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Anna Gross

Pediatric Airway Health: the Importance of Myofunctional, ENT and Dental Collaboration

Pediatric dentists are in a unique position to screen for and monitor orofacial myofunctional and airway function disorders that may impact long-term development in children. This presentation will provide an overview of the spectrum of these disorders ranging from mouth breathing to obstructive sleep apnea. Learn the importance of screening for these disorders and establishing an interdisciplinary team, with tips and advice on how to implement these recommendations with the children and families in your practice.



Dr. Soroush Zaghi

Pediatric Dentistry's Role in Sleep Disordered Breathing and Myofunctional Disorders

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) recognizes that undiagnosed and/or untreated sleep-related breathing disorders are associated with cardiovascular complications, impaired growth (including failure to thrive), learning problems, and/or behavioral problems in children. In order to reduce such complications, AAPD policy encourages healthcare professionals to routinely screen their patients for increased risk and to facilitate medical referrals when indicated. This presentation provides a comprehensive overview on the evaluation and treatment of pediatric sleep disordered breathing from a myofunctional, medical, and dental perspective.

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Members are invited and encouraged to contribute to the CSPD *Bulletin*. Articles of general or specific interest, Letters to the Editor, and commentary on issues of public policy and matters of pediatric oral health are welcome. Items intended for publication may be submitted to Managing Editor Dr. Chanel McCreedy at chanel.mccreedy@gmail.com or to admin@cspd.org.

The mission of the *Bulletin* of the California Society of Pediatric Dentistry is to communicate with members on issues affecting the specialty of Pediatric Dentistry and the oral health of infants, children, and adolescents. The *Bulletin* will provide information on Society activities, initiatives, governance, and member services, as well as information and notice of the accomplishments and actions of its members.

The views and opinions expressed by individual members in articles and commentaries are those of the author and do not necessarily represent policy or viewpoint of the California Society of Pediatric Dentistry.



BETTER TOGETHER

— Dr. Don Schmitt - CSPD President

If you're a fan of Luke Combs like me, when you hear the words Better Together, you think of a great song. It's also a phrase that's been used in many advertising campaigns. But no matter

the context, it's undeniable that as people and pediatric dentists, we are better together. I was in Orlando in May for the Annual Session, and it was wonderful to see so many colleagues come together from all over the world. We had many California members in attendance, including several like Jacob Lee, Gila Dorostkar, and Ora Lowe that are serving important roles with AAPD. The annual CSPD/WSPD joint reception was a hit, as always, thanks to meticulous planning by our own Catherine Pham. At the General Assembly on Sunday, there was vigorous discussion about the affiliate member name change. The AAPD was well prepared for a fair and open forum ensuring that all members that wished to be heard, were able to voice their opinions. In the end, the Bylaw change did not garner the necessary 2/3 support to pass. **The entire process was a reaffirmation that AAPD is a member run organization and reinforced the benefit of being active in the Academy.** The General Session continued with awards for some truly remarkable active members as well as talented residents. AAPD membership offers many opportunities and benefits, all of which were on display in Orlando. The AAPD PAC, which is well supported by California donors, is very active in Washington, DC promoting the needs of pediatric dentists and the children we serve. The AAPD Foundation funds dental care for underserved children across the country. **It's not always easy to take time away from our offices and families to attend a meeting, though I do encourage all of you to attend both the CSPD Annual Meeting and the AAPD Annual Session whenever possible.**

Closer to home, the CSPD has strong ties with CDA. In April, the CSPD met with several representatives of CDA's legislative affairs team to discuss pending bills sponsored by CDA. The CSPD is in support of several CDA backed bills including AB 481 (dental workforce shortages), AB 952 (plan disclosure requirements), and AB 1048 (waiting periods and exclusions). Further details on each of the bills can be found in PPA Amber Nierode's report in this bulletin.

In June, CDA convened the Interdisciplinary Affairs Forum, which brings together all the dental specialties to discuss the concerns we all face. At the IAF meeting,

CSPD raised the concern that because of SB501 the Oral Conscious Sedation certificate, which many pediatric dentists held, has been "replaced" by the Pediatric Minimal Sedation (PMS) permit. The PMS permit does not allow sedation of patients 13 years of age and older. One must now obtain a separate Adult OCS permit for which our pediatric residency training does not qualify according to the Dental Board of CA. CSPD believes this is clearly wrong and that the training, experience, and expertise gained through a pediatric dental residency should be recognized as qualifying pediatric dentists to minimally sedate adolescent patients. Left unchanged, this new process will definitively discourage practitioners from obtaining the Adult OCS permit and therefore lead to access to care problems for adolescent patients. This is particularly true for those patients with developmental and acquired anxiety-related and special treatment needs. By enlisting the support of CDA and the other specialty organizations, the CSPD will work toward a legislative or regulatory remedy for this vexing problem.

Further strengthening the bonds between our organizations, CDA President John Blake met with CSPD leadership at our summer board meeting after previously addressing the membership at the annual meeting in San Francisco in March. Over the years, the interests of CSPD and CDA have almost always been aligned. Both organizations, our members, and the patients we serve have benefited from supporting each other. The CSPD is a strong and active organization but there are limits to what we can achieve on our own. By partnering with CDA and AAPD we can accomplish so much more together.

I briefly want to touch on two other things we are working on at the CSPD. Thanks to prudent management, the CSPD is in a very strong position financially, which gives us options going forward. In the continuing effort to make the CSPD more sustainable, I have convened a workgroup to look at current and future needs in the central office and membership services. This effort will ensure that the CSPD continues to provide the high level of membership benefits and services our members expect while also supporting our volunteers and paid staff. The other exciting news I'd like to share is the first ever CSPD Resident Business Symposium that will be held in Palm Desert on Thursday March 21, 2024. More information to come on both programs.

Better together doesn't only apply to between organizations. It also applies within the CSPD. We are dependent on the interest and involvement of our members to keep the CSPD a relevant and thriving organization. **Reach out to me or anyone else in the CSPD leadership to volunteer or to share questions, concerns, and ideas.** The more people we have involved, the better off we all will be together. We need pediatric dentists serving in all different capacities. And there are so many options...CSPD, CDA, AAPD, your local component dental society, AAP, community organizations, school boards, city councils, and many, many others. Anywhere you have an interest and can promote the importance of oral health in children will benefit you and all of us. **Better together. Two simple words. One absolute truth.**



ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

GOODBYE SUMMER, HELLO FALL!

Dr. Oariona Lowe - CSPD Past President and Annual Meeting Chair
Dr. Mylinh Ngo - CSPD Vice President and Annual Meeting Co-Chair

Summer has been a great time to “loosen up” and do some traveling! As we enter fall, it is time to start planning for future meetings. **Mark your calendars and join us in Palm Desert, CA for our 2024 Annual Meeting and Continuing Education Conference at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort and Spa!** If you reveled at our last two annual meetings, you will truly enjoy our spring meeting scheduled from March 21st to 24th, 2024. Come to socialize and network with old friends and colleagues. Sit by the pool, enjoy the flamingos, play a round of golf or tennis match and enjoy the warmth of the desert sun. **Relax!**

Our lecture topics are not to be missed. Learn from the experts. Listen and learn about the latest guidelines in pulp therapy, why parents refuse fluoride, enrich your mind with caries prevention techniques and remineralization, and take home the most recent updates on dental traumatology. **CSPD Talks, a special session designed especially for our members is scheduled on Friday afternoon. This unique session will give member dentists the opportunity to share their “words of wisdom”.**

Be on the lookout for the announcement and be prepared to submit your extraordinary topic of interest. Residents from the CSPD and WSPD Pediatric Dentistry post-doctorate programs will be presenting their research and case studies. A special **“Leaders of Today and Future Leaders of Tomorrow”** luncheon is being planned on Saturday. BLS and PALS full and recertification courses will again be offered on Thursday. Earn up to 18 CEUs.

For those of you who like to meditate, stay in shape, and improve your stamina and balance, join us for **“Sunrise Yoga”** which will take place early Saturday morning before the lectures. **Foodies** won't be disappointed at the JW Marriott Desert Springs as a variety of food from the many restaurants and eateries within the JW awaits their insatiable appetites. Be entertained at one of the many bar lounges and take a romantic ride on a gondola down one of many resort waterways. At the end of the day, enjoy a massage at the world class spa and relax in the wellness center. Many other amenities await you and your family including a children's entertainment and computer center. **Come and join us, have fun and just relax!**





BILLS OF INTEREST

Dr. Amber Nierode - Public Policy Advocate

CSPD President Dr. Don Schmitt, Executive Director Dr. Paul Reggiardo, and I attended the CDA Interdisciplinary Affairs Forum Meeting in Sacramento June 30, 2023. We discussed our member concerns regarding the educational qualifications for the Adult Oral Conscious Sedation Certificate now required to provide minimal sedation for a patient 13 years of age or older.

CSPD is proposing legislation that would recognize pediatric dental residency as qualifying education for granting of the certificate.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

SB 525 (DURAZO) MINIMUM WAGE: HEALTH CARE WORKERS

Summary: This bill would require a health care worker minimum wage of \$25 per hour for hours worked in covered health care employment, as defined, subject to adjustment, as prescribed. This bill would require, for covered health care employment where the employee is paid on a salary basis, that the employee earn a monthly salary equivalent to no less than two times the health care worker minimum wage for full-time employment in order to qualify as exempt from the payment of minimum wage and overtime.

Current Text: Amended 7/03/23

CSPD POSITION: WATCH

COMMENT: We are continuing to watch SB 525, which does not include nor mention dental practice within its provisions. This bill narrowly passed the Senate and is awaiting results in the Assembly.

AB 1048 (WICKS) DENTAL PLAN EXCLUSIONS AND RATE REVIEW

Summary: Would prohibit large group dental plans from imposing waiting periods at initial enrollment and for excluding pre-existing conditions in all dental benefit policies. Then bill would also make all dental service plans subject to premium rate review by the Department of Managed Health Care or the Department of Insurance.

Current Text: Amended 7/3/23

CSPD POSITION: SUPPORT

COMMENT: AB 1048 passed in the Assembly in May and was ordered to the Senate. Amendments on 5/2/23 allowed CSPD to change its WATCH position to one of SUPPORT. A letter of Support from CSPD was submitted to the Senate Committee on Health June 21.

AB 952 (WOOD) DENTAL BENEFIT PLAN TRANSPARENCY DISCLOSURES

Summary: Would require dental insurance plans to disclose both to enrollees and providers whether a dental benefit plan is governed by and subject to state or federal law and regulation.

CSPD POSITION: SUPPORT

COMMENT: AB 952 was widely supported in both the Assembly and Senate and reached the Governor's Desk for approval in late July. CSPD's letter in support of the measure was submitted to the Senate Committee on Health on June 7.

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AB 481 (CARILLO) DENTISTRY: DENTAL ASSISTANTS

Summary: It is widely recognized there is a dentistry workforce shortage in California. AB 481 is intended to address this ongoing and very concerning staffing shortage by creating a new preceptorship pathway for dental assistant on-the-job training. The pathway would increase educational components while reducing the clinical hours and timeline to RDA licensure. The availability of a greater number of trained Registered Dental Assistants will allow dentists to provide more care and to reach more children. AB 481 will also provide recognition of alternative education programs such as formal apprenticeships, community college adult education programs, and ROP programs as RDA pathways. The bill will, additionally, update, clarify, and increase dental assistant, RDA, and RDAEF scope of practice duties (such as placing clear aligner buttons). Finally, AB 481 will streamline the licensure process for out-of-state dental assistants moving to California by recognizing Dental Assistant National Board (DANB) certification.

Current Text: Revised 7/13/23

CSPD POSITION: SUPPORT

COMMENT: A CSPD Letter of Support was submitted to the Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee Hearing July 10.

ACR 10 (WEBER) CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Summary: By proclamation, this resolution of the legislature recognizes and declares the month of February as Children's Dental Health Month in California.

STATUS: Chaptered by Secretary of State 3/28/23

COMMENT: The purpose of the resolution is to inform and enlighten members (particularly new members) of the Senate and Assembly of the importance of oral health, especially children's oral health, and the need for legislative involvement. Less than one-half of all children enrolled by Medi-Cal visited a dentist last year. The bill aims to promote preventative dental visits and care.



CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

California State Chapter American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry



July 1, 2023

The Honorable Richard Roth
Chair, Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee
1021 O Street, Room 3320
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 481 (Carrillo) Dentistry: Dental Assistants
As Amended 4/20/2023**

SUPPORT

Dear Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee Chair Roth:

The California Society of Pediatric Dentistry (CSPD), representing more than 950 California pediatric dental providers, educators, and researchers, is in support of the passage of AB 481, which would help address an ongoing dental workforce staffing shortage by creating additional pathways to Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) licensure. Specifically, this bill would create a new on-the-job preceptorship pathway with increased educational components to reduce the timeline to RDA licensure; would recognize alternative educational routes such as apprenticeships, adult education programs, and state-funded Regional Occupational Programs (ROPs) as qualifying education for the RDA license; and would recognize certification by the Dental Assistant National Board (DANB) as a qualifying element for RDA licensure of qualified out-of-state dental assistants relocating to California.

Creating these pathways to RDA licensure is an important part of establishing a comprehensive and meaningful dental assisting career ladder necessary to ensure an adequate oral health workforce and delivery capacity. AB 481 accomplishes this by updating and expanding allowable duties across the spectrum of unlicensed dental assistants, Registered Dental Assistants (RDAs), and Registered Dental Assistants in Extended Functions (RDAEFs) to reflect contemporary technologies, materials, standards, and best practice guidelines.

The oral health care of infants, children, and adolescents, especially those with special healthcare needs, cannot be delivered by the dentist alone and requires a strong, well-educated, dedicated, and robust dental auxiliary team support system. AB 481 will address the current dental assistant workforce shortage, provide a rewarding and meaningful career path for attracting and retaining dental auxiliary personnel, and help maintain access to essential dental services throughout the state.

For these reasons, the **California Society of Pediatric Dentistry supports AB 481 and respectfully urges passage by the Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee.** You may reach us for further information on the reasons for our position at preggiardo@cspd.org.

Amber Nierode, DDS, Public Policy Advocate
California Society of Pediatric Dentistry

Paul Reggiardo, DDS, Executive Director
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WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR ME LATELY?

Dr. Chanel McCreedy - Bulletin Editor

Since becoming a member of CSPD while in residency at UCLA, I have truly felt that the benefits of this membership are immeasurable. As a CSPD board member, I had the unique opportunity to witness volunteer pediatric dentists working hard to support the CSPD membership through advocacy, continuing education courses, annual meetings, complimentary webinars, and social events. From this close-up view at the board level, it is easy to appreciate CSPD and see the member benefits.

From your vantage point, do you ever wonder "What Have You Done for Me Lately?" In this edition of the Bulletin, you'll find a BINGO BOARD of recent member benefits! Have these benefited you? Did you attend an Annual Meeting or a complimentary webinar? If so, mark the events and/or CE you've attended and share your Bingo Board with CSPD! Submit your personal Bingo Board to chanel.mccreedy@gmail.com so we can share on our social media OR post to your social media and tag CSPD at @cspediatricdentistry.

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Wednesday, October 12
6:00 PM



WSPD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MY FIRST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr. Felicity Hardwick - WSPD President



I am delighted to be writing this – my first message for the CSPD Fall Bulletin- as WSPD President. I am the second Canadian President for the WSPD, following in the footsteps of my friend and colleague, Sarah Hulland, who was President 2017 – 2019.

I live and practice on Vancouver Island - just across the water from our Immediate Past President, Bri Butler, who has been an invaluable resource for me as I moved onto the Executive Committee of WSPD. I have been involved with WSPD previously as the British Columbia representative starting in 2007, when with the encouragement of Dr. Jonathan Lee, British Columbia joined the WSPD as an affiliate society. I stepped down from that role in 2017, when Dr. Geoff Grant, took over as our WSPD representative.

I am looking forward to continuing the amazing work of my predecessors:

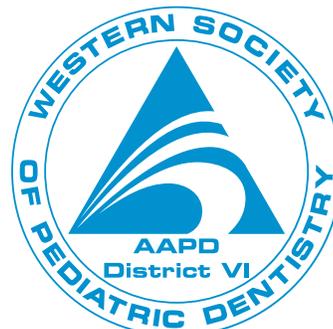
1. The Western Society Leadership Intern Program – an incredible way for new members to have opportunities in leadership and governance. Our current intern, Dr. Nadiene Wu, from Hawaii, has a project which promises to teach our Executive Committee and members as much as she will be learning.
2. Providing large scale leadership and support for the smaller states and Canadian provinces.
3. Advocating for our members regarding issues which affect us all, e.g., Medicaid, operating room time and funding, staff shortages etc.

4. Advocating for our members to ensure the public is given the information to be able to differentiate between specialists and general dentists.
5. Facilitating collaboration between the western states and provinces on common issues.
6. Strategic Planning – we are fortunate to have Dr. Paul Amundsen (AAPD Foundation VP for Development and Charitable Programs) leading our Strategic Planning. We have had one meeting with him and I can assure you that this will be an excellent, collaborative exercise, which will allow WSPD to continue the path to our full potential.
7. Endorsing and providing some financial support for the joint Alaska/Hawaii meeting taking place at the Aulani Disney Resort on Oahu - January 26th – 28th, 2024. Please check your email as AAPD will soon be sending out information regarding this exciting CE opportunity.

I have worn many hats during my career as a pediatric dentist. Whether I was engaged in advocacy, academics or private practice, there seems to be very little that can't be solved by good communication and treating people with respect. I am excited to be working with an Executive Committee which is filled with individuals I admire and respect and know that together we will ensure the WSPD continues to fulfill its mandate of representing the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, as well as the Canadian provinces of Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan.

I look forward to meeting many of the members of both CSPD and WSPD in the year to come, and please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, concerns, suggestions and just to say hello.

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FROM THE DESK OF DR. JACOB K. LEE

Dr. Jacob K. Lee - Western District Trustee



AAPD 2023 Annual Session, Orlando, Florida

This year's Annual Session was a confluence of extraordinary events; ranging from the mesmerizing Welcome Reception at SeaWorld, to the robust continuing education programs, to the magical President's Farewell Dinner.

At the general assembly, three motions to amend the Constitution and Bylaws were proposed. These motions required a two-thirds majority of the members present to be adopted:

1. Streamlined provision for filling Board Vacancies—adopted.
2. Modification of the Code of Professional Conduct and Judicial Procedures—adopted.
3. Modification of the Affiliate Membership Category Name and Privileges—not adopted.

AAPD Political Action Committee (PAC)-Western District

Western District members' hard dollars contribution to the AAPD PAC in 2022 resulted in winning the Hard Dollars District Competition. The hard dollars are used to support candidates in congressional elections. Therefore, every hard dollar (from a personal credit card or bank account) you contribute supports candidates who champion the mission and the vision of the AAPD. During the AAPD PAC reception in Orlando, on your behalf, the representatives from the Western District were acknowledged for your incredibly generous contributions.

AAPD Western District Trustee (May 2024-May 2027)

My term as your Western District Trustee will end at next year's Annual Session in Toronto, Canada, on May 23rd – 26th, 2024. Therefore, once again, the time has come for us to consider electing the next AAPD Western District Trustee. The term of this office is for three years, from the 2024 Annual Session to the 2027 Annual Session. AAPD will be posting the announcement in the next few weeks.

As you renew your membership, please consider contributing to the AAPD Foundation and the AAPD PAC. On behalf of the Big Authority (AAPD), the Big Love (AAPD Foundation), and the Big Advocate (AAPD PAC) for little teeth, thank you for your support!



Representing the Western District as the Winner of the 2022 AAPD PAC District Hard Dollars Contribution Competition: (Left to Right) Hani Eid, Don Schmitt, Mitch Poiset, Gila Dorostkar, Harlyn Susarla, Lynn Fujimoto, Christine Roalofs, Jacob Lee, Jade Miller, Patricia Benton, John Gibbons, BJ Larson.

CSPD FOUNDATION

GIVE THANKS

SUPPORTING PEDIATRIC DENTAL EDUCATION

HOW CAN WE HELP?



The CSPD Foundation aims to advance the oral health of California's children by supporting pediatric dental education on all levels. For the residency programs which help train our future associates, partners, and peers, the Foundation annually provides grants to support resident research projects, study clubs, and even clinic remodels. To prepare our future leaders who will advocate for both our profession and the oral health of California's children, the Foundation proudly helps fund the Warren Brandli and Santos Cortez GSLA Leadership internship programs. And for all CSPD members, the Foundation promotes continuing education by sponsoring both CSPD's online and in-person CE opportunities. We have asked you to help support the Foundation with your generous donations, and now we are asking, "How can we help?" Share your ideas with us so that we may work together to shape our future.

INTRODUCING THE INTERNS...

The CSPD Foundation is looking forward to working with the new 2023-2024 Warren Brandli interns!

I am excited to work with the CSPD Foundation and learn about how a foundation is organized and decisions are made to support efforts to improve education in pediatric dentistry. As a pediatric dental resident and future educator, I plan to pursue teaching part-time in an academic setting in addition to practicing dentistry. Efforts by the Foundation have and will continue to touch all facets of my professional education and career, and I look forward to the next year working with the Foundation!

~ Angela Navas, USC, Class of 2024

The position of WB Intern and involvement with CSPD align with my belief that organized dentistry is the most effective way of advocating for our profession and patients through system level change. I aim to learn from past and current CSPD leaders on successful methods of advocacy that will confront barriers to care for children through California. I look forward to working with the CSPD Foundation in furthering advancements in education. As a current resident, I see how the Foundation's support enables residents to conduct high quality research and strive for excellence, while also promoting education among pediatric dentists to accelerate career growth.

~Marivic De Leon, UCSF, Class of 2024

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: KENNETH SZYMANSKI

AND, THANKS FOR GIVING

~ poet, CSPD Foundation Treasurer, retiree-at-large

Ken Szymanski knows how to live life.

Having retired and moved from California to Las Vegas about 10 years ago, Ken's Sin City hobbies include sports handicapping, video poker, and exploring the Vegas culinary scene with his lovely bride of 47 years, Patty. Exemplifying how to stay active in retirement, Ken also enjoys cooking and working on his computer, exploring the world of Information Technology. When not in Vegas, he and Patty enjoy cruising around the world. (Their upcoming cruise through the Panama Canal this year marks their 11th trip in under a decade!)



*"My history is sparse,
My accomplishments few,
But I enjoy working on the Board with you."*

But more than just enjoying the pleasures of retirement, Ken continues to generously donate his time and work to support his profession and the children of California **simply because he enjoys doing so**. Beyond being an emeritus Diamond donor, Ken has served on the CSPD Foundation board **since 2004!** Par example of his willingness to help, when the Foundation recently discussed hiring a secretarial assistant, Ken quickly volunteered to absorb the proposed duties of the assistant in addition to his responsibilities as Treasurer.... Wow!

California Society of Pediatric Dentistry Foundation

2022-2023 Annual Giving Campaign Donors (Oct 2022--> as of June 2023)

Presidents' Circle Donors

(* indicate **Emeritus Donors** who have completed their Life Pledges but continued to donate \$1000 this campaign year)

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Gold Life- \$5,000 Pledge

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Thank you to Trisha Flores, Paul Reggiardo, and CSPD for donating to the Foundation in Memory of Roland Hansen.

LOOK AT ALL THIS SPACE! THERE IS ROOM ON THIS PAGE, IN YOUR BUDGET, AND IN YOUR HEART FOR YOUR NAME TO BE ADDED TO THIS LIST OF PEERS AND COLLEAGUES WHO ARE CHOOSING TO SUPPORT PEDIATRIC DENTAL EDUCATION. LET'S SHOW OUR GRATITUDE FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN AND SUPPORT THE FUTURE OF OUR PROFESSION. THE QUESTION IS NOT, "WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?" BUT RATHER, "HOW CAN I HELP?"

IN MEMORY OF DR. KENNETH WHITCOMB

By Dr. Santiago A. Surillo

It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we learn of the passing of our beloved office partner and friend, Dr. Kenneth Whitcomb. We bid farewell to a gentle giant, whom we lost a few days ago at the young age of 92. A second father to me, he was a fantastic mentor and friend. I will miss him dearly and so will our staff. He was a specially gifted pediatric dentist who had the kindest soul and touch and the best sense of humor. We practiced together from 1996 until his retirement in 2013 and his fingerprints are still embedded in our practice. For the many years that followed, he would still come visit us and bring joy to me and my staff, and always with special treats. His three daughters and his wife Patty and 14 grandchildren and great-grandchildren will forever miss him more. Godspeed to you Ken. May you have "Peace at Last".



IN MEMORY OF DR. AMYBETH HARMON

Amybeth Harmon Terry was born May 22, 1971 and passed away suddenly on July 12, 2023. She was 52 years young. Amybeth was an accomplished pediatric dentist, practicing in Pleasant Hill, CA. A graduate of UOP School of Dentistry and a residency of LSU Children's hospital, New Orleans. Upon completing her residency, she joined her father, Pediatric Dentist Dr. Robert Harmon, as a member of Pediatric Dentistry of Pleasant Hill in California. Amybeth is a longtime member of CSPD. She had a family of four children with her husband, Steve. Family was everything for Amybeth and she poured her heart and soul into her children. She was a blazing light from childhood to adulthood with a tremendous heart. Words cannot describe the impact that Amybeth had on so many people in her practice, community, church and family. She is greatly missed!



Amybeth Harmon Terry with her husband, Steve, and children, Kathrynanne, Virginia Jane, Robert Roy and Jaxson Wallace.



TREASURER'S CORNER

CSPD'S STATE OF THE UNION

Dr. Gary Sabbadini, CSPD Treasurer



As I enter my 4th year as Treasurer of CSPD, I am pleased to report that our organization is on sound financial footing. CSPD's total assets to date (\$1,119,000) are up over \$72,000 from last year. This is due in large part through the continued success of our Annual Meeting. The most recent Annual Meeting, chaired by Drs. Mitch Poiset and Oariona Lowe at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, generated a

profit of \$60,000 and received high praise for the quality of the continuing education courses in the post meeting survey. Our Vice President, Dr. MyLinh Ngo, is putting together another incredible lineup of speakers for the 2024 Annual Meeting at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert, CA from March 21st – 24th, 2024. Please be sure to mark your calendars and register early to attend.

We have successfully transitioned from Smith Moore & Associates, our previous association management company, and have hired a new accountant, Rachel Menaugh, CPA, to help manage CSPD's finances. Our Executive Director, Dr. Paul Reggiardo, and our Administrative Operations Manager, Diane Skullr, are working closely with her to set up our accounting systems in a manner that works best for us. The CSPD Board approved the 2023-2024 budget at its quarterly board meeting on June 24, 2023. I anticipate that our newly consolidated committee and leadership structure spearheaded by our current President, Dr. Don Schmitt, will result in more streamlined governance of our organization with less duplication of effort and potentially lower overhead.

Because of the recent failures by banks such as First Republic and Silicon Valley Bank, the Budget and Finance Committee was charged with exploring banking options to better protect CSPD's assets from a bank collapse. All CSPD's liquid assets are currently held in a business checking and money market account with California Bank & Trust. After contacting several banks to determine our options, I learned about a program called Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) which is a financial product offered by banks in the IntraFi network that maximizes FDIC insurance coverage for large deposits. When your bank places funds for you using ICS, your deposit is sent from your transaction account into deposit accounts at other ICS Network banks in amounts below the standard FDIC insured maximum of \$250,000. Here is a description of the program: <https://www.intrafinetworkdeposits.com/how-it-works/>. This makes the funds eligible for FDIC insurance protection. California Bank & Trust participates in this program and the CSPD Board has voted to move to this program. The interest earned is also much higher than what we are currently receiving.

The leadership at CSPD works hard to both grow and safeguard the money of the organization and its members. This has allowed us to avoid dues increases and keep the Annual Meeting registration fees steady over the past few years. We anticipate that the costs to run the society will continue to increase and are working to increase our non-dues revenue under the direction of Dr. Michael Suh who is the new chair of the Non-Dues Revenue committee. We want to ensure that we have adequate administrative staff to avoid burnout of our volunteer leadership. If you have any questions about CSPD finances or have any suggestions on ways to increase non-dues revenue, please feel free to contact me at GarySab@comcast.net.



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BOARD MOTIONS

BOARD MEETING – JUNE 24, 2023

MOTION 2023.06.24.01 (VANDER KAM): Move to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2023, and April 17, 2023, meetings of the Board of Directors as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION 2023.06.24.02 (GUIJON): Move to accept the reports on the Consent Agenda as submitted. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION 2023.06.24.03 (SABBADINI): Move to affirm the position of support for AB 481. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION 2023.06.24.04 (VANDER KAM): Move to approve the proposal for the first annual CSPD Resident Business Symposium in conjunction with the 2024 Annual Meeting in Palm Desert with all costs underwritten by commercial sponsorship. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION 2023.06.24.05 (SABBADINI): Move that the CSPD Board approve the implementation of a CSPD Mentor Program to be overseen by the Membership Services Committee. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION 2023.06.24.06 (SABBADINI): Move to approve the 2023-2024 CSPD proposed budget as presented by the Finance Committee. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION 2023.06.24.07 (SABBADINI): Move to approve reallocation of assets currently held in California Bank & Trust into the California Bank & Trust ICS/IntraFi Program. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION 2023.06.24.08 (MO): Move to approve the proposal of the Continuing Education Committee for an Oral Health Literacy Webinar on September 18, 2023. **MOTION CARRIED**

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UPCOMING EVENTS



March 21-24, 2024

2024 CSPD Annual Meeting
*JW Marriott Desert Springs
Palm Desert, CA*



April 24-27, 2025

2025 CSPD Annual Meeting
*Seattle Westin Hotel
Seattle, WA*

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