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CRISIS of Leadership?



A. Jeffrey Wood, DDS
CSPD President

Our recent annual meeting at Rancho Bernardo was a huge success, and there are a number of "thank yous" due. Lindsey Robinson brought us a well-planned and appealing meeting, in a beautiful, relaxed setting. I'm not sure exactly how it was done, but somehow Lindsey even arranged perfect weather for us! For those of you who have not planned a meeting of this magnitude, I can

personally attest to the fact that it is an overwhelming endeavor and fraught with opportunities for disaster. Lindsey, with the help of our meeting planner, Andrea Young, made it look easy! Starting this year, Andrea will be providing comprehensive meeting planning services to the CSPD, so expect more great annual meetings to come! Of course, those of you who were able to attend also deserve a "thank you"; without you the meeting would not have been successful. Be

sure to plan on joining us again in 2009 at the Squaw Creek Resort at Lake Tahoe.

Our annual meeting marked a historic transition for the CSPD. Dr. Mel Rowan bid us farewell as our executive director, but never fear; Mel will continue to be active in the CSPD but he will now have a much-deserved break from all of his administrative duties. The CSPD is near and dear to Mel, and he will remain involved on many levels, a fact for which we should all be quite thankful. Our new executive director, Dr. Ray Stewart, is well-known to many of us. He has been an active member of the CSPD for years and is one of our past-presidents. Ray's career has involved much work with the AAPD and admirable advocacy for children's oral health, particularly children from the underserved segments of our society. Ray has a lot of good ideas and insights that will serve us well.

Many of you may have noticed that Dr. Rick Udin was looking decidedly more relaxed by the end of the Rancho Bernardo meeting. Rick deserves congratulations for a great presidential year; he has set the bar quite high for those of us following him! Many

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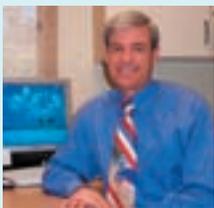
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Are you in NEED of Continuing Education Credits? ... Online CE ... It's Here ... It's Time



Lonnie Lovingier, DDS
Editor

The Online Continuing Education Committee has spent many years working out the details in order to provide CE credit for members and staff who are unable to attend our scientific meetings. It is not difficult

to create a video and place it online. However, to meet ADA/CERP requirements and provide test questions and CE credit with an online cart system has been an enormous task for volunteer servants. Furthermore, the technology providing this has been continually changing. So far, the CDA, ADA nor the AAPD provides such a service.

We anticipate this will be useful across

the country and around the world. However, this is not only a complicated chore, but it is an expensive endeavor if we do not achieve sufficient numbers of online attendees to support the production and hosting costs.

We need your help! Please go online, sign up for a course for yourself and staff members and test the system. Let us know how you believe it might be improved. What services for staff or members can you see us providing? Be creative.

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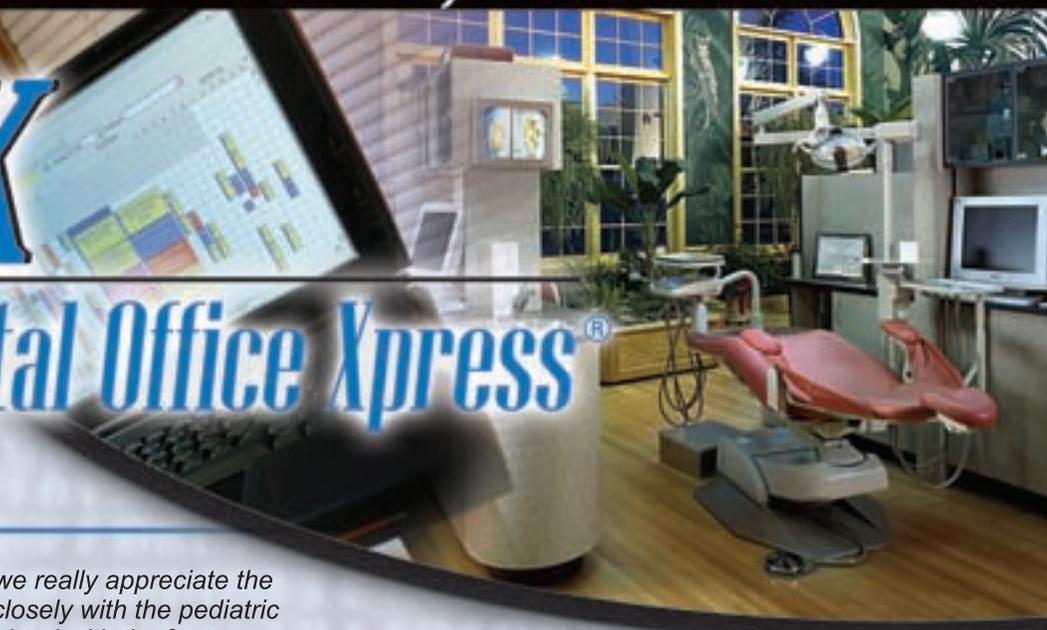




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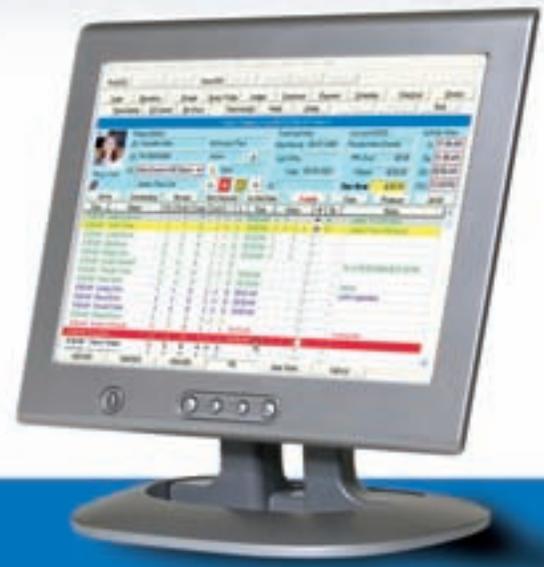
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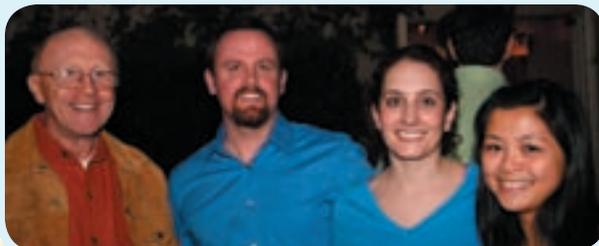


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If you weren't having a good time



The welcome reception was a fun time for all who attended!



Dr. Rick Udin passes the baton to new President, Dr. A. Jeffrey Wood



Dr. Santos Cortez is part of the celebration.



Hidden by the microphone, Dr. Weyland Lam congratulates Dr. Rowan on a JOB WELL DONE! (Thank you to Dr. Lam for arranging such a wonderful program!)



A humble Mel Rowan accepts praise and adoration from the members of CSPD



Mel's children & family cheer him on! Pictured left to right: Glenn & Susie Rowan, John & Karen (Rowan) Badger, Mel Rowan, Linda Rowan, Michelle & Keith Rowan

Installation Luncheon & Celebration for outgoing Executive Director, Dr. Mel Rowan



Enjoying the day!
Mel Rowan, Tom Barber and New ED, Roy Stewart

at Bernardo, you weren't there!

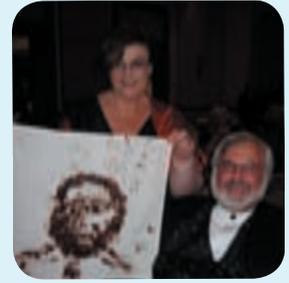
Paint Jam!
The Saturday night banquet was very entertaining. Remember... you can view more photos on CSPD's website. www.cspd.org



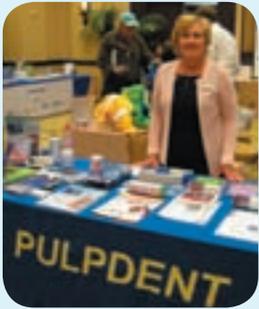
Dan Dunn captivated the audience with his painting ability



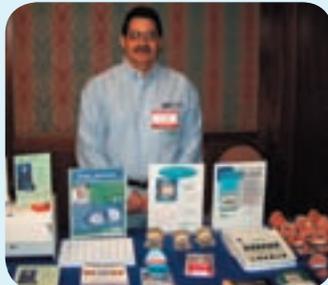
OK Everyone.... SMILE



Wayne Grossman revealed his hidden painting talents!



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DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA UPDATE

The Dental Board of California met March 6-7, 2008, in Los Angeles. The following summarizes actions and issues coming before the Board pertinent to pediatric oral health

Dental Board Sunset

As an unintended consequence of the Governor's veto last year of SB 534, which would have created a new Dental Hygiene Committee of California, the Dental Board becomes inoperative July 1 of this year and its functions transferred to a bureau of the Department of Consumer Affairs. Examination, licensing, disciplinary and regulatory operations will transfer to the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs until authority for a new Dental Board can be established by statute, probably effective January 1, 2009.

Comment: The Director of the Department has indicated current members of the Dental Board will be invited to serve in an advisory capacity to the new bureau. Their actions, however, will have only the force of recommendations to the Director of the Department and staffing changes will, in my opinion, result in less efficient and delayed processing of examination results, licensing requests, and disciplinary matters. It is unclear how the bureau will operate in the regulatory arena and what part the public will play in the interim process.

Licensure by Credential

On January 1, 2002, a "Licensure by Credential" (LBC) process became law, allowing dentists practicing in other states, and meeting certain criteria, to be granted a California dental license. Eventually, three "Licensure by Credential" pathways were established in statute, each with certain prerequisites as follows:

1. Five years of clinical practice in another state
2. Three years of clinical practice in another state and (a) an agreement to practice two years in California in a dental underserved area, (b) teach in a California dental school, or (c) be enrolled in graduate training in a CODA-accredited post-doctoral program in an ADA-recognized specialty area.
3. License in another state and an agreement and contract to practice for two years in a qualified public health safety-net clinic or hospital in California or an agreement and contract to teach for two years in a California dental school.

Legislation also mandated the Dental Board to provide to the Legislature a report on the impact of the licensure by credential process on the availability of dentists practicing in "dental shortage" areas. The first report to the Legislature was recently completed and revealed the following regarding the period of January 1, 2003 – December 31, 2007:

- Of the total applications processed (1689), eight-nine percent (1506) were granted licenses
- Based on the practice address of record at the time the report was compiled, approximately sixty percent of LBC licensees had a primary address or practice location outside of California. Only 40% of LBC-licensees (612) registered a California practice address with the Board.
- Dentists granted LBC licenses through two-year dental shortage area practice represented only 1.5% (23) of the licenses granted. No dentists were granted licenses through two years of dental school teaching.
- Of the total number of dentists licensed by LBC, only 3% (46) practice in a dental shortage area.

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Bills of Interest to CSPD California Legislature 2007-08 Second Regular Session

CSPD is closely monitoring nine bills potentially impacting pediatric oral health this legislative session. Because bills are often amended, and positions of support or opposition may change, the progress of these bills is updated regularly on the CSPD Website. Members having questions or wishing to comment on these or any other legislative initiatives are invited to contact CSPD's Public Policy Advocate, Dr. Paul Reggiardo, at reggiardo@prodigy.net

AB 2210 (Price) Dentistry: Emergency Services

This bill would amend the Dental Practice Act to allow licensed dentist during a declared state of emergency to provide emergency medical care consistent with his or her dental education and emergency training.

CSPD Position: Support

AB 2229 (Huffman) Medi-Cal: Adult Dental Examinations for Residents of Long-Term Care Facilities.

Existing law provides for only a single initial dental examination and no periodic dental examinations for adult Medi-Cal beneficiaries. This bill would reinstate an annual dental examination as a program benefit for adults residing in skilled nursing care facilities, so long as funds are appropriated in the annual budget.

CSPD Position: Support



Paul Reggiardo, DDS
Public Policy Advocate



Editor's Note: To see a complete and current list of bills affecting pediatric dentistry, visit our website at www.cspd.org.

SO WHAT MAKES A DISTRICT?

There has been a lot of talk lately about expanding the role of the district. Not only our District VI, but all of the districts in the AAPD. Many issues have been put on the table – What is the purpose of the District? What does expansion of the district mean in terms of the States' role in the AAPD? What about the fact that in the case of District VI, we have one very large state, 3-4 medium-sized ones, and the remainder being small? Isn't then the role of the District different for the different states? Well, I won't attempt to specifically answer each of these questions individually, and I will end this piece down below by asking you to tell me what makes a district. That is because what really makes a district is the voice of its people and I am interested in your opinion. The District is the voice that takes issues to the national level. What may seem like a trivial local matter could soon extend into an issue that permeates not only the entire district, but the entire country. It is the voice of each of us in the district which says that we want to participate in the solution to our mutual concerns and to strive for results.

...what really makes a district

.... the voice of its people..

We all want results that make our organization stronger. So, I want to tell you why I think a stronger district makes a stronger AAPD and a stronger state unit, as well a more powerful local environment, all the way into your own practice.

There are unique features to the personality of our District that go beyond state boundaries. arguably, there are regional distinctions in practice behavior and in local and state economies that have significant influence on what and how we do things in our practices. One pediatric dentist's voice in Idaho could very well provide the answer to a concern of a practitioner in Southern California. A seasoned program designed to create better access to care for infants and toddlers in Washington State might benefit a nascent program in Montana. We are neighbors, and neighbors can bond together to do good things. The one in the little house can help the one in the big house, and vice versa. Geographically, the distance all of us in District VI need to travel is great. To get to America's heartland, and certainly to the east coast, where an entire different kind of action takes place, is more challenging. We can improve ourselves and our common mission by thinking about how to work together. This can be done locally and within our region. Our district offers some tremendous beauty when it comes to beautiful areas in our country. Ironically, other districts have often selected venues in our own District VI to hold their meetings

because of its plentiful desirable places. Shouldn't we think about more meetings in our district?

Each year, the CSPD holds one of the best meetings in the country. It is well attended, there is an excellent scientific program, and folks truly enjoy all aspects of this fine get together. Additionally, I would say that the Western District's presence at this meeting, and its business activities that take place therein, are ever expanding and are growing in value to members. I have seen a much more active District VI board, which holds its meetings not only annually at the CSPD meeting, but ad interim – lately in Seattle, “centrally” located in the District. I have seen the level of discussion grow in these board meetings from merely a perfunctory review of the dollars in the bank, and the individual concerns of the states (what one might hear at a local study club) to a sense of need to create a unified voice. That unified voice would be the voice of the district. At the last meeting of the District VI board which took place in conjunction with the CSPD meeting in Rancho Bernardo, I felt that we reached a tipping point in terms of the desire of the board to really do something for the district and to create a unique purpose and personality. Maybe the WSPD should have an additional separate meeting? Maybe improved communication surrounding issues facing members that reflect on AAPD activities?

Perhaps what I have observed is the evolution that we have tried to force, and now feels more natural. This natural evolution is a voice that speaks to the needs of each of us in 11 states plus 4 Canadian provinces and is an additional voice beyond that of large states in the district. A meeting of the District for all of its members beyond its board meeting would serve many important purposes. It would allow us to identify leaders for our organizations at all levels. Each AAPD council seeks replacements for vacated positions that are regionally filled by districts. By creating an active membership group known as “District VI”, we can identify a talent pool of candidates for leadership positions in the AAPD, regardless of locality in the District. I know that as your trustee, I am continually looking for rising stars, at all stages of their careers, to serve important roles for the AAPD. I am convinced that a strong unique presence of the district would aid in this regard.

As a District VI member, I am also a proud member of the CSPD. I will continue to participate in CSPD meetings well beyond my term as trustee. Soon, you will be asked by the District VI leadership to say, “Of what should our District be made”? I hope you will share your ideas. They might strengthen us at all levels.



*Joel Berg, DDS
District VI Trustee*

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Comment: For most observers, it is somewhat surprising that the majority of dentists holding a California license obtained by the LBC process do not practice in California. What is disappointing to those who supported an LBC pathway fostering practice in underserved areas and to underserved populations, is the small effect of this program.

Dental Assistant Training and Licensure

The Board reinforced the decision made at its January meeting to step-back from developing the regulations necessary to implement legislation passed in 2004, 2006 and 2007 that would, in 2010, change the current dental assisting licensure scheme by the establishment of new registered dental assisting categories and other changes. Instead, the Board indicated a desire to entertain an as yet undeveloped proposal acceptable to the profession, as represented by the California Dental Association, and by other communities of interest. CDA indicated it has begun just such a consensus-building process and would have available to the Board at its next meeting in June a proposal from which legislation could be considered. Several specialty organizations, including CSPD, the California Association of Orthodontists, and the California Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, offered public testimony in support of this approach.

Comment: There appears to be a general consensus on the Board and among most parties of interest that the proposed process and regulatory scheme is extremely problematic. A report of the Board's Licensure, Certification and Permits Committee indicates there are approximately 34,000 active dental licenses and only 23,000 active RDA licenses, a troubling ratio. I am among those who feel the proposed changes, if not significantly modified, will only heighten, not relieve, the problem of expanded function and a career ladder for dental assisting. CSPD will be involved in the development of the proposal to the Board and, in fact, has already made suggestions to the process.

In a separate action, the Board's Examination Committee again reported a 48% failure rate (3336 candidates) on the RDA written examination during the most recent six month period. In response, Board members expressed the opinion this was an unacceptable result, possibly indicating problems with the examination itself. By action of the Board, the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries (COMDA), which develops and administers the examination, was directed to investigate the situation and to report back to the Board in June.

Comment: Clearly, there is a problem of either training

or testing with such a high failure rate that needs to be addressed. While some observers feel the problem may be one of language or linguistic challenge, others feel the problem goes to the deeper core of examination content and difficulty.

Continuing Education

Presently, courses and educational offerings automatically meeting the continuing education requirements for dental and auxiliary license renewal must be given under the auspices of a provider registered with the Dental Board of California. Although there is a process by which other courses may qualify for California continuing education credit, it is one of obscurity and complexity that is all but unused and which places the licensee at distinct risk if he or she does not obtain from the Board in advance of the license renewal approval of the offering. After considering presentations by representatives of the ADA-CERP and the AGD-PACE programs, the Board directed staff to draft for its consideration in June amendment to the Business and Professions Code that would recognize courses given by providers approved by CERP or PACE as qualifying for California continuing education credit.

Comment: PACE and CERP differ in their programs and each will present to the Board certain challenges. Both CERP and PACE approve providers, not courses. PACE has the ability to designate courses as California Category I or II, CERP does not. PACE requires each presenting entity (such as a component dental society) to have its own approval. CERP does not recognize individuals, only entities, as course providers. PACE approves individuals. If adopted, for CSPD this would mean that AAPD, which is a CERP provider, would no longer have to separately register as a Continuing Education Provider with the DBC.

General Anesthesia and Conscious Sedation

Following passage by the ADA House of Delegates in October 2007 of revisions to the ADA's Guidelines for the Use of Sedation and General Anesthesia by Dentists and Guidelines for Teaching Pain Control and Sedation to Dentists and Dental Students, the Board's Committee on General Anesthesia/Conscious Sedation proposed a review of the documents and a report to the Board on any implications to current law and regulation. That report was delivered to the Board, without recommendation for statutory or regulatory change.

Comment: The Committee reported it will continue to monitor progress of ADA plans for changes in airway management in 2009.



WHAT'S YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

The CSPD Board greatly encourages you to provide your email addresses to the CSPD headquarters office. From time to time, there is urgent business or information we wish to provide to the members and we would appreciate feedback as well. Please provide your email addresses and notify our executive director of any changes. Send to: MelRowan@aol.com, Thank you.

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difficult issues were resolved under his leadership, especially the search for a new executive director. During his tenure as president there were far too many strides to list here, but suffice it to say that he left the organization better than he found it, and each of us should thank him for that.

Did you notice the title of my message? I penned it hoping for a degree of "shock value;" my goal was to catch your eye. Don't worry; this title is not a commentary on the coming year! I'm certainly not referring to CSPD's current leadership; your organization is in great hands with our Board of Directors and our new Executive Director. We are definitely growing and maturing as an organization which allows us to exert more and more positive influence on the oral health of children in the state of California and beyond. We are presented with some wonderful opportunities as a larger organization, but we also face some new challenges. As the CSPD grows, volunteer leadership becomes more and more critical for us.

"Crisis in Leadership" refers to the future leadership of the CSPD, and there really may be an impending crisis. Fortunately we have a number of members with real leadership potential, and many with leadership experience. Sadly, we find it increasingly difficult to identify members who are interested and willing to contribute their time and efforts to serve the CSPD. We need your help! Leadership does not have to be in the role of an officer; there are a number of committees where many hands are needed. Do you have an area of special interest or expertise? By all means, let us know about it and consider saying "yes" to a request to help out. It is only with your help that our organization will continue to grow and be effective.

I am looking forward to working with our officers and board over the coming year to help move the CSPD forward. It is an amazing organization and I am flattered to be at the helm for a short while. Don't forget our reception at the AAPD meeting; hope to see you there!

Child Advocacy Subcommittee Public & Professional Relations Update

Fluoride Update

New communities targeted for fluoridation:

San Jose

The Health Trust, a San Jose based foundation dedicated to improving the health of Santa Clara County residents, previously commissioned an assessment of the water supply serving San Jose residents through a technical assistance grant to the CDA Foundation. San Jose is currently the second largest city in California without the benefits of fluoridation; however as soon as San Diego comes online, it will be the largest city without fluoridation. A new CEO was installed at the Health Trust in June of 2007. The fluoridation discussion was placed on hold until the new CEO was oriented, which occurred in the fourth quarter of 2007. Conversations and a strategy for moving forward in San Jose are now actively occurring at this time.

Humboldt County

In 2006, the voters in Arcata overwhelmingly passed "Measure W" to keep the 50-year legacy of fluoride in their water. Arcata has a strong group of advocates, led by the health officer and members of the dental community who worked for over a year to defeat the measure. McKinleyville, a small community located near Arcata has recently considered fluoridation. Because they purchase water from the wholesale district, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMWD), the City Council members in McKinleyville raised the question of fluoridating at the wholesale level. The wholesale district then turned to the retail agencies to determine support for the issue. The

district's municipal systems placed an advisory ballot measure on the February 2008 primary election which was overwhelmingly voted down by the public by a two-to-one margin. Strong public antifluoridation activity led to the defeat of the measure, which is consistent with other communities where fluoridation was placed to a public vote. Currently only two of the agency's municipal customers add fluoride, Arcata and Eureka.

Give Kids A Smile

An internet survey was submitted to our members in early 2008 in an attempt to obtain more information with regard to statewide participation in the program. This project is ongoing, and the results will be analyzed shortly after the maximum number of responses occurs. Nearly 70% of respondents report having participated in GKAS in 2008. We're in need of more responses in order to have a comprehensive survey. The same survey will be sent to our members again in order to maximize our responses.

New Campaign

We have started working on a new campaign that will allow CSPD to liaison with other healthcare professionals and educators in California to educate pregnant women and parents of infants (0-12 months) with the goal of preventing/decreasing dental decay and increasing the number of children having first birthday/first visit exams. A follow up publication for health care professionals will be part of the program after approval.



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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Our Foundation child is growing up
 The CSPD Foundation
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Another birthday; our Foundation child is growing. The California Society of Pediatric Dentistry Foundation is seven years old!

On March 30th our Foundation had another birthday. CSPDF has experienced

steady growth of more than \$100,000 per year thanks to its loyal supporters. Following an inspirational delivery by our "obstetrician-like" past presidents of CSPD, the trustees have acted as guardian parents to CSPDF. These directors have helped it grow, with hard work and late nights, occasionally enduring bouts of teething and periods of colic.

Spreading our goals of furthering pediatric dental education and addressing academic workforce deficiencies is not without a learning curve. We began by connecting with, and encouraging, the dental school undergraduate groups to help support their programs. These are the feeder groups into the specialty of pediatric dentistry and the ultimate source of future academicians in our specialty.

Children need education and guidance as they grow. Our foundation looks to the pediatric dental program directors and chairs for guidance on how they specifically can be helped by our support. Like any new grandparent, they are having some difficulty deciding what the role of the foundation

will be and how we can help their faculties grow.

Now approaching adolescence, we are re-framing our strategic plan to reach out beyond CSPD into the business and foundation communities for expanded levels of support. We are very proud of our member donations and percentage of participation. Their continued support has laid the foundation for the extensive fundraising which will be necessary to allow us to reach our ultimate goals, as we investigate even bolder programs, such as loan forgiveness and teaching fellowships.

We are now encouraging even more proposals for funding through our various grants. This especially applies to our currently available support program for new part-time educators and their departments.

We are thankful to Drs. Joel Berg, Amy Lederman, Bob Traficante and Rebecca Slayton for their lecture presentation at the CSPD Annual Meeting in Rancho Bernardo. This course, the "Academic Workforce: Working Together to Preserve It", was well-attended and appreciated by all. I hope all who

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attended will take their message to heart and offer to participate as an educator at their favorite pediatric dental program.

Also, thank you all for your donations and active bidding at our Silent (and Not-So-Very Silent) Auction at the annual meeting. Through the efforts of Scott Fishman, Steve Gross and Mark Lisagor your generosity raised almost \$ 9,000 for our upcoming projects.

I offer a special thank you to Lisa Brennan and Mark Lisagor, whose creative thoughts have helped us communicate with you, our contributors.

We appreciate all the love and support you have given our child, CSPDF. Let's help its continued growth in the coming years.

Need \$20,000 for research? Put CSPDF to work for you

We support the science of staying healthy. We know there are multiple ways to look at teeth. Pediatric dental post doctoral students or recent graduates who have research ideas are encouraged to apply for Investigator-Initiated Research Grants up to \$20,000. Details on foundation website link from CSPD.ORG

Need Research Dollars?

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CSPDF offers 2 categories of travel money to either faculty or residents to be able to present their research findings at a national or international meeting. For more info, contact Dr. Blain.

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American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry UCSF Student Chapter

This article is the third of five articles of the student group reports of the California dental schools.



Scott Fishman, DDS

Early in 2007, the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) School of Dentistry student chapter of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) was officially granted active chapter membership status by the national organization. Currently, the group has over twenty-five active members from all four dental school classes. The club's faculty mentor is Dr. Brent Lin (Associate Clinical Professor and Pre-Doctoral Director, Department of Pediatric Dentistry), who provides guidance to the organization, mentorship for students, and a resource for finding faculty volunteers for the organization's activities. The UCSF student chapter of AAPD is designed to foster and promote interest in pediatric dentistry among the student body and advocate for children's oral health care in the community. We start off the year with discussions of our mission statement, planned activities for the year, achieved goals, and we assess future needs for the organization. One of the main goals of the organization is to serve as a resource for pre-doctoral students with information about dental externships, research and community service.

UCSF provides a solid pediatric dentistry curriculum for the pre-doctoral students, consisting of a series of didactic instruction, seminars, simulation sessions, laboratory experience, and the patient care activity. The UCSF student chapter of AAPD provides a unique opportunity for students to further explore the field of pediatric dentistry and interact with the community. The group performs a valuable service to underserved San Francisco children and their families. By partnering with organizations such as San Francisco Head Start, The Boys and Girls Club of America and Wu Yee Health Services, their group is able to organize and offer free quarterly dental screenings, education, oral hygiene instruction and products such as tooth brushes, toothpaste and dental floss to the local community. The UCSF student chapter of AAPD has organized several community events in this past school year. An example of such activity for this past summer quarter is the dental screening event in the San Francisco Zoo, sponsored by the Head Start Program.

In addition to community service, selected chapter officers routinely participate in quarterly meetings with the San Francisco Children's Dental Health Committee. This meeting allows representatives from many of San Francisco's children's (dental) public health organizations an opportunity to meet and discuss current issues confronting children's overall and dental health. Also discussed are issues of resource allocation, new programs, future plans and legislation that may affect health services in the city, region and state. The organization's officers and members provide leadership in organizing and planning in the school of dentistry's largest student organized community outreach event for children, Give Kids a Smile Day at UCSF. In February of 2007, this event served over 160 community children by giving free detailed screenings, cleanings, sealants, oral hygiene instruction and supplies all delivered by student and faculty volunteers.

Besides public service, the student group is also designed to serve as a gateway for pre-doctoral dental students who are interested in a specializing in pediatric dentistry. The group organizes a quarterly "Speaker Night" series where local private pediatric dentists, pediatric dental residents, and pediatric dental faculty speak about their personal experience within the field, give advice, and answer questions. The group also supplies information and guidance to dental students who are interested in gaining increased pediatric clinical experience before graduation. Currently, one pediatric dentistry externship, under the directorship of Dr. Brent Lin and Dr. Pamela Alston (Dental Director of the Alameda County Medical Center), is offered for two students per quarter at the Eastmont Wellness Center in Oakland. In this externship program, students gain tremendous experience in infant oral health care, anticipatory guidance, prevention, advanced pediatric dentistry restorative techniques, and behavior management in a community clinic setting. The students are mentored and supervised by UCSF faculty, Dr. Pamela Alston and Dr. Shelby Smith. Further, the UCSF student chapter of the AAPD also connects interested and motivated students with shadowing opportunities with faculty and residents in the UCSF Post-graduate pediatric dental clinic, sedation clinic, ambulatory surgery center, as well as private practice.

They are proud to say that most of our members matriculate into pediatric residency programs after graduation. Those who continue at UCSF remain a valuable resource for dental students as they endeavor to increase the breadth of their knowledge about pediatric dentistry. It is likely that the UCSF student chapter of the AAPD will continue to play an essential role in the adjunctive education of pre-doctoral dental students and in delivering pediatric dental care to the underserved of San Francisco.

..The students are MOST appreciative of the financial support from CSPDF..



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ADVOCACY
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Members are reminded that reports of the activities of the Dental Board of California pertinent to pediatric dentistry are posted in the Advocacy, Legislation and Regulatory Matters section of the CSPD Website.

AB 2637 (Eng) Dental Assisting Regulation and Licensure.

Existing law until January 1, 2011, provides for the examination and initial licensing of Registered Dental Assistants, provided an application for such licensure is filed before September 1, 2009. This bill would extend these provisions until January 1, 2012, with respect to a person who files an application prior to September 1, 2009.

CSPD Position: Watch

AB 2734 (Krekorian) Health Care Practitioners: Advertising

This bill would require health care providers, including dentists, to include their license number and contact information for the Board or Bureau which has jurisdiction of their license, on business cards and most advertising and promotional materials.

CSPD Position: Oppose (unless amended)

AB 2890 (Duvall) School Finance: Categorical Block Grant Funding.

This bill would consolidate numerous K-12 educational categorical funding programs into several clustered categorical block grants. Passage of the bill would eliminate the requirement for a school entrance oral health assessment from the education code.

CSPD Position: Oppose

SB 1178 (Aanestad) Dental Licensure: Registered Sex Offenders.

Existing law requires the Dental Board of California to deny a dental license to an individual who is required to register as a sex offender under California, military or another state's law. This legislation would additionally require the DBC to deny licensure to individuals required to register as sex offenders under federal law and closes certain loopholes that presently allow reinstatement of licenses for sex offenders.

CSPD Position: Support

SB 1387 (Padilla) Dental Service Plans: Overpayment Disputes.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of health care services plans by the Department of Managed Health Care and the regulation of health insurance companies by the Department of Insurance. Both require internal mechanisms by managed care plans and private insurers to attempt to resolve payment disputes and each has an appeal process allowing review of the internal dispute resolution decision. This bill would standardize the appeal process of both agencies and would prohibit attempt to collect a contested overpayment from a provider until the entire dispute resolution process (private and governmental) has been exhausted.

CSPD Position: Support

SB 1633 (Kuehl) Dental Service Credit Arrangements.

This bill would prohibit certain credit practices by dental providers involving credit card arrangements, including accessing a line of credit before all services have been provided and arranging or referring for a line of credit when a patient is under the influence of local or general anesthesia.

CSPD Position: Oppose, unless amended to apply only to abusive dental practice credit arrangements

SB 1634 (Steinberg) Congenital Orofacial Anomalies: Orthodontic Services.

This bill would require health care service plan contacts and policies to cover orthodontic services deemed medically necessary in the treatment of cleft palate and related craniofacial anomalies.

CSPD Position: Support

Denti-Cal Claims Submissions

Prophylaxis and Fluoride Treatment Billing Codes

Effective March 1, Denti-Cal implemented mandatory CDT-4 billing codes for all treatment authorization requests and claims submissions. CSPD has received several inquiries regarding non-payment for procedures D1120 (prophylaxis – child) and D1203 (topical application of fluoride --- prophylaxis not included --- child) when both services are provided on the same day.

Although separate codes are now required by most private dental insurance programs under CDT 2007/2008 revisions, Denti-Cal requires billing under the older CDT-4 codes. According to the new Medi-Cal Dental Program Provider Handbook, released March 1, (which replaces the older Denti-Cal Provider Manual), when prophylaxis and fluoride procedures are provided on the same date of service they shall be billed as D1201 (topical application of fluoride --- including prophylaxis – child) or D1205 (topical application of fluoride – including prophylaxis – adult).

An Interview with Dr. Ray Stewart Executive Director of the California Society of Pediatric Dentistry

Editors Note: Last May, Dr. Mel Rowan, CSPD's Executive Director, made known to the Board of Directors his desire for retirement from the position effective in 2008. After conducting a thorough six month search process, the Board announced in January Dr. Ray Stewart would assume the duties and responsibilities held by Dr. Rowan for over a decade. Below is an interview with Dr. Stewart, by the search committee discussing his vision for CSPD and his reasons for seeking the position. But first, a little more about our new executive director.

Dr Stewart graduated from the University of Oregon School of Dentistry in 1968 and received a Master of Science degree in Medical Genetics in 1971. He completed a residency program in Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Oregon Center for Health Sciences in Portland Oregon in 1971. After completing his residency he moved to Los Angeles California where he joined the faculty in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at UCLA which was chaired by Dr. Thomas K. Barber. He served as an Associate Professor at UCLA for twelve years where he was to cofounder of the UCLA Craniofacial Anomalies Clinic, and the founding program director at the Harbor/UCLA Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program in Torrance California. During his career in academic dentistry, Dr. Stewart was the author of three books and numerous published articles.

Dr. Stewart was a founding partner of the Central Coast Pediatric Dental Group located in the Salinas Valley and Monterey Peninsula in central California from which he retired in January of 2008. He has been a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry since 1985.

Dr. Stewart has been active in many state and national dental organizations. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. He served on the Board of Directors of the California of Pediatric Dentistry from 1989 to 1999. He was president of that organization in 1997-98. Dr. Stewart served as the District VI Trustee of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry from 2000-2003 and was responsible for the formal organization and incorporation of District VI in 2003. He was also a founding member of the committee which formed the Section of Pediatric Dentistry and Oral Health of the American Academy of Pediatric Medicine.



Dr. Stewart is the recipient of numerous honors and awards and is a member of the Pierre Fauchard Academy and is a Fellow of the American College of Dentists.

In addition to his duties and responsibilities as the new Executive Director of CSPD, he and his wife Penny are looking forward to pursuing his nonprofessional interests which include upland bird hunting with his two English Setters, Tessa and Nate, flyfishing and enjoying his vintage Porsche automobiles. He is also committed to becoming much more active in family activities and enjoying his three grandchildren around their recently completed home in Carmel and their alfalfa ranch in northern California.

Q *What brought you to seek the position of CSPD's Executive Director?*

A My long-time membership in CSPD and being part of CSPD's volunteer and elected leadership (I served as President in 1997-98) gave me an initial perspective, affection and great respect for the organization, and what it does and can accomplish. I relinquished my responsibilities as senior partner in a group pediatric dental practice in central California in January, giving me now the time to become more active in determining the future of our specialty. It is exciting and stimulating to consider playing a part in seeing that the activities of CSPD and the role it plays in improving children's oral health in California continues with the same vigor

and strength following Mel's departure.

Q *What unique business, organizational or personal skills do you feel you bring to CSPD?*

A I have a diverse professional career in pediatric dental education, clinical practice, dental practice management, and addressing the elimination of barriers to accessing oral health care for children. My experience in CSPD and AAPD leadership positions has given me the opportunity to participate at the highest levels of volunteer leadership and understand the unique culture of a professional volunteer organization. I believe I have good mentoring skills developed through twelve years of academic experience at

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UCLA and its affiliated teaching hospitals. With this background, I believe I bring to the position a well-founded perspective as to the organizational priorities necessary for the effective utilization of oral health resources to most effectively provide care for the most vulnerable and underserved pediatric populations in the state. I believe this is an imperative for our specialty and consistent with CSPD's current strategic plan.

Q Over the course of the next five years, how do you envision CSPD relative to its members, other organizations (including AAPD and District VI), and the marketplace?

A CSPD provides a "moral compass" for its members and other oral health professionals and organizations in relation to providing access to care for all children in the state. I see CSPD volunteer leadership taking up professional challenges of access in private and public sector programs. I see CSPD as the recognized state leader and champion of children's oral health. In regards to other healthcare organizations, we need to continue to develop collaborative strategies that utilize the strengths and resources of larger organizations without losing sight or compromising our own strategic goals. In regards to AAPD, CSPD can --- and should

--- exert a significant influence. Through the District Trustee, we have valuable volunteer skills, intellectual resources, experience, insight and perspective to bring to the national table and we should not step back from this role and responsibility to our members. We can also play an important role in the Western District to make feel more inclusive colleagues from other District VI states in CSPD activities and goals.

Q The previous Executive Director also served as the Executive Director of the CSPD Foundation, to which you have agreed as well. What role do you see for yourself with the Foundation?

A I see my role as Executive Director as one of communicating the mission, goals and values of the Foundation to the individual members of CSPD as well as assisting the Foundation in day-to-day operations. In the long run, I see a Foundation that may require the experience and skill sets of a professional charitable foundation manager to bring a more business-oriented approach to fund raising efforts that extent beyond that our own membership. In the meantime, I can help the Foundation articulate fund raising activities and assist in the execution of spending projects.

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Describing the Kit for New Parents she received, a young mother said, "They say babies don't come with instructions. They're wrong. Everything you need to know is right inside that box."

A recent study confirms the Kit's effectiveness at building better parenting skills (Neuhauser et al. Promoting Prenatal and Early Childhood Health: Evaluation of a Statewide Materials-Based Intervention for Parents. Am J Public Health, Oct 2007; 97: 1813 – 1819).



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CSPD

April 2-5 2009: CSPD's 34th Annual Session at Lake Tahoe, CA

April 8-11 2010: CSPD's 35th Annual Session at Cancun, Mexico

Save the Date: 16th Annual CSPD Auxiliary Course
November 8th in Southern California

November 15th in Northern California

In The Eye of the Storm: Dental Teams Preparing for
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AAPD

May 22-26, 2008: AAPD 61st Annual Session, Marriott
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May 21-25, 2009: AAPD 62nd Annual Session, Hawaii
Convention Center, Honolulu, Hawaii

May 27-31, 2010: AAPD 63rd Annual Session, Chicago
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STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS ARE AVAILABLE

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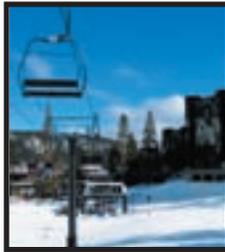
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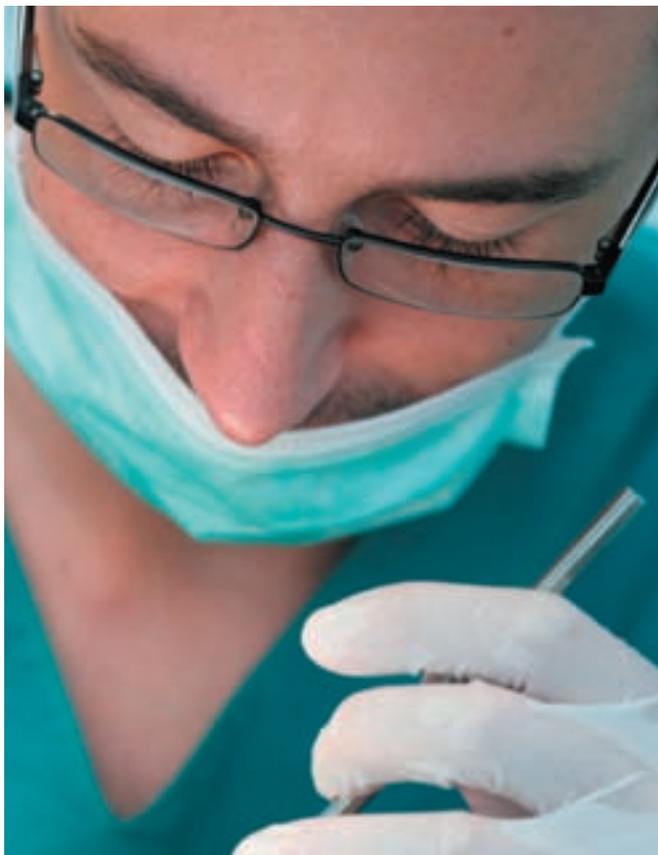
If you are a snowbunny, you will be especially pleased to find out that our April 2-5, 2009 Annual Meeting will be held in beautiful Lake Tahoe, CA.

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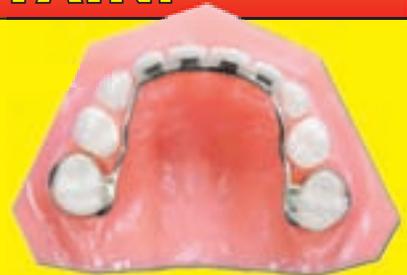
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