Greetings! On behalf of the leadership of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, I am pleased to report to you news from the Board of Trustees and to bring you updates from within our district.

District IV Organizational News

Nearly three years ago, my first charge as District IV Trustee from the AAPD president Ned Savide, was to establish a viable and operational district structure. Thanks to the hard work of your officers and trustees, our district is “officially” up and running as of last May. You now have a viable conduit of information flow from grass roots to the AAPD Board of Trustees and from the BoT to the membership. I cannot stress the importance of the operational network. Having a functioning District structure is the vehicle by which you can share information between component societies and between districts. It is also the path of communication that allows you to move up into the council and committee structure of the AAPD. If you have an idea that needs to be shared or a desire to add your energy and expertise to the greater collective, your district structure is the place it all happens.

For the successes of the past year, many thanks go out to your officers and especially to Dr. Jessica Meeske (Nebraska) for her continued contributions in leadership as your current president. Jessica has been the heart and soul of this district almost from the beginning. She is largely responsible for our website and has been the go to person this past year on all operational questions. How she has managed to be a great mom, a part-time faculty member and contribute so much on your behalf continues to amaze me. Kudos to our own Dr. Jessica!

AAPD Board of Trustee News

January at the BoT level is historically a time of transition and planning. This years Winter Planning meeting was no exception. Your current AAPD president, Dr. Phil Hunke, began to diminish his role while your president elect, Dr. Keith Morley, began to develop the Academy’s direction for the coming year. This meeting is a time of coming together for the entire Academy leadership. All council chairs travel to Chicago to meet with the Board of Trustees and the AAPD Executive Committee to codify council and committee charges. Once finalized, all councils and committees will receive their charges in May at our annual session.

Dr. Morley’s choice for Parliamentarian is Dr. Kevin Donly. Dr. Donly will serve as close advisor to President Morley and as a member of the Executive Committee during Dr. Morley’s one-year term. The AAPD Nominations Committee has selected Dr. John
Liu to step into the Secretary/Treasurer position; therefore, Dr. Liu will move up the leadership and most likely become president of the AAPD following Dr. Bill Berlocher.

Joint Sedation Guidelines Adopted
The AAPD proudly announced the joint adoption of comprehensive pediatric sedation guidelines by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the AAPD. This document was crafted by the five pediatric specialties that routinely sedate children (Anesthesiology, Cardiology, Emergency medicine, Neurology & Dentistry) and constitutes ONE standard of care for everyone. The guidelines define levels of sedation and stipulate that when planning to reach predetermined level of sedation, the practitioner should have the monitoring and means available to rescue at the next deeper level of sedation. Furthermore, discharge criteria are clearly defined within the document. The guidelines can be obtained at www.aapd.org.

Council on Clinical Affairs
I am compelled to tell you that while all of the Academy’s councils work hard, the volume of labor turned out by the Council of Clinical Affairs are daunting by any standard. Dr. Rick Chaet currently chairs CCA, and I cannot heap enough praise on him or his team. Every policy, guideline and endorsement of our Academy is cycled through a periodic review process and I have been hard pressed to keep up with their final products during my term on the BoT. If you run into a CCA member at annual session, offer them your heart-felt thanks. I know I will.

Council on Continuing Education
Those attending the AAPD Annual Session in San Antonio will have an opportunity to participate in an electronic survey from the Council on Continuing Education. CCE will use the results of this survey to determine member needs for future CE programming. A drawing of participants is planned as an incentive.

Additionally, two new courses are in the planning stages: Managing your practice/Managing your life and Growth and Development – Early Orthodontic Treatment. Look for them soon.

Council on Government Affairs
To date, Michigan is the only state component to host an AAPD Legislative Advocacy Workshop. If members of our specialty expect to impact legislators at the federal and state level with regard to funding and policy development, they must be trained to do so. If your state component has an interest in participating in bringing the workshop to your state, contact AAPD Headquarters. If you would like to hear how it went in Michigan feel free to contact the Michigan Academy president Dr. Amy DeYoung. Lastly, CGA will offer a $1,000 scholarship for an AAPD member to attend the 2007 Legislative Workshop. This individual will be chosen by CGA.

Building a Better Specialty
Since dental students are finalizing career path decisions during their third year, the AAPD will be inviting sophomore dental students from the host city to attend our Annual Session. Therefore, if while in San Antonio, you notice a group of attendees that
look too young to be residents you are either getting old and everyone looks young or they are sophomore dental students. Regardless, don't be shy. Introduce yourself and say something great about our specialty. If you can't say something great about our specialty, just stay away from them.

Site Selection for 2013 annual session
The AAPD BoT has selected the 2013 annual session site and many of you will be delighted to hear that we are returning to Walt Disney Swan & Dolphin. The details are still being finalized, but everyone should look forward to another great meeting in 2013.

AAPD Foundation name change
The AAPD Foundation approached the BoT to garner approval for a proposed name change. The BoT accepted the proposed change and our foundation will now be known as “Healthy Smiles, Healthy ChildrenSM: The Foundation of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.” Seems like a lot to write on a check but it all goes to a great cause. I urge you to support your Foundation!

AAP Section of Pediatric Dentistry name change
Not to be left out, our representative at the American Academy of Pediatrics also approached the BoT to gain support for a name change. It seems the confusion arose at AAP when the role of two distinct groups working on Oral Health issues became blurred. At the AAP, generally sections hold the expertise within their defined specialty and develop policy. Work groups, on the other hand, devise methods to implement policy. Since the public and the media often utilize the AAP as an informational resource a name change was suggested to define the ultimate oral health resource. Therefore, the new name of the “Section of Pediatric Dentistry” will be the “Section on Pediatric Dentistry and Oral Health.”

Personal Notes

It seems like only yesterday that I took over for Dr. Chuck Poland as your Trustee. In fact, I will have been your Trustee for three years this May and my term will expire. I could write volumes about what serving on the AAPD Board of Trustees has meant to me, but suffice to say that it has been an honor to serve. I will be replaced by the very capable Dr. Charles Czerepak. Charlie is one of my closest friends in the Academy and I am delighted to turn the reins over to someone of his character. Therefore, as I write this last general report, I am compelled to thank everyone for allowing me to represent you at the board table and thank you for enriching my life. I look forward to seeing y’all in San Antonio!

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin J. Hale
District IV Trustee
STATE UNIT REPORTS

South Dakota Society of Pediatric Dentistry

Membership has remained steady at 7 private practice pediatric dentists and 2 in Indian Health Service practice. We do anticipate the addition of 2 new pediatric dentists coming to the state this summer to join private practice.

The group continues its participation in the “Partners In Prevention” program in which medical personnel are given training regarding Early Childhood Caries and its prevention. In partnership with the state dental association, the South Dakota Oral Health Coalition and Delta Dental a member did a short television presentation regarding children’s dental care. We will be exploring possibilities of support/inter-relationships with a new (and will be the only) children’s hospital to be built in the state in 2009.

Bradley J. Vance DDS
President
South Dakota Society of Pediatric Dentistry

Ontario Society of Pediatric Dentistry


2) Upcoming Meetings: April 6, 2007

3) Current activities of the state/provincial component/ membership news

1. ODA: Dr. McConnachie was welcomed as President of the ODA. He reviewed present ODA issues and focused on the Hygiene issue.

Findings and Recommendations

The technical skills (i.e. instrumental skills) required for scaling and root planing are not at issue and were not considered by the Expert Panel

Similarly, the educational preparation of dental hygienists to practice when an order is required by a dentist is not at issue and was not considered by the Expert Panel

The full Expert Panel agreed that changes to dental hygiene education are required to better prepare graduating dental hygienists for the knowledge, skills and responsibilities associated with self-initiation of scaling and root planing
We are pleased that all members of the Expert Panel acknowledged the inherent risk in scaling and root planing procedures, and the need for additional educational and experiential qualifications for dental hygienists wanting to self-initiate.

We regret, however, that the Expert Panel was not able to arrive at a consensus on exactly what additional educational and experiential qualifications are required.

**Comments from and Recommendations of Dentistry**

The Report from Dental Members of the Expert Panel noted deficiencies in the clinical experience of dental hygiene students with respect to self-initiation, particularly the lack of exposure to the range and complexity of patients, knowledge of dental interventions and interaction with specialists.

The Report from Dental Members of the Expert Panel also determined that it was impossible to apply a "fix" to the current dental hygiene curriculum which would resolve these deficiencies required to support an expanded role for dental hygienists with respect to scaling and root planing.

While the current diploma from a college would continue to be required for dental hygienists who chose to continue to work under the order requirement, experts representing the dental profession suggested an innovative new education model for those who would self-initiate scaling and root planing. The key elements of this education model are:

For dental hygienists who choose a practice that includes self-initiation of the controlled acts of scaling and root planing:

- One year of general science program at a postsecondary level
- Current two year program at vocational college level
- One additional year at post-diploma level in a university-based program that emphasizes oral health sciences, such as oral medicine and oral pathology courses with dental and/or medical students, and includes a clinical component in an inter-professional collaborative setting associated with a university

At this time, I would encourage all members to review the Report of an Expert Panel on the education of dental hygienists for self-initiation of the controlled acts of scaling and root planing in Ontario.

It is important for member dentists to remember that the current statutory orders requirements governing the dental hygiene profession still remain in place. Nothing has changed. Even with an agreement signed by ODA, RCDSO, CDHO and ODHA, current laws will only change after the Ontario Legislature passes a
bill to amend the Dental Hygiene Act. We anticipate that a bill will be introduced during the fall sitting of the Ontario Legislature, and that it could take several months before the legislative process is completed.

He emphasized that although an agreement has been tentatively reached with all parties involved, there remains work to do and the government has approved nothing. Therefore, everything with the hygienists remains status quo.

2. AAPD: Dr. Morley was welcomed as President-Elect of the AAPD. He reviewed the facts of the recent sedation accident in Chicago. He recommended that we should all review the published reference manual from the AAPD. An updated sedation guideline document, which was already in preparation prior to the accident, will be released soon.

3. Dr. Morley also suggested that the Society should investigate the training of members to speak with the media. We could create “media experts”. The AAPD has specific courses to train interested members for such duties. Dr. McConnachie indicated that the ODA also has similar courses and will have the ODA’s Media Relations Committee contact the Executive to prepare them for any media training. After this is completed, it is hoped that any media concerns to any of the OSPA members should be directed to the Executive.

Dr. Morley reviewed other AAPD topics:
  • Membership is a “bargain” when combined with the CAPD membership. So please join!
  • The accepted concept where “children should be examined by one year old” and the emphasis is on prevention of dental caries.
  • Excellent sedation and comprehensive review courses are being offered throughout the year and around the country.
  • The next general meeting is in San Antonio, Texas in May 2007.

4. OADS: Dr. Applebaum reported that at the June 2006 meeting, it was decided that OADS would be on hiatus temporarily. There was discussion of disbanding the group but that was upheld. Members still felt that OADS was important and could be needed in the future. Presently, plans for reorganization are ongoing.

5. CINOT: Dr Applebaum reported that he attended the Stakeholder’s Meeting in September 2006. Dr. Sandy Bennett and a Ministry representative chaired the meeting. No specialty representatives were invited except for OADS. Dr. Applebaum spoke at the meeting and voiced concerns over fees, GA restrictions (5 years old, facility fees, etc.), preventative treatment restrictions (PFS, etc.), and claimant fraud. At the end, Dr. Bennett said that she plans to ask the Government for more money for the program.

6. CAPD and CDA: Dr. MacIsaac reported that he attended the joint specialty meeting in Montreal in September 2006. There was not much paediatric content except for a lecture given by Dr. Kevin Donley (Texas). Dr. MacIsaac also
attended the CDA meeting in St. John’s, Newfoundland in August 2006. Dr. Alan Milnes (Kelowna, B.C.) presented a full-day session at the meeting.

7. Annual Norm Levine Lecture will be held on May 11, 2007. The guest speaker will be Dr. Michael Weinstein on the topic of Update in Pediatrics.

8. Obituary Announcement: Dr. Peter Darbyshire passed away this summer. He practiced in Kingston. A eulogy was prepared by Dr. MacDonald and read by Dr. Stein. A $250 donation was made to the United Way from the OSPD. Dr. Ho received the donation and will present it to Dr. Darbyshire’s family.

9. LCD Projector: The OSPD now has a LCD projector

10. Current officers
   President: Shonna Masse
   Vice-President: Raymond Lee
   Secretary/Treasurer: Regina Ruevelta
   Past-President: Katherine Ing

Michigan
Past year meetings:
• March 2-3, 2006 at the Hotel Baronette in Novi. Dr. Karen Baker: Sedation and Pain Management in Pediatric Dentistry and What’s New in Pharmacotherapy. This course is being offered to us through the generous support of the University of Detroit Mercy.

Upcoming Meetings:
   July 12-14, 2007: Location: Crystal Mountain Resort
   Speakers: Dr. Steven Stryck – Pediatric Asthma and Immunology
            Dr. Susan Youngs – Autism and it Implications in Pediatric Dentistry
   Winter 2008: PALS Recertification and Pediatric Oral Pathology – Dates to be Determined
   July 18-20, 2008: Location: Bay Harbor Resort
   Speaker: Dr. David Curtis – topic to be determined

MAPD continues to support the Healthy Kids program in the state of Michigan. This program provides insurance coverage for low income children and provides them with access to care they would not have otherwise. State budget cuts have made for some changes to the programs reimbursement levels but the program has been expanded to cover 40,000 more children in the state of Michigan.
The members of MAPD are putting the skills learned last year at the legislative workshop (brought to us by AAPD) to good use. Dr. Dan Briskie plays a vital role in the State Oral Health Coalition. Members will also be attending the 2nd Annual Oral Health Advocacy Day at our state capitol on Feb. 28, 2007.

Members of the MAPD will also be bringing the “Points of Light” initiative to dentists throughout the state. This program was developed by our task force on Oral Health Advocacy to help make in one year infant oral exam a reality for many children. This program hopes to open an avenue of referral for our medical colleges and give general dentists in the state the tools to see infants in their practices. The MAPD just published a series of articles on the topic of Infant Oral Health in the most recent MDA Journal and is currently organizing a continuing education course for general dentists, hygienists, and assistants which will be presented at the MDA Annual Session in April 2008.

Kevin Hale continues to serve as District IV Trustee.

We currently have 68 active members, 8 full time faculty members, and one associate member in the MAPD. There are 23 Life/Retired members and 17 student members in state Pediatric Dental Programs.

Our officers are as follows:
President: Dr. Amy K. DeYoung
President Elect: Dr. Kevin Hale
Executive Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Jason Golnick
Past President: Dr. Martin J. Makowski

Board Members:
2007: Dr. Daniel Briske
2008: Dr. Gary Cook
2009: Dr. Kay Wilson

We are currently looking for a new representative to District IV from Michigan. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this report, please contact the president at (616) 447-7900 or by Email at AKidsDDS@aol.com.

Indiana
The Indiana Society of Pediatric Dentistry (ISPD) held its annual meeting in the spring of 2005. Dr. Jeff Platt presented “The Latest, the Greatest in Dental Materials” and Dr. Margherita Fontana presented, “Xylitol: Should you be Recommending it to your Patients”. Both presentations were well received and generated many questions for the speakers. Also, elections of new officers for the coming year took place (see below).

In September of 2005, the ISPD invited John Rosemond, a family psychologist, for a return visit. His nationally-syndicated parenting column appears weekly in more than 200 papers nationwide news program including The View with Barbara Walters, 20/20,
Good Morning America, The Today Show and many others. This was an entertaining and informative meeting.

The upcoming meeting in April 2006 will feature Dr. Ed Aull, pediatrician, who will present an update and overview on the diagnosis with current treatment of children and autism and Asperger’s syndrome. The second half of the program presents Drs. Rebecca and Tim Kelly and Dr. Arden Christen, “Addiction Specialists” from Fairbanks Hospital in Indianapolis. They will help increase our knowledge on common “street drugs” and help us recognize signs and symptoms of drug use in our patient population. Also, at this annual meeting we will elect new officers for the coming year.

Currently, the members are being attentive to the state legislative issues as they relate to our field of pediatric dentistry. The Indiana General Assembly is finishing up the second half of the legislative session. Several bills have already failed, including hygiene education, (allowing hygienists to administer local anesthetics).

The current ISPD officers are:

President: Dr. Jennifer Kugar
President Elect: Dr. Becky Donnelson
Vice President: Dr. John Wells
Secretary: Dr. David Miller
Treasurer: Dr. Keith Roberts
Pediatric Liaison: Dr. Carol McKown
Legislative Liaison: Dr. Charles Poland
American Academy Pediatric Liaison: Dr. Charles Hazelrigg