leadership Institute and Advanced Leadership Institute. He is in private practice in Reno, Nev.

Mario E. Ramos, D.D.S., Parliamentarian. Ramos is a board certified Pediatric Dentist who is a private practitioner in Midland Park, N.J. He received his Doctorate Dental degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry- New Jersey Dental School, and a certificate in Pediatric Dentistry from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine- Boston’s Children’s Hospital. Ramos is an Adjunct Associate Professor of Pediatric Dentistry at the Rutgers School of Dental Medicine. He was a past At-Large Trustee for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. In addition, he was a past member and Chairman of the AAPD Council on Continuing Education. He is a national spokesperson for the Partnership for Healthy Mouths, Healthy Lives and the AAPD. Ramos was also a past member of the American Dental Association’s Continuing Education Recognition Program committee, and was a member of the Workshop on Children’s Oral Health for the Surgeon General’s Report on Oral Health. He is past President of the Hispanic Dental Association. He is the founder and Director of the Smiles with Pride Project which
provided dental care to homeless children living in shelters throughout Newark, N.J. He is a volunteer pediatric dentist at the Boys and Girls Club of Newark, N.J., and at Eva’s Village Dental Center in Paterson, N.J. He has lectured nationally and internationally on many topics related to Pediatric Dentistry.

**JC Shirley, D.M.D., M.S., Southeastern District Trustee.** Shirley is a pediatric dentist with the Center for Craniofacial Disorders at Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta Pediatric Hospital. He has a hospital based practice treating children with complex medical conditions since 1997 and is also in private practice with Alpharetta Children’s Dentistry. He is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the Dental College of Georgia, Augusta University and a Consultant to the Navy Postgraduate Dental School in Bethesda, Maryland. He received his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the University of Mississippi Medical Center and practiced general dentistry in the U.S. Navy on active duty for three years. He completed a 3-year residency program in pediatric dentistry at University of Alabama- Birmingham and received a Master’s of Science degree. Shirley is a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry (ABPD) and was selected for membership in the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in Special Needs Dentistry. He is past President of the Georgia Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and currently serves as a Consultant/Site Visitor for the Commission on Dental Accreditation. He is Past President of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Shirley served on ABPD Advisory Council, ABPD Examination Committee and was Chair, Oral Clinical Examination (OCE) Committee where he was responsible for creation and administration of the Oral Clinical Examination from 2011-2014. He currently serves as a Consultant /Site Visitor for the Commission on Dental Accreditation. He has served on the American Dental Association’s Dental Quality Alliance Measure Development Committee and the Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) Council of Dental Care and Council on Dental Benefits. He was most recently recalled to active duty for the U.S. Navy and is serving as the Command Surgeon for U.S. Marine Forces Europe and Africa in Germany until August 2017.

**Tegwyn H. Brickhouse, D.D.S, Ph.D., At-Large Trustee,** Brickhouse is a board certified pediatric dentist. She serves as the Director of the Oral Health Services Research Core in the Philips Institute for Oral Health Research at Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Dentistry in Richmond, Va. She served as Chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at VCU from 2009 to 2017. She received her dental degree from University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry, completed her Pediatric Dentistry Residency, Dental Public Health Residency, and earned a Ph.D. in Epidemiology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Brickhouse also completed AAPD Leadership III and Advanced Leadership II. She is the recipient of the AAPD’s Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children Foundation’s Jerome B. Miller Award. She is a board member of the Virginia Oral Health Coalition, a nonprofit committed to bringing excellent oral health to all Virginians through policy change, public awareness and interprofessional programs.

**Dorothy Pang, D.D.S, M.S., American Board of Pediatric Dentistry Director.** Pang practices in San Francisco and is a Health Science Clinical Professor at the University of California, San Francisco. She received her dental degrees from King’s College, University of London,
England, as well as the University of Texas, Health Science Center, Houston, Texas. She completed her residency and her Masters of Science degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Pang has been serving as a part-leader of the Qualifying Examination since 2010 and an examiner of the Oral Clinical Examination since 2009.

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