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President's Message

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Why CSPD is "Like, Totally Awesome, Dude."

The title above is just a little tongue in cheek. However, after you have chuckled a little bit, consider this – California is truly a special place and CSPD is truly a special group. According to Wikipedia, California is the third largest state in the US, after Alaska and Texas, and the most populous US state, with 38 million people. Of those 38 million individuals 798 are members of our special group, the California Society of Pediatric Dentistry.



CSPD was started in 1974 as the California Academy of Pedodontics. Its first organizational meeting took place on December 14, 1974 at the San Francisco Airport Hilton. The six purposes of the newly created California Society of Pedodontists were:

1. Create a Peer Review body governed by pedodontic specialists
2. Resolve issues with the California Dental Service
3. Develop continuing education programs
4. Provide input to third party carriers
5. Form liaisons with other groups
6. Organize quality and utilization control

I have been involved with various organizations over the past few decades, in membership and in leadership, and there is one thing that stands out about CSPD. We have THE hardest working people! Our volunteer leaders spend more waking hours, take more initiative, and do more legwork, than any dental organization I know. Although we have hired more professional help with administrative workload over recent years, the culture of working exceptionally hard and being dedicated to the work of CSPD persists, and we see it exemplified in many of our volunteer leaders.

And why do we work so hard? We are dedicated to working for the members of this very special organization as well as the children of the state. We routinely survey our membership every few years to try to determine your needs and wants of you, our members, and work very hard to meet those needs. Membership benefits such as the synthesis of the Bulletin newsletters take an immense amount of time and energy, as does representation of the profession on state legislative fronts. This legislative season, CSPD had significant influence over an amendment to a bill, AB 880, that would ensure protection of children as patients and also

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Parents are Busy... You Could Be Too!

Social Media Brings New Patients



Reach Parents When Kids Are in School

School is back in session and the holidays are around the corner. As busy as parents are, they are still making time for social media. Parents are on social networks such as Facebook, Google +, Twitter, Pinterest and more... and you should be too. Smile Savvy can help parents find your practice online.

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increase provider transparency at health fairs. Additionally, we are in a position to influence lawmakers and auditors about issues of importance to our patients and our members such as the Denti-Cal program and all that comes with it. The countless hours spent studying bills, attending meetings and representing CSPD are done without fanfare nor any request for recognition, but are done

because our Public Policy Advocate, Paul Reggiardo, is so incredibly dedicated.

From our most recent membership survey in 2014, the number one reason for joining CSPD was for continuing education. Number two was for networking opportunities. If you have ever attended our annual meeting, you know that it's an educational and FUN venue where you can reconnect with friends, enjoy time with your family if you choose to bring them, and also meet new graduates and residents. Many members also choose to bring their staff to the meetings as a time for the office to bond and enjoy time together. With a very high caliber of courses and speakers, many members attend the CSPD Annual Meeting instead of the AAPD Annual Session.

The CSPD Annual Meeting is truly a labor of love, and the Annual Meeting Chair Oariona Lowe gives so much of herself to ensure that each one is a success.

For those unable to attend the Annual Meeting, Steve Niethamer, video producer and editor extraordinaire, works meticulously to make the courses available online. Because of his work, CSPD's online offering of CE is stupendous and definitely worth checking out. It makes me very proud to be part of an organization that can offer this quality and amount of online CE!

Our CE is so crucial to CSPD that it now makes up 59 percent of all CSPD revenue, more than CSPD dues, which bring in 35 percent of our revenue. This highlights the fact that keeping our CE strong and relevant to members is a top priority, along with keeping dues from rising too high too quickly.

Now, you can see why CSPD is so special. With your pediatric dental colleagues at your side, we have a unique organization with a unique culture. CSPD is all about our members and about the children in California. I hope that you will consider serving in some role, either now or in the future. We are always looking for volunteers! You can get more information on the positions we are looking to fill if you go to the CSPD website at <http://www.cspd.org/?page=VolunteerLeadership>. You can either email us what you are interested in, or you can apply for an elected position. We are currently looking for directors to serve on the CSPD Board of Directors starting this upcoming year. The leadership applications are due on Dec 10, 2015.

It is a privilege and an honor to serve as your President. I would "like, totally" love to hear from you! You can reach me via email at sharine.thenard@gmail.com.

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Western District Trustee Report

California Society of Pediatric Dentistry

John Gibbons, DDS, District VI Trustee



I just returned from the truly windy city of Chicago where the AAPD Board of Trustees (BOT) met for their Ad Interim Meeting. Over 600 pages of material were reviewed and discussed during the meeting. The leaders that serve us really work hard to keep our organization operating at the highest level so I am always humbled when working with this body of individuals.

I feel it is important that we, as members, stay informed of the actions of the BOT and offer ideas, suggestions and concerns related to those actions. The minutes of the BOT meetings are published after the minutes are approved, on the AAPD website, under the Member Resources section of the Resource Center. In that same area you can also find the latest reports of task forces and assigned committees that recommend how to implement the findings from the task force. This is important to you because these are the reports that shape the future direction of our organization and profession.

There are two published task force reports that might be of interest. The first is the Task Force on Talent Pool Development. The first implementation of this task force was to create a speakers bureau with names of speakers and topics for states to access for their state meetings. It will also help new and upcoming speakers get the experience and exposure they need to establish themselves.

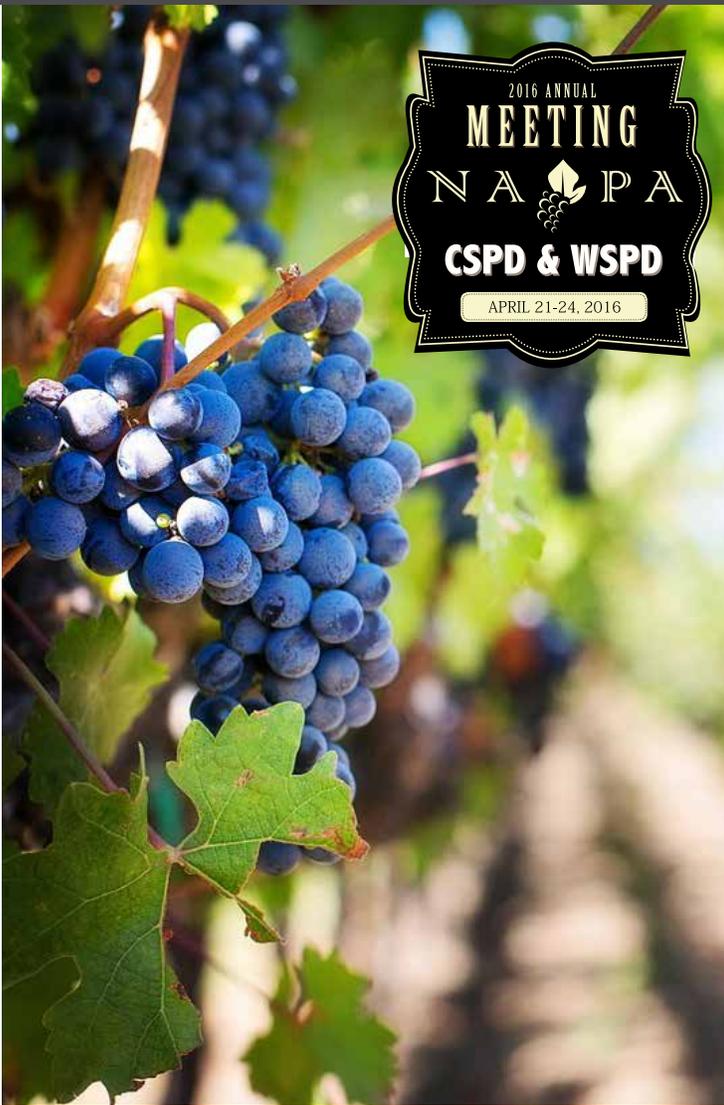
The second report of interest is the Task Force on Enhancing the Value of General Dentist Membership. In the United States 75 percent of children are treated by a general dentist. Always keeping in mind that our interest is in providing the best care possible for children, the discussion in this report addresses how we might best help our fellow colleagues as they treat children.

Further actions of the AAPD Board of Trustees were to approve joint symposia between the AAPD and both the European Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland. The EAPD meeting is being planned for June in Belgrade with the topic of sedation. The joint symposium with the Royal College of Surgeons will be held in October 2016 and will focus on "Making Clinical Decisions Along the Caries Continuum." The format will be multiple short lectures of 45 minutes followed by questions. This symposium will replace the normal Fall symposium that the AAPD usually holds. Of note, there has already been a lot of buzz about the joint symposium with the RCSI. Historically, the venue is beautiful with limited capacity. If you are interested in this meeting, be sure to sign up early. Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to experience that conference with my friends from the Western District. Look in the October issue of Pediatric Dentistry Today for more information on the exact dates and registration information.

Lastly I would like to report about some of the awards that our organization has received this year. The AAPD's public relations firm Weber Shandwick nominated the AAPD's Monster-Free Mouths campaign for several prestigious industry awards, resulting in the following awards:

- Award of Excellence at the Silver Anvil Awards in New York City - June 4, 2015
- Golden Anvil at the Publicity Club of Chicago Golden Trumpet Awards- June 4, 2015
- Executive of the Year, awarded to our CEO Dr. John Rutkauskas, at the Public Relations Society of America's 2015 Skyline Awards – June 10, 2015

Congratulations to all those at headquarters who made these awards possible.



2016 CSPD/WSPD Annual Meeting

A Blend of Education, Networking
& "Grape" Expectations

SILVERADO RESORT & SPA IN NAPA, CALIFORNIA

Uncork the Experience

Hitch a ride on Napa's famous Wine Train! Enjoy the best view Napa has to offer as it travels from the Napa Valley to Calistoga while eating a three-course gourmet meal.

Visit one of the many vineyards and wineries the Napa Valley has to offer.

FORE! Play golf at two of the area's premiere golf courses at the Silverado Resort & Spa. Redesigned by PGA Hall of Famer Johnny Miller, both courses feature dozens of water crossings, elevation changes and routing through historic oak trees.

Relax at Silverado's Day Spa, while you get a massage or enjoy some peace and quiet by the spa pool.



TOPICS & WORLD RENOWNED SPEAKERS

"The Behavior Symposium: Assessment, Intervention and Restraint of "Uncooperative" Child Behavior in the Invasive Context" Speakers: Dr. Gerald Wright, Dr. Man Wai Ng, Dr. Gary Walco and Dr. Dennis Nutter

"Pediatric Periodontal Disease: A Review of Cases and Dental Acid Erosion: Identification and Management" Speaker: Dr. Martha Ann Keels

"Minimally Invasive Techniques in Pediatric Dentistry" Speakers: Dr. Man Wai Ng and Dr. Francisco Ramos

"Monitored Anesthetic Care in Pediatric Dentistry" Speaker: Dr. Stephen Wei

Resident Poster Presentations: See the future of pediatric dentistry live in action at our poster presentation session. This session features a range of studies completed by current residents from the Western District and California programs.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES THIS YEAR



- ✓ CSPeD Talks - hear innovative approaches in clinical practice from experts.
- ✓ WOW: Words of Wisdom - join us for lunch in tables of ten as you talk and learn from different professionals and companies that interest you.

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Visit www.cspd.org for more information! Registration opens mid-November.

2016 Annual Meeting

Napa Valley

Jacob Lee, DDS, with introduction by Oariona Lowe, DDS, CSPD Annual Meeting Chair



The upcoming Annual Meeting at the Silverado Resort and Spa in Napa, CA will boast a line-up of speakers who will share a wealth of knowledge for three consecutive days of superb continuing education. The academic session will begin with a Symposium on Behavior Guidance on Friday morning, ending with CSPed Talks on Sunday morning. Dr. Jacob Lee, our Annual Meeting Event Coordinator (AMEC) is planning a spectacular experience for all the attendees from social events to an unparalleled academic program. As the AMEC extraordinaire, he will now share the secrets of the signature program that is being planned for you.

–Oariona Lowe

Thank you for your very kind introduction, Dr. Lowe.

Every year under the auspices of the Annual Meeting Chair, the vice-president is given the task of serving as the Annual Meeting Event Coordinator. It is another path to learning how the organization operates. And depending on each vice-president's experience, the flavor of the designated locale is optimized.

On Thursday evening, the welcome reception will be held in the center of the Silverado Resort with 3-4 local wineries presenting their best years for tasting. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided by Silverado's innovative chefs such that every sip is to be paired with every delicious bite.

Perhaps one of the highlights of the annual meeting is the gala on Saturday night. For this meeting, the selected venue for the gala is Artesa Vineyards & Winery. Artesa is located approximately 25 minutes from the resort. As the gala time nears, attendees will be transported through the neighboring vineyards onto a location overlooking the vast rolling hills of wine country. On a clear day, one can even catch a glimpse of San Francisco! There will be wine-tasting, of course, and tasty pairings. Then dinner will be served in the Barrel Room. In one sense, I do not want to give away all the "WOWs"; however, I do not want to be so secretive that only a few will know. The Barrel Room will

be converted for the dinner party with an area set apart for dancing. The room is very cool in all aspects. Wine will warm you up, and dancing will get you hopping hot! Post-dinner, when convenient, attendees may leave from the Barrel Room, where transportation awaits to return everyone safely back to the Silverado while enjoying the moonlit night (ordering the Moon was extra).

The planning continues and is still in flux, but one thing we are determined to achieve is for attendees to experience a profoundly edifying program, complemented with excellent ambience, food and beverage.

One matter that I would like to address is that this annual meeting is during the beginning of Passover. On behalf of all those involved, I offer my sincere apologies to our members of the Jewish faith. Meetings are planned many years in advance and we strive to run a good race, but at times we fall on our faces. I am sorry. We will get up and try our best not to trip again.

During last year's annual meeting, an experimental program was attempted on Sunday morning. It was called the "String of Pearls." Many had trepidation as to how many members would apply to speak, as well as how many would attend the morning after the gala. To everyone's delight, it garnered a tremendous response. Needless to say, due to the popular demand, we shall have it again. But this year it has been renamed as our own CSPeD Talks. Our organization is comprised of volunteers. As much as those volunteering to work in the organization throughout the year are appreciated, those who volunteer to speak at our annual meetings are also invaluable. If you have any ideas, please do not hesitate to share.

I am acutely aware that California is in the midst of a great drought. And I know this sounds selfish, but I pray that the sweet rain skips Napa Valley from April 21-24, 2016. But even if it does rain, we are ready with a contingency plan to still leave you with a wonderful memory.

Be a Presenter at the Annual Meeting!



CSPeD Talks Series

The CSPeD Talk series will be held from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Sunday, April 24, 2016 at the annual meeting. Think you have a topic of interest to the pediatric dentistry profession? Submit an abstract today to present to attendees at the meeting. Presentation length is 30 minutes with a five minute Q & A session.

Topics could range from dental office themes to tips on pediatric esthetic dentistry to pitfalls of starting a new practice. Submit an abstract to admin@cspd.org. Space is limited!

Guidelines for Submitting an Abstract

Guidelines for submitting an abstract for a CSPeD Talk or WOW! Presentation:

- Abstracts must be one page in length or less and should include the title and all contributing authors' names and affiliations. Please identify the name of the person who will be presenting and add biographical sketches of the authors as a second page. The sketches should be 50 words or less in paragraph form.
- Margins should be 1-inch top, bottom, and 1¼-inch right and left margins. The text should be single-spaced, 12-point size, Arial font, with no pagination, footers and headers. Paragraphs should be left justified.
- Major headings should be 16-point bold; minor headings should be 12-point not bolded. There should be one blank line above and below all headings, except above major headings, which should have two blank lines.
- Graphics should not be used in abstracts.
- If you are submitting for the WOW! Session please include any preferred vendors and types of companies that would work best with your presentation.

By virtue of submitting an abstract, the submitter(s) grants CSPD the right to publish any accepted abstract or the right to decline any abstract. The Annual Meeting Committee will review abstracts and make final selections. If your abstract is accepted for a presentation and you agree to present, you will be expected to register and pay for the event using CSPD's online registration.

Want to be a WOW! Table Sponsor?

Look for more information in the 2016 Sponsor & Exhibitor Prospectus released mid-November. To get on the mailing list for the prospectus and future opportunities with CSPD please contact Yelena at yelena@cspd.org.

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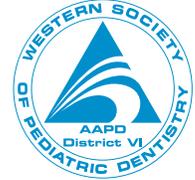
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Report of the Public Policy Advocate

Prepared for the California Society of Pediatric Dentistry

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The California Society of Pediatric Dentistry is the state's leading advocate and recognized authority on oral health issues affecting infants, children, adolescents and patients with special health care and developmental needs. The Society interacts with the state legislature, regulatory bodies, licensing bureaus, institutions of dental education, media outlets, and policy makers at all levels of public and private participation to promote and ensure optimal pediatric oral health in the state.

Denti-Cal Update

In what I reported as a positive development for undercompensated providers in the previous issue of *The Bulletin*, the Governor and the legislature reached agreement in the fiscal 2015-2016 state budget to exempt dental services from the 10 percent across-the-board Medi-Cal payment reductions applied in 2013, beginning July 1 of this year. Implementation of the prospective rate restoration, however, is still being delayed pending approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Until that federal approval is granted, payments to Denti-Cal providers will continue to reflect the 10% reduction. Once CMS approval is acquired, the state will correct underpayments to Denti-Cal providers made for services provided since July 1. It is unclear whether this will be done by issuance of a check or by application to future claims.

While this should be viewed as a positive step toward rebuilding our state Medicaid Dental Program, dental reimbursement rates in California are still at the same level as they were in the year 2000. A recent state audit noted that the state's reimbursement for the most common pediatric dental procedures are only 35 percent of the national average and that less than half (46 percent) of children enrolled in Medi-Cal received any dental service in the previous year. A little over half of all children and one-third of adults in the state are now Medi-Cal eligible, creating a dental service demand beyond the resources and capacity of the current Denti-Cal delivery system. A recent report by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) reported that the number of Denti-Cal providers has decreased 15 percent since 2008, while the number of beneficiaries has increased by 5 million in the same time period.

Little Hoover Commission Denti-Cal Study

The "Little Hoover Commission" on *California State Government Organization and Economy* is an independent state oversight agency created in 1962 to investigate state government operations and – through reports, recommendations and legislative proposals – promote efficiency, economy and improved service in state government. In April, Senator Dr. Richard Pan and Assembly Member Dr. Jim Wood petitioned the Commission to undertake a formal review of Denti-Cal program operations in the wake of the deficiencies outlined in the 2014 State Auditor's Report (recounted above) and the lack of adequate response by the DHCS. The commission agreed to do so and held in September a public hearing to initiate the study, at which CSPD provided invited oral testimony. I later spoke by telephone with the Deputy Executive Director and Staff to recommend focusing on three areas of accountability:

1. Denti-Cal Beneficiary Utilization (patient access and services provided)
2. Denti-Cal Provider Participation (network adequacy and capacity)
3. Department of Health Care Services Denti-Cal oversight (responsibilities and execution)

The Commission will next likely assemble stakeholder focus groups to identify potential improvements to Denti-Cal operations to recommend to the Department and to the Legislature. The next open meeting is scheduled for November 19.

Sedation and General Anesthesia Authorization

In September the DHCS released a *Denti-Cal Provider Bulletin* outlining a revised policy, effective November 1, requiring providers of general anesthesia (D9220/D9221) and intravenous sedation (D9241/D9242) to submit a Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) prior to the delivery of care.

The *Bulletin* outlines *Intravenous Sedation and General Anesthesia Guidelines, Criteria Indications, and Reimbursement Scenarios* based on treatment location and anesthesiology provider (http://www.denti-cal.ca.gov/provsrvcs/bulletins/Volume_31_Number_13a.pdf). Additionally, the Bulletin provides guidance regarding the administration of oral conscious sedation (D9248). Previously, medical managed care organizations (MCOs) had been provided an *All Plans Letter* outlining essentially the same information.

The California Dental Association advocated extensively with the DHCS, in partnership with CSPD and the Oral and Facial Surgeons of California (and other stakeholders) over the course of a year on this important issue. Our focus has been, and continues to be, to ensure that Denti-Cal beneficiaries receive access to appropriate care using the proper sedation modality based on the clinical judgment of the treating dentist in conjunction with the informed consent of the patient (parent).

There remain critical issues related to the new policy that CSPD is attempting to address to ensure timely access to appropriate adjunctive services, including expanding the list of providers able to submit the authorization requests and ensuring medical plans (MCOs) do not construct unacceptable administrative barriers to care.

State Oral Health Plan

As reported earlier in this column, Dr. Jayanth (Jay) Kumar took office August 1 as the Dental Director of the new *Office of Oral Health* within the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). With his appointment, the initial steps to develop a **State Oral Health Plan** and an **Oral Health Surveillance Plan** were taken by the creation of a *California Oral Health Program Advisory Committee*. The **State Oral Health Plan** is intended to serve as a roadmap to identify priorities and objectives to address the burden of oral disease in the state, increase access to oral health services for high risk populations, and improve the oral health status of all Californians.

The Advisory Committee met for the first time in August to create an organizational structure and provide overall direction in regards to the development of the plan. CSPD was invited by Dr. Kumar and the CDPH to sit on the Advisory Committee, which met again in Sacramento in October. At that meeting, the key priorities of the plan were identified in three areas as follows:

1. Access to Care
2. Community-Based Prevention
3. Communication and Education

In addition to developing the **State Oral Health Plan**, Dr. Kumar is charged with securing federal and other funding for oral health and prevention services, with children as the primary target of these programs.

Tobacco Tax Initiative

In the closing days of the 2015 legislative session, with active opposition from the tobacco lobby and a general impasse on managed care organization (MCO) tax reform and other special session issues, a package of tobacco-related bills failed to emerge for house votes. In response, the *Save Lives California* coalition filed a ballot measure for the November 2016 election to raise the state's tobacco tax by \$2.00 per pack. In addition to increased Medi-Cal reimbursement rates that the new revenue would provide, the measure would dedicate \$30 million annually to fund **State Oral Health Plan** programs overseen by the State Dental Director. This would be an unprecedented dedicated funding source for oral health programs in California.

State Health Benefits Exchange

2015 marked the second year that the provisions of the Affordable Care Act regarding mandatory health coverage for most Americans ---- or pay a penalty --- were in effect. Pediatric dental services for children are one of the ten **Essential Health Benefits** covered under the Act and California's Health Benefits Exchange ---- Covered California ---- elected to provide these benefits exclusively in 2014 by the separate purchase of a stand-alone pediatric dental plan. As a result of the manner in which it was offered (as a voluntary add-on item after the purchase of the health plan was completed), the disappointing take-up rate was less than 30 percent. This year, the stand-alone pediatric dental plans were eliminated from the Exchange and, instead, all medical plans include embedded pediatric dental benefits. Medical plans partnered with dental plans to provide these embedded benefits, which have a separate deductible and a separate out-of-pocket maximum from those of the medical benefits. State regulators are required to separately monitor the adequacy of dental plan provider networks and timely access to dental care.

It is anticipated that stand-alone family dental plans will be offered in the state exchange and SHOP (Small Business Health Options Program) to adults wishing to obtain dental coverage in 2016. These plans will include dependent coverage and, when purchased, the child's dental benefits under the plan will be secondary to the benefits of the embedded dental plan.

Public Policy Advocate's Report

Bills of Interest to CSPD

Prepared for the California Society of Pediatric Dentistry October 2015

Paul A. Reggiardo, DDS, Public Policy Advocate

CSPD follows a number of bills under consideration by the state legislature which potentially impact pediatric oral health. Updated information on the legislative progress of these initiatives may be found in the Advocacy, Legislation, and Regulatory Matters (ALARM) section of the CSPD website. Members having questions or wishing to comment on these or any other legislative matters are invited to contact CSPD's Public Policy Advocate, Dr. Paul Reggiardo, at reggiardo@prodigy.net.

AB 179 (Bonilla) Dental Board of California. This bill extends the operation of the Dental Board of California to January 1, 2020, provides statutory authority to the DBC to increase licensing and other fees for dentists and all categories of registered dental assistants, authorizes a moratorium on the RDA practical examination until the DBC conducts an assessment to determine if the practical examination is necessary and accurately measures the competency of registered dental assistants for licensure, and provides a correction to the Dental Practice Act concerning unprofessional conduct.

CSPD Position: Watch

Outcome: Passed by the Legislature and Signed into Law by the Governor.

Comment: As amended, the bill places a statutory cap, effective 1/1/16, on the fee for the initial and renewal of the dental license at \$650, which would increase to \$800 1/1/18. Current licensure fee is \$525. The bill also fixes the lack of exemption for dentists regarding unprofessional conduct in the treatment of spouses or equivalent relationships. Another provision authorizes the Dental Board to conduct an independent review to determine on or before July 1, 2017, whether a practical examination is necessary to demonstrate the competency of registered dental assistants for licensure and to suspend the practical examination during the review process. This provision was originally included in another bill, AB 178, followed by CSPD, and amended in the closing days of the legislative session.

AB 366 (Bonta) Medi-Cal: Annual Access Monitoring.

The bill would have required the Department of Health Care Services to obtain an independent annual report on access to Medi-Cal services (including dental) and would have required provider rate increases to the extent that reimbursement is found to be inadequate and funding provided in the annual budget.

CSPD Position: Watch

Outcome: Died in the Senate (Appropriations Committee)

Comment: As introduced, the bill, which was largely symbolic, called for immediate repeal of prior year Medi-Cal rate reductions and for future reimbursement increases. This version was equally symbolic in that the cost to collect and analyze data was estimated as being up to \$1 million annually and the costs to general fund for increased provider rates was inestimable.

AB 502 (Chau) Dental Hygiene Practice.

The bill would authorize the creation of a Registered Dental Hygienist in Alternative Practice (RDHAP) corporate structure and provide the Dental Hygiene Committee of California with the same corporate regulatory and oversight authority as granted other overseeing entities by the California Department of Consumer Affairs.

CSPD Position: Support

Outcome: Passed by the Legislature and Signed into Law by the Governor.

Comment: Earlier versions of the bill would have eliminated the requirement that for an RDHAP to continue seeing a patient after 18 months a prescription from a dentist or physician is required and would have allowed a RDHAP in a designated Dental Health Professions Shortage Area (DHPSA) to continue independent private practice if that designation was removed, both of which were opposed by CDA and CSPD.

AB 648 (Low) Virtual Dental Home Implementation Project. This bill would establish the Virtual Dental Home Grant Program to expand the virtual dental home (VDH) model of community-based delivery of dental care to underserved populations in community clinics and school programs. The bill would create the California Virtual Dental Home Grant Program Account within the California Health Facilities Financing Authority Fund.

CSPD Position: Support

Outcome: Held in the Senate for reconsideration next year in the second 2015-2016 session.

Comment: Efforts to find funding for the bill resulted in the identification of an entity outside of the Department of Public Health, which was originally supposed to oversee the program. This raised administrative complexities for proper program administration that could not be resolved prior to the first session legislative deadline. The bill will therefore be held over to the second session which convenes in January.

AB 880 (Ridley-Thomas) Free-Clinic Practice by Final Year Dental Students. The bill would permit the practice of dentistry by a final year student, without compensation or expectation of compensation, in a free clinic or health fair setting under the supervision of a licensed dentist with a dental school faculty appointment after meeting certain disclosure and supervision requirements.

CSPD Position: Passed by the Legislature and Signed into Law by the Governor.

Comment: Amendments to the bill 8/18/15, proposed by CSPD and accepted by the author and the sponsor (the Oral and Facial Surgeons of California) provided the necessary clarity of student supervision, liability protection, patient disclosure, and op-out provisions for the patient or the patient's parent or guardian, missing from earlier versions, to garner CSPD support.

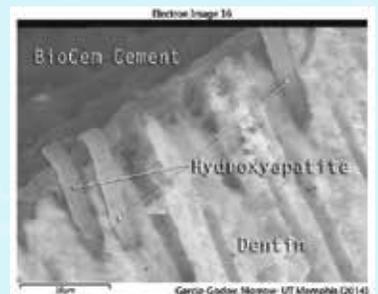
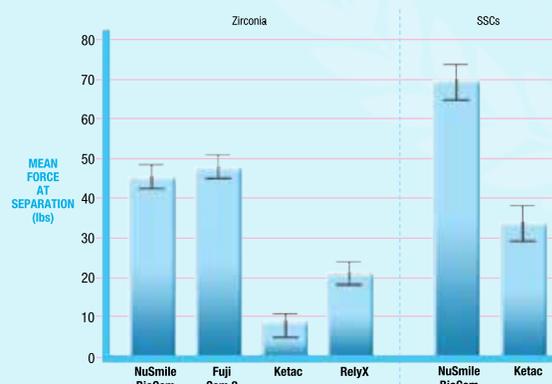


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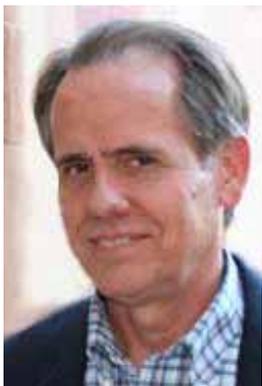


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Website Notes

New Website and Data Base – Full Speed Ahead!

Steven Niethamer, DDS



Many of us have visited the new website since it went live back in April. Initially the pages seemed strangely modern and akin to the new styles of AAPD, ADA and CDA websites. When exploring, menus unexpectedly explode in front of us and then just as rapidly vanish from sight. But, with time, these pages have grown more familiar to us, have carried us into the latest style of websites and are

becoming easier to use and navigate. We will continue to tweak this website until it feels like an online home. The site now gets over 3,000 visits per month by over 1,800 users, half of them returning multiple times. I encourage all of our members to become more familiar with this site and to send me your comments on what you like and dislike. Email to sniethamer@cspd.org.

To see all files and have access to the entire website, members must sign in. I suggest that you make your life easier by letting your browser manage the name and password. If you do not have a password, click on, "Forgot your password?" and a link to set or reset your password will be sent to the email address on file. If you still have problems, get more help by calling CSPD headquarters at, (916) 231-2142.

After CSPD members sign in, they can add photos, information about their office, interesting files, second offices, links to personal or office websites and other promotional materials. Remember that you can restrict access to your information to one of three levels. Some of us will want only administrators to view our files. Many others will want to allow all CSPD members access. You may also permit anyone visiting our website to view your information. We are hoping that parents in need of a pediatric dentist will be searching for their new dentist on our website. Seeing photos of our members or photos of their office may help them decide.

Since August 1, 114 members have logged into their accounts, 30 have added photos, four have active Résumés/CVs, two have added files to their wall and two more have added social media links. These are pretty good results but we can do better!

Signing up for continuing education programs and paying for them online has never been easier. Our recent programs have garnered 110 registrations, with 40 having paid for them securely online.

Online Continuing Education (OCE) and Recertification of Oral Conscious Sedation Certificate

Every two years, the California Board of Dentistry requires dentists with Oral Conscious Sedation Certificates to recertify their licenses. To do this, the California Dental Board requires applicants to obtain seven units of continuing education that are related to oral conscious sedation of minor patients. These units can be obtained online or in live lectures. Sometimes we want that live experience, which includes travel, days off from the practice, possible hotel room expenses and that ever important networking time with colleagues. Other times it is so much more convenient, less expensive and perhaps a more effective means of learning to pursue these units online. Programs can be stopped and restarted at any time; sections can be repeated and the whole program can be viewed again until you understand each concept.

CSPD OCE has the most comprehensive list of programs that can satisfy this recertification requirement. What do we have? Just recorded and soon to be added to the list is a full day lecture by Dr. Tom Lenhart given at Loma Linda. A three hour Dr. Steven Ganzberg lecture from last year's annual meeting is available. Dr. David Rothman is featured in a three hour program and another six hour program on sedation recorded at Loma Linda. There are six hours of lectures by Drs. Bart Johnson and Douglas Jackson recorded in Seattle. In total, our OCE library will soon have close to 30 hours of sedation program! In addition, CSPD's OCE programs cost only \$35/CE Unit and can be viewed for at least four months.

What other programs does our OCE Library contain? Dr. John Featherstone has one program about caries balance and another on lasers. Dr. Joel Berg discusses glass Ionomers and resins. Dr. Bill Waggoner reviews traditional restorative materials, treatment planning and, of course, esthetic crowns. Dr. N. Sue Seale covers pulp therapies and Leslie Canham provides OSHA Compliance Training for dental office staff. Also, Dr. Dennis McTigue presents some Challenging Cases in Dental Traumatology and Dr. Tim Wright explains how teeth are made.

There are free programs, too. All of the CSPD Foundation programs are available including this year's program on Access to Dental Care in CA and last year's program addressing Corporate Pediatric Dentistry. Pediatrician Dr. James Stout lectures about management of chronic conditions of childhood and Dr. Bill Waggoner discusses anterior esthetic and zirconia ceramic crowns.

CSPD's Online Continuing Education library (OCE) is a treasure trove of lectures that are available 24/7. Enjoy!

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Steve Gross, CDT



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It's hard to believe summer is already over. It's also hard to believe that 15 years ago, this Foundation was just an idea. Thanks to a lot of creative thinking, hard work and amazing generosity, we've accomplished so much in trying to elevate the level of education in pediatric dentistry; not just in our training programs, but also through support of continuing education

programs at the CSPD Annual Meeting and our highly recognized leadership intern programs.

All that we do would not be possible without our corporate sponsors and most importantly, you, the membership of CSPD. Your generous donations every year have resulted in more than \$1,500,000 being invested in a growing array of programs aimed at making the profession stronger.

What's New for 2015-2016?

The Foundation now has a redesigned web page – log on to www.CSPD.com/Foundation - It's easy to navigate and view our numerous accomplishments with up to date news and grant opportunities with an easy on-line application process. The Foundation is also inviting applications for research and presentation travel grants.

Your Foundation will once again be a major sponsor at the CSPD Annual Meeting in Napa. We'll be sponsoring a symposium on behavior guidance, which you won't want to miss.

With change comes a new challenge! So many of you have made your annual gifts in support of the Foundation by including it in your Annual Dues payment. Unfortunately, now that CSPD/WSPD dues billing is being included in your AAPD statement, you will lose this convenient way to give. Please watch for our mailing and emails, which will offer easy ways to submit your contributions via mail or the Internet. All of our work depends on your continued support! You can also visit our website and join your colleagues in this important cause with just a couple of clicks. All of our work depends on your continued support!

For those who consistently donate – THANK YOU!! If you are new to giving to the Foundation, your additional support will allow us to sustain existing programs and do even more for you and those who will follow you in this great profession.

In closing, I want to wish every one of you a happy and healthy holiday season and New Year.

For your questions or comments, please email - steveg@SMLglobal.com



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We hope you find it easy to navigate and get your credits. CSPD's CE portal is a great place to get your CEs. It is accessible, easy and inexpensive. Remember, the ABPD deadline for renewing your credentials is November 30, 2015.



Screen shot 1.



Screen shot 2.

CSPD Welcomes Incoming Residents

Each year, CSPD contacts the California Post-Doctoral programs and requests information on their incoming residents. The program directors provide photos and profiles of their new residents so that we might get to know them. If you get the chance to meet them on campuses, meet and greets, the annual meeting, or any other networking encounter, please encourage them as they enter into our pediatric dentistry family.

Loma Linda University



Hanieh Hassani finished dental school in Iran in 2009, then moved to United States with her husband in 2010. She was accepted to the International Dentist Program (IDP) at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry. Now after finishing the two year program of IDP, she is happy to have started the pediatric residency at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry. She loves hiking and enjoys cooking. After graduation,

she would like to join a private practice as a pediatric dentist and be involved in academia. She would also like to go on mission trips to under privileged areas.



Linda L. Ngo graduated from the Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC in 2009. The following year, she completed a GPR at Bronx Lebanon Hospital in New York. She stayed in New York to practice and focused on serving the underprivileged community in the Bronx. In 2013, She had an opportunity to join Columbia University and Lutheran Medical Center of Brooklyn as a part

time AEGD attending. During this time, Dr. Ngo and her residents worked closely to serve the HIV/AIDS community in Harlem. Throughout her career, her passion remains in treating children and those with special needs. In 2015, she pursued this dream to specialize in pediatric dentistry. She is extremely excited to be at Loma Linda University to begin her career as pediatric dentist. She is looking forward to returning to California and its warm weather.



Christine Kim grew up in Orange County and attended UCLA for both undergrad and dental school. After graduating from UCLA School of Dentistry in 2014, she completed a general practice residency at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in Downey where she worked with many patients with disabilities. Dr. Kim decided to receive further training at Loma Linda University School

of Dentistry's Pediatric Dentistry Program to become a pediatric dentist. She loves traveling, hiking, and playing tennis. After her pediatric dentistry residency, she hopes to work in private practice and devote time to community service.



Jessica Phan was born and raised in Dallas, TX, she moved to California to attend Western University of Health Sciences College of Dental Medicine from which she just received her degree. She lives in Irvine, CA with a crazy cat named Austin. She met her fiancé first year and "tied the knot" in beautiful Big Sur, CA this past summer. She loves trying new foods (addicted to Yelp), watching

Disney movies, and relaxing at the beach. She is thrilled to have the opportunity to pursue her dream of pediatric dentistry at Loma Linda University. Upon completion of the program, she hopes to work in both private practice and in a community clinic setting. With an emphasis on education and prevention, Dr. Phan hopes to promote good oral health while providing comprehensive compassionate care to the children that inspire her.

University of California, Los Angeles



Alejandra Rivera was born and raised in New York City. She received a Bachelor's in Psychology from Queens College before attending Columbia University for her DDS degree. She is excited to be at UCLA, and loving the LA weather as much as she hates the LA traffic. In her free time she can be found in any one of her favorite beaches, or visiting family in her parents' native country of the

Dominican Republic. Her hobbies include scuba diving; and while absolutely terrified, she conflictingly desires to have a shark encounter because she has always been fascinated with their teeth!



Gabriela Salcedo was born and raised in Orange County. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from California State University, Long Beach with a degree in Biology-Physiology. Dr. Salcedo went on to receive her DDS from the University of California, San Francisco -School of Dentistry in 2008. She completed her General Practice Residency at Harbor - UCLA Medical Center.

After practicing for a few years in

Southern California, she is very excited to be a part of the UCLA Pediatric Dental program. In her free time she enjoys cooking, laughing, singing Disney and Mariah Carey songs, dancing with her baby, hiking, and spending time with family and friends.



Anna Chamberlain was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. She received her Doctor of Dental Surgery from Rio de Janeiro State University and practiced general dentistry for four years before moving to Los Angeles, California. In 2012 she joined the Professional Program for International Dentists at UCLA School of Dentistry and received her DDS degree in 2015. She is very excited to be part of the UCLA

Pediatric Dentistry Department and cannot wait to devote her time to treating children. Anna enjoys traveling, going to the movies and visiting theme parks in the company of her husband and their 8-year-old daughter.



Loliya Stewartis a southern girl who grew up in the suburbs of Atlanta, GA. She attended Emory University where she double majored in Psychology and Business Administration. Loliya and her high school sweetheart moved out west to live out their dreams. She attended UCLA School of Dentistry where she attained her D.D.S. degree in 2015. During her spare time Loliya enjoys outings with

her husband, attending special events, outdoor activities, reading, and hanging out with friends. She is excited about practicing dentistry with her favorite people...kids!



Nicole Bartosik grew up in a very loud Polish immigrant home in the heart of Chicago, IL. Loving city life, she stayed in Chicago and completed her undergraduate education at Loyola University, Chicago. After college, she attended University of Illinois Chicago College of Dentistry where she obtained her DDS degree. Wanting to learn more about how to treat pediatric patients as well as

dive into the world of academia, she completed a one-year fellowship with the Ohio State's Pediatric Dental Department and Nationwide Children's Hospital. After drinking the "Kool-Aid" (O-H-I-O!!!), meeting the love of her life, and learning a lot from her mentors about treating various types of pediatric patients, cultural diversity, access to care challenges, research and academia, she is excited and very ready to begin her pediatric residency at UCLA! In her spare time she really, really, really loves dancing/listening to Latin music (so much that she swears she was a Latina in another life). She also enjoys regularly attending Pure Barre classes, spending time with family, traveling, hanging out with friends, exploring, and most importantly ANYTHING related to food!

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Incoming Residents Continued

University of California, Los Angeles



Josh Lin was born in Torrance, CA, but raised in the tech bubble otherwise known as Palo Alto, CA. In 2008, he graduated from UCLA with a B.S. in Psychobiology. He then continued his education in dentistry under the bright lights of New York City at NYU, and received his D.D.S. in 2014. Currently, he is glad to be back on the West Coast as a UCLA pediatric resident. His hobbies include basketball, video

games, mixology, shenanigans on the beach, and exploring hip new restaurants with his wife. Dr. Lin can be both right and left handed, but he is NOT ambidextrous. He writes, drives, and drills with his right hand, but shoots a basketball, throws a baseball, and nae-nae's exclusively with his left hand. Although quiet on the surface, Dr. Lin is a free spirit, who is always looking to have fun. He is excited to learn as much as possible from his peers and mentors in the next two years, and is looking forward to a career in pediatric dentistry.



William Traynor was born and raised in Tucson, AZ. He attended Brigham Young University for his undergraduate education, receiving his B.S. in Business Management-Finance in 2004. While in college, he spent two years as a missionary in the Washington, DC area. He graduated with his DDS in 2008 from the UCLA School of Dentistry, after which he worked as an associate in pediatric-centered clinics in Ohio

and Texas. Dr. Traynor loves to travel and is always looking forward to his next trip. During residency, though, he might be doing all his traveling to Disneyland, which suits him just fine.

University of California, San Francisco



Kaitlin Benchimol has called the Golden State home for the last four years, she was born and raised in the Sunshine State, in St. Petersburg, Florida. She was inspired to go into pediatric dentistry by her own pediatric dentist, back home, in St. Petersburg. Kaitlin attended the University of Florida where she graduated cum laude with a Bachelors of Science in Integrative Biology and a minor in

Classical Civilizations. Kaitlin went on to obtain her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of California, San Francisco. During her time at UCSF, Kaitlin held various leadership positions including, Pre-school Outreach Coordinator and Vice President of the Student Society of Pediatric Dentistry, where she implemented the "Mid-day Tooth Brushing Program" at Bay Area pre-schools. Kaitlin has also spent time giving back to the community, both locally and abroad. While at UCSF, Kaitlin volunteered at the annual Give Kids a Smile Day, participated in numerous elementary school dental screening events, and traveled on a mission trip to Ensenada Mexico, providing dental care to local underserved populations. In her spare time, Kaitlin

enjoys being outdoors, either hiking, backpacking, skiing, or biking. She also loves to cook and loves international travel, having visited 24 countries! Kaitlin fell in love with San Francisco nearly five years ago when she visited for her dental school interview, and is thrilled to be able to stay and provide dental care to the children of the Bay Area as a pediatric dental resident at USCF.



Devon Cooper was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, had a big move deep south to Ocean Springs, Mississippi when he was 13, attended the University of South Alabama where he received a Bachelors of Science in Biology with a minor in Spanish. Devon has always wanted to be a dentist because a pediatric dentist impacted him at the age of eight, which influenced him to pursue a career in dentistry. He

attended the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry, which he was actively involved. During his time he served as president of the Student National Dental Association, participated in community activities such as: Lessons in a Lunchbox, Special Olympics, and the Health Careers Opportunity Program. He was involved in a pediatric

research project that lead to being awarded 2nd place in the Dentsply/Caulk National Research Competition at AADR/IADR. He was also inducted into the Student Clinicians of the American Dental Association, and received an award from the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Upon Completion of his predoctoral degree he also received the Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics Award, The Quintessence Award, the Community Dentistry and Dental Public Health Award, Delta Dental Student Leadership Award, and the AAPD Predoctoral Student Award. In his spare time he loves playing sports, watching cartoons and spending time with his family, he is still trying to learn to dance. He feels very blessed to be a part of the UCSF Pediatric Dental Residency Class of 2018 and is ready to explore San Francisco!



Raj Lotwala was raised in Palm Springs, CA. He pursued his undergraduate studies at UC Berkeley, where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Integrative Biology. After graduation, he spent time performing research in the field of tumor markers before moving to New York to attend dental school at Columbia University. During dental school, Raj was awarded a National Health Service Corp scholarship

and was also selected to serve as a tutor for other dental students. Upon graduation, Raj entered a General Practice Residency at New York Methodist Hospital, where he first realized his desire to become dual-trained in orthodontics and pediatric dentistry. After completing his GPR, Raj worked at a Federal Medical Center in North Carolina before returning to California to work at a community health center. He then moved to Seattle in order to complete a Master's Degree orthodontics residency at the University of Washington, and published his research findings. Raj then returned to California to start orthodontic services at the community health center he had worked at previously as a general dentist.



Shan Grim was born and raised Stockton, CA. He received his B.A degree in Integrative Biology from the University of California – Berkeley in 2011. (Go Bears!) During his time in Berkeley, he was an active member of Kappa Alpha Order, Pre-dental society and regular volunteer at the La Clinica de la Raza dental clinic in Oakland. Upon graduating from UC Berkeley, Shan traveled across the country

to pursue a dental degree from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston, Massachusetts. At Tufts, Shan was involved in Delta Sigma Delta (DSD), the Massachusetts Dental Society and the American Student Dental Association (ASDA). Shan was involved in a variety of research projects focusing on dental materials to educational research and was inducted into the Robert R. Andrews Research Honors Society. Shan also served as a student Teaching Assistant (TA), where he especially enjoyed teaching preclinical courses. Shan enjoyed clinical rotations in federally qualified health centers around Boston and Winslow Indian Health Centers in Northern Arizona. He also had the opportunity to volunteer on a dental mission trip to the Dominican Republic. He is passionate about providing quality oral health care and plans to continue working with underserved communities and especially children via the National Health Service Corp. Upon graduating from Tufts Dental School in 2015, Shan is glad to return to Northern California and the Bay Area. He feels privileged to have been selected to UCSF's Pediatric Dental Residency Class of 2018. Besides being an avid San Francisco Giants and 49ers fan, Shan enjoys hiking, photography, running, and exploring the Bay Area!



Ariel Tsao was born in northern California and has lived the majority of her life in the Bay area. She attended UC Berkeley, majoring in Molecular and Cell Biology as well as Economics. She received her dental education at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine from where she recently graduated this past May. Her interests include raising oral health awareness among patients and health care

professionals, improving advanced education, and learning about practice management. While in dental school, Ariel led various dental outreach programs including Smiles for Life, Operation Mouthguard, and Harvard Asian American Dental Association. She also participated in an interprofessional oral health education program as well as volunteered her time in the Boston Children's Hospital Primary Care Center waiting room to teach healthy oral hygiene habits to children. As part of her research in dental school, she developed an adjunctive online module on which pre-doctoral dental students can practice diagnosing radiographic caries. Ariel is ecstatic to be among such brilliant colleagues as part of the UCSF Pediatric Dental team. She looks forward to augmenting her knowledge and making an impact in the field of pediatric dentistry.

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Incoming Residents Continued

University of Southern California



Justin Berman was born in Camp Lejuene, North Carolina and raised in Las Cruces, New Mexico. He graduated from New Mexico State University in 2010 and went to dental school at the Nova Southeastern University where he completed his dental degree with a MPH. Dr. Berman's main dental interests are behavior management, public health and sedation. His hobbies

include snowboarding, soccer and traveling. Following completion of the program, he would like to eventually own his own practice and teach in his spare time.



Giselle Galanto was born in Glendale and raised in Duarte, CA. She graduated from Claremont McKenna University with a bachelor's degree in 2010 and went to dental school at University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Galanto's main dental interests are prevention and treating children with special needs. Her hobbies include running, soccer and cooking. Following completion of the program, she plans to enter private practice and teach.



Evalina Josefsson was born and raised in Gothenburg, Sweden. She graduated from California State University, Northridge and went to dental school at USC. Dr. Josefsson's main dental interests are prevention and working with children with special needs. Her hobbies include hiking and riding as a passenger on motorcycles. Following completion of the program, she plans to enter private practice and also teaching.



Jennifer Lundergan was born in Pacifica and raised in San Francisco. She graduated from UCSD with bachelor's and master's degrees in Biology, and went to dental school at University of the Pacific. Dr. Lundergan's main dental interests are treating traumatic injuries and child development. Her hobbies include soccer, kayaking, and hiking. Following completion of the program, she plans to enter group practice in the Bay Area.



Lydia Park was born in Corona, and raised in Loma Linda. She graduated from La Sierra University with a bachelor's degree in medical technology and went to dental school at Loma Linda University. Dr. Park's main dental interest is seeing children in a hospital setting. Her hobbies include basketball, snowboarding and hiking. Following completion of the program, she is open to all practice options.



Arman Parsa was born in New York and raised in Arizona. He graduated from Arizona State University and went to dental school at Arizona School of Dentistry. Dr. Parsa's main dental interest is treating children with complex medical histories. He enjoys racquetball and following completion of the program, he plans to enter private practice.



Lan Pham was born and raised in St. Paul, Minnesota. She graduated from University of Minnesota with a bachelor's degree in biology and went to dental school at University of Minnesota as well. In addition to her dental degree, Dr. Pham earned a PhD in Oral Biology. Dr. Pham's main dental interest is addressing access to care and treating children with special needs. Her hobbies include hiking, biking and dancing.

Following completion of the program, she plans to enter private practice and teach.



Emily Rousso was born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama. She graduated from Emory University and went to dental school at University of Alabama at Birmingham. Dr. Rousso's main dental interests are prevention and treating children with high caries risk. Her hobbies include dancing, cooking and skiing. Following completion of the program, she plans to enter practice in Birmingham.



Matthew Wold was born in Los Angeles and raised in Highland, Utah. He graduated from Brigham Young University, and went to dental school at Arizona School of Dentistry. Dr. Wold's main dental interest is treating children with special needs. His hobbies include basketball, hiking, and hunting. Following completion of the program, he plans to enter private practice and be involved in public health.



Jonathan Stephens was born and raised in Long Beach. He graduated from Brigham Young University with a bachelor's degree in exercise science and went to dental school at Loma Linda University. Dr. Stephens' main dental interests are prevention and trauma. His hobbies include surfing and fishing. Following completion of the program, he plans to enter private practice in Southern California.

Lutheran Medical Center - San Diego



Brandon Nakken was born in Salt Lake City, Utah. He graduated from Brigham Young University with a BA in Italian. One of the ways that Brandon paid for his college education was by working as a ski instructor for young kids and sharing his passion for skiing. During this time he also began volunteering for the National Abilities Center in Park City, Utah where for 6 years he taught children with physical and cognitive



Nicole Oparaeke was born and raised in Texas and developed her interest in dentistry in Plano, a Dallas suburb. She graduated from Columbia University with a BA in Hispanic Studies where she volunteered abroad and locally through Global Brigades and at community public schools, served as co-coordinator for Asthma Gym, and participated on the track and field team. Nicole received her DMD

disabilities how to ski. Brandon received his DDS degree from University of the Pacific in San Francisco. While in dental school Brandon was a leader in SCOPE, the school's community outreach program, where he focused on bringing hygiene education to the youth in the Bay Area. Brandon is married and proud father to their first daughter, Ada who was recently born in December 2014. They look forward to returning to the snow and mountains so Ada can learn to ski and bike just like her mom and dad. One interesting fact about Brandon is that he first became interested in dentistry after having his front teeth broken during a rock climbing fall. He was fascinated by how his dentist was able to take away his pain and restore his smile. Brandon's favorite hobbies are skiing, mountain biking, rock climbing, watching sports and being with family and friends.

degree from Harvard University where she developed and coordinated an Oral Health Needs Assessment in Estancia, El Salvador. Since childhood, Nicole's interests have included social determinants of health and oral health access to underserved communities. After completing residency, she aspires to practice in underserved communities and participate in teaching. Nicole is excited to begin a new stage in her career at LMC-San Diego while edifying her clinical skills. An interesting fact about Nicole is that she is able to sleep in any situation. In her free time, Nicole enjoys playing cards, traveling, going to concerts, playing soccer, and watching the Dallas Cowboys.

Incoming Residents Continued

Lutheran Medical Center - San Diego



Hoa “Josh” Pham was born in Orange County, California and graduated from California State University Fullerton with a BS in biology. Upon graduation, he completed the UCSF/UOP dental post- baccalaureate program and graduated from Western University College of Dental Medicine in Pomona, Ca. After dental school, he completed a general practice residency in hospital dentistry at

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Beverly Hills, Ca. He has 10 years of experience volunteering year-round with pediatric oncology populations as a devoted camp counselor for Camp Ronald McDonald, where he improves children’s social skills, leading them in fun and creative activities in the mountains of Southern California. In dental school, he channeled his passion for serving children with special needs by acting as leader of the ASDA pediatric dentistry interest group and was appointed as a clinical director of Special Olympics Special Smiles. He is one of 4 sons of the first generation of Vietnamese-Americans of his family born in the US, with his hometown located in Irvine, Ca. His passions outside of dentistry include photography, videography, basketball, biking, and music. One interesting fact about Dr. Pham is that he has appeared in a music video for a major label band. After completing the pediatric residency program, he plans to stay in California and be involved with Hospital Dentistry and academia.



Roshanak Roshanzamir was born and raised in Iran. She moved to the United States with her family at age 15, at which time she had to adapt to a new environment, language and culture. After completing her formative education at Rancho Bernardo High School, she continued her education at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) with a BS in Biology. An early incident as a child peaked her

interest in the dental field. After falling and breaking her front teeth, her pedodontist ‘magically’ restored her teeth and her smile was better than before. This left such a positive and powerful impression on her, that she knew from very early on, that she wanted to be able to do the same for other children when she was older. Roshanak received her DMD degree from M. Kornberg School of Dentistry-Temple University in Philadelphia. Once she graduated, she moved

back to San Diego where she initially worked for Pacific Dental Services. Given her passion for giving back to the community, and helping others, she got involved with San Ysidro Health Center (A federally qualified health center that helps pediatric population, homeless patients, pregnant mothers, and their families). Roshanak had always enjoyed working with the pediatric population, and having had the chance to work with the pediatric population at SYHC further solidified her desires of wanting to become a pediatric dentist. She intends to continue her community outreach involvement upon completing her pediatric residency. One interesting fact about Roshanak is that she sets her alarm at random times (e.g., 5:59 am or 6:47 am). It must be like those speed limit signs that are 11 mph in neighborhoods — it’s meant to catch your attention. Roshanakenjoys spending her time with her family, her 15 year old Chihuahua Ernest, doing yoga, hiking, horseback riding and any other activity that includes being active and the outdoors.



Carson Rutledge is originally from Virginia Beach, VA and completed his undergraduate degree at Clemson University. Needless to say, he is a huge college football fan. Go Tigers! Carson completed dental school at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA. He grew up in a very active family and sports and fitness have always been core outlets for him. He loves the outdoors and

every kind of water sport. He’s also big into traveling and has been fortunate enough to travel all over the U.S. as well as visit Central America, Europe, and Australia. Working with kids has always been a large passion of Carson’s. He has spent countless hours mentoring and helping kids with both mental and physical disabilities gain both confidence and independence through therapeutic horseback riding programs as well as the Special Olympics. One interesting fact about Carson is that he has represented the United States twice in international horseback riding relay race competitions, both in Australia and in Wales. He plans to move back to the East Coast following residency and join a private practice while taking time to teach part time.



Emily Vaccarezza was born in Stockton and raised in the small town of Valley Springs, CA. She attended California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and graduated with a BS in biology and a minor in biotechnology. While in school she developed an interest in teaching, working as a laboratory proctor at a local junior college and tutoring younger students through her participation in the professional chemistry fraternity. Emily received her DDS degree from the University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry where she served as a student delegate for the California Dental Association for three years. During her time at Pacific, Emily enjoyed being involved in many community outreach programs including YMCA Healthy Kids Fairs, Give Kids a Smile and multiple CDA Cares events. She also gained an appreciation for international outreach while participating in a dental mission trip to Jamaica. Following the completion of her pediatric residency, Emily is looking

forward to returning to Northern California. One interesting fact about Emily is that she has played the saxophone for 10 years. In her free time, Emily enjoys being with her family and friends, playing volleyball and basketball, exploring new cultures and foods and singing karaoke.

Loma Linda Advocacy Efforts Loma Linda University

Jung-Wei Chen, DMD

On August 13, 2015, Loma Linda University Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program Director, Dr. Jung-Wei Chen, along with her pediatric dental residents, Xuan Lam, Linda Ngo, Jessica Phan, and Ryan Baker met with Congressman Peter Rey Aguilar, who is the U.S. Representative for California's 31st Congressional District. Dr. Gregory Olson and Dr. Chen helped to coordinate this meeting with the Congressman as part of CODA that requires pediatric dental residents to engage in the fundamental domains of child advocacy. Dr. Chen and residents shared their experience in treating patients in San Bernardino County and the problems in access to care, need for pediatric dentists, changes in oral health care after the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and the low reimbursement rate of Denti-Cal. Dr. Chen and her residents spoke to Congressman Aguilar about the Section 748 HRSA Title VII Pediatric Dentistry Appropriations Grant. This grant has, in part, aided pediatric dental residency programs to expand upon their programs in numerous ways, which has ultimately helped to increase the number of underserved children treated by these institutions. Congressman Aguilar assured Dr. Chen and her residents that he will do what he can to try to help increase grant funds so that these pediatric dental programs can continue to grow and treat children in need of dental care.



We Want You!



Calling All CSPD Members: Want to Get Involved?

As a professional organization, CSPD is heavily dependent on volunteers. By serving on a committee, you will have the chance to support this great organization, acquire wonderful experience in some aspects of non-profit volunteerism, and get to work with awesome colleagues, while helping CSPD continue to be the voice of pediatric dentistry in California.

The opportunities are almost limitless. **Want to Get Involved?** Please contact us on the CSPD website at <http://www.cspd.org/general/?type=CONTACT>. Tell us how you'd like to help, or simply ask us to get in touch with you to discuss the possibilities. Someone from our Leadership Development Committee will take it from there. This could be the start of something Big!

We are currently looking for a few good people to help in the following two areas:

- Editorial work- Are you interested in helping put the Bulletin together? We are looking for a Managing Editor; also a few article reviewers.
- Online CE- Are you interested in video taping lectures or helping editing them? We need you!

Application for CSPD Elected Officer Positions

CSPD is a volunteer led organization in continuous need for enthusiastic, dedicated volunteer leaders willing to help support the profession of pediatric dentistry and meet our organization's vision of optimal oral health for California's pediatric population.

The Leadership Development Committee is now actively identifying and recruiting potential candidates for available openings in the elected officer and Board of Directors positions.

If you are interested in applying to be a Director on our Board of Directors or to become our next Secretary, please complete an application on our website <http://www.cspd.org/?page=VolunteerLeadership>. The deadline for applications is December 10, 2015.

Want to know more? Contact Andy Soderstrom, Executive Director asoderstrom@cspd.org or Mark Lisagor, Leadership Development Chair marklisagor@gmail.com.



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January 23, 2016: Board Meeting, Los Angeles, CA
April 20-24, 2016: 2016 Annual Meeting - Silverado Resort, Napa, CA
March 15-19, 2017: 2017 Annual Meeting - Green Valley Ranch, Las Vegas, NV

AAPD CE Meetings

May 26-29, 2016: 69th Annual AAPD Meeting, San Antonio, TX

AVAILABLE CE COURSES

A Symposium on Important Oral and Cutaneous Lesions in Infants and Children

Location: Las Vegas, Nevada
 December 4-5, 2015
 All Day

SouthWestern Society of Pediatric Dentistry's 2 Day CE Meeting

Location: Dallas TX
Speaker(s): Cavan M. Brunsten, DMD & Stacy McCauley, RDH, MS
 December 4-5, 2015
 All Day Event

Registration for additional courses can be found online. Visit www.cspd.org to register online!

CSPD Professional Opportunities



Have you been thinking about hiring an associate, but just aren't sure where to look? Or are you finishing your residency soon, and aren't sure where you'd like to live and practice? The answer is right on the CSPD website. To look at these opportunities and others, go to www.cspd.org.

Sincerely,
 Don Schmitt, DDS

Significant Approved Motions From the September CSPD Board Meeting

- Motion: 9.19.2015.1:** Move to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- Motion: 9.19.2015.2:** Move to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
- Motion: 9.19.2015.3:** Move to receive and file consent agenda items. Motion carried.
- Motion: 9.19.2015.4:** Move to charge the Executive Committee with identifying points of concern with current AAPD affiliation agreement and create suggested verbiage. Motion carried.
- Motion: 9.19.2015.5:** Move to ask the Communications Committee to evaluate need for CE posting guidelines and if deemed necessary to develop draft guidelines for the review. Motion carried.
- Motion: 9.19.2015.6:** Move to receive and file the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.
- Motion: 9.19.15.7:** Move to adjourn the meeting at 3:22. Motion carried.

Warren Brandli Internships & Santos Cortez Graduate Student Legislative Advocacy Internship Applications Now Being Accepted

The CSPD Leadership Development Committee is now accepting applications for these two very prestigious programs, designed to identify and empower future leaders for both CSPD and organized dentistry. California pediatric dentistry residents are encouraged to learn about these programs on the CSPD website at <http://www.cspd.org/?page=Internships>.

The application deadline is November 10 for both programs. Residents are encouraged to discuss their interest with their program directors or with LDC Chair, Dr. Mark Lisagor.

CSPD Members in the News - Congratulations!



CSPD Executive Director, Dr. Andrew Soderstrom



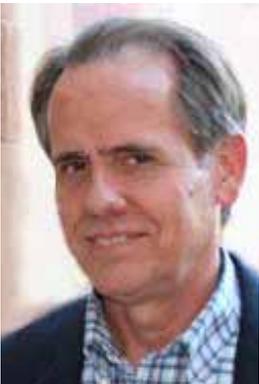
Dr. Soderstrom was recently honored with the CDA Foundation Humanitarian Award. The award was established in 2008 to recognize dentists in California who have made their mark on the state through “a lifetime of outstanding, unselfish leadership and contributions to fellow human beings in the field of dentistry.” We are proud to have Dr. Soderstrom serving alongside us for the benefit of underserved populations and other needy individuals.

CSPD Past-President, Dr. Steven Chan



On November 5, 2015, the American College of Dentists held its Annual Meeting and Convocation in Washington, D.C. and installed Dr. Steven D. Chan as its newest president. The American College of Dentists has the distinction of being the “oldest major honorary organization for dentists.” Since 1920, its mission has been “to advance excellence, ethics, professionalism, and leadership in dentistry.” Fellowship in the College is by invitation only, based on a demonstration of leadership in dentistry or community service. We are very proud to have one of our own leading the organization that is known as the “Conscience of Dentistry.”

CSPD Website Editor, Dr. Steven Niethamer



Dr. Niethamer was recently inducted into the International College of Dentists, the oldest honor society for dentists in the world. Fellowship is by invitation only, after a very selective peer review process based on the individual’s “outstanding professional achievement, meritorious service and dedication to the continued progress of dentistry for the benefit of humankind.” We are so grateful for Dr. Niethamer’s work on the CSPD website and in creating access to CSPD online continuing education courses for domestic and international dentists and celebrate this honor with him.

Do You Have a Story to Share?

Is your practice doing something unique? Whether it’s a great new program or how you managed a complex issue, we want to hear about it. The CSPD Bulletin is distributed to members statewide and pediatric dentists located throughout California. If you have news to share email admin@cspd.org.



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