Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Anesthesia and Sedation

Chair: David Rothman

Board Liaison: Beverly Largent

Staff Liaison: John Rutkauskas

Charge or Project Number: 1

Description: Assist individual members, state units and district organizations in providing input and expertise to state licensing boards drafting or modifying sedation or general anesthesia legislation or regulation.

Status of Charge or Project: In progress

Progress Report: No requests this quarter for input. This charge must remain active and in progress as a necessary member benefit.

Charge or Project Number: 2

Description: Annually review AAPD Guidelines and Policies on sedation and anesthesia for scientific and clinical validity and adherence to best practice principles, support by current literature, primacy of patient safety, and implications on accessibility of services. Make recommendations to the Board of Trustees and to the Council on Clinical Affairs for modification to our Policies or Guidelines as appropriate.

Status of Charge or Project: In progress

Progress Report: Updated guidelines and policy statement will be presented to General Ass’y after reference committee review at Annual Meeting in S.F.

Charge or Project Number: 3

Description: Maintain, and update at least annually, a database of state statutes and regulations concerning the administration of sedation and general anesthesia in the dental office, especially that directed to the minor dental patient.

Status of Charge or Project: In progress

Progress Report: Contact with Dan Creed, J.D., of ADA to liaison in project. They have partially completed a similar project on a smaller scale in past but did not
update. He will present proposal for joint project to ADA and report back in April, 2004. Our database has been partially updated and work continues. Files to be transferred to AAPD HQ for storage.

**Charge or Project Number:** 4

**Description:** Maintain liaison, work with, assist, and otherwise be proactive in providing input and expertise in the drafting or modification of guidelines, policies, standards or other parameters of care concerning sedation and general anesthesia of the minor dental patient or dental patient with special healthcare or developmental needs by allied healthcare organizations. Provide at least annually a report to the Board concerning committee efforts in this area, specifically addressing targeted organizations.

**Status of Charge or Project:** In progress

**Progress Report:** AAPD/ Steve Wilson and Paul Casamassimo; drafting joint anesthesia and sedation guidelines; must still be approved by their joint committee and returned to councils and membership for final approval.
ADA/ David Rothman; liaison as mentioned above. Proposal to Board will follow preliminary discussions.

**Charge or Project Number:** 5

**Description:** Develop a proposal to identify and train regional spokespersons expert and conversant in areas of sedation and anesthesia for the pediatric dental patient and a plan of implementation for such spokespersons.

**Status of Charge or Project:** In progress

**Progress Report:** Part 1, developing a sedation course and initial presentation completed in Scottsdale, AZ, 02/04. Course to be repeated in Fall, 04 in Las Vegas, NV.
Part 2, identifying spokespersons, will be done after presentations. These people will be identified through interest and participation in the course.
Part 3, training spokespersons, will be done following part 2. Curriculum to be developed in 2004.
Charge or Project Number: 6

Description: Make recommendation to the Board of Trustees as to the ongoing role of a Committee on Sedation and General Anesthesia, or its successor, in the development and implementation of a standardized course in pediatric dental sedation and anesthesia.

Status of Charge or Project: Completed

Progress Report: Standardized course developed and presented in Tucson, AZ 02/04. Modifications and improvements will be made for Fall, 04 course which will parallel changes in proposed Policies and Guidelines (when approved).