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By Oariona Lowe, Annual Meeting Chair



This year's CSPD and WSPD Annual Meeting in Monterey, CA at the Hyatt Regency Resort was one of the most successful meetings of all times. Over 450 registrants were in attendance which included CSPD/WSPD, Western District active members, retired members, non-members, dental auxiliaries and guests. This also included four international attendees!

Our scientific program was exceptional. Over 20 CEU's were offered. The annual session was previewed on Wednesday with a PALS course given by a team of professionals led by Mr. John Bovia and Dr. Roger Sanger. The CSPD Foundation sponsored a course Thursday afternoon on "Corporate Dentistry" which featured various speakers with experience in the corporate side of dentistry. This presentation drew a record number of attendees. Following these two days of

extraordinary presentations, the academic program commenced with the unveiling of many national and internationally known speakers and their topics.

Speakers and topics included Sue Seale on "Pulp Therapy", Dennis McTigue on "Dental Trauma", Steve Ganzberg on "Sedation for the Young Patient", Jessica Lee on "Infant Oral Health", and John Featherstone, Dean of the UCSF School of Dentistry, who presented on "Lasers and the Future of Dentistry". The New Dentist program had the distinct pleasure of having Jim Squires from Facebook who gave the audience an exceptional presentation on "Social Media".

The social events that took place were among the best ever. Our Welcome Reception featured a Jazz Trio that played songs from the 50's through the 90's. Attendees were encouraged to bring their pets, as the Hyatt Regency Resort is a pet-friendly hotel. Our Installation Lunch was also well-attended. The Program Directors and Chairs of dental residency programs who were in attendance were given the opportunity to introduce their residents to the luncheon attendees. Dr. Gary Sabbadini, who stepped down as CSPD Editor,

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President's Message

Dennis Paul Nutter, DDS



Tripartite Vote in Boston: If you will be attending the AAPD Annual Meeting in Boston, I urge you to attend the General Assembly Meeting on Sunday, May 25 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Put it on your schedule. Any CSPD member belonging to the Academy is eligible to attend and vote.

AAPD leadership is hoping to pass a Bylaws change effectively eliminating the requirement that members have concurrent membership in State, District

and National Organizations. The States of the Western Society of Pediatric Dentistry (WSPD) view this as being a sign that AAPD is unfriendly to the idea of strong state and district organizations. While I understand that it is problematic to infer intentions from actions, it appears at least that AAPD has lacked creativity in the elaboration of the solution that they settled on. Many of us in WSPD have thought of pathways that could have satisfied both State and National aims. This is a dangerous path AAPD has taken. The Law of Unintended Consequences applies. Already, CSPD has strengthened its ties with the Western Society of Pediatric Dentistry, which comprises Washington, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Idaho, Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Wyoming and the Canadian provinces of Alberta and British Columbia. I will not attempt to describe here the details of this dispute as Dr. Lee, in her column last issue, wrote at length on the subject. But if you are in Boston, please attend the General Assembly. Less than 100 people normally attend it and AAPD leadership is surely hoping that the meeting will be off the radar of any California dentist. As few as 10 people could sway this vote. Last time, three people made the difference. A bylaws change takes a two-thirds majority vote. Be there!

Medi-Cal, Midlevel Providers and Teledentistry

California has eliminated its Children's Health Insurance Program known as Healthy Families and rolled the participants into the Medi-Cal program. This will result in an unprecedented 51% of children relying on Denti-Cal for their medical and dental

care by the end of the year. Non-dentist stakeholders will feel more justified in demanding that the legislature approve novel workforce solutions. Last year, in an interview with California Healthline, Wendy Lazarus of the Children's Partnership stated "*California's Medi-Cal dental system is already struggling to serve children and is unprepared for what's to come. California's kids deserve real access to quality dental care -- not a false promise of it*".¹ The Children's Partnership and others are asking to "*expand the scope of practice for mid-level providers, such as dental hygienists and dental assistants, who could provide care in regions with fewer dentists*".²

Some years ago, the Pew Foundation created a White Paper on forming coalitions to promote improvements in children's oral health including the establishment of novel workforce solutions. They have been successful in doing so largely because of dentistry's strategy of asking for higher reimbursement rates while saying no to novel workforce solutions without offering an alternative. Legislators have been quoted as saying, "*dentists don't want to treat the poor and they don't want anyone else to either*." The ADA in Alaska said "no" to irreversible procedures by Dental Health Aid Therapists (DHATs) who were proposed to treat remote native tribes who were without any dental providers. The ADA's Alaska response did have an alternative; the Community based Oral Health Provider. This provider did not have any irreversible procedures in their repertoire of tools and was not seen by stakeholders as a serious proposal. The Federal Government went forward with their plans to create DHATs in Alaska and the State of Alaska and the ADA sued to prevent its establishment. Organized dentistry was not seen as a very credible partner in "access to care" issues after this. The ADA lost on jurisdictional grounds, which means that when the Feds get it in their mind to create a novel workforce provider they start with the best cards in the game. The ADA signed a

1 Lauer George. *CaliforniaHealthline*, January 13, 2013, <http://www.californiahealthline.org/insight/2013/half-of-californias-kids-may-get-dental-care-through-medical>.

2 Ibid

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A Letter from Gary Sabbadini - Past Editor of the CSPD Bulletin

I am very thankful for having had the privilege of being a part of CSPD leadership for the past eight years with the first four years as a Northern Director and CSPD Editor for the past four years. I learned so much from CSPD's previous Editors, Lonnie Lovingier and Roland Hansen, that I hope to be able to pass on some of that knowledge to the new Editor, Jung-Wei (Anna) Chen. With her extensive research and academic background, I am excited to see what changes she is going to bring to the Bulletin.

GSLA Advocacy Day in Sacramento

Attendees at CDA - April 23, 2014

A combined advocacy conference was held in Sacramento on April 23, 2014. There were six mentors and four interns who attended the conference representing CSPD. We also had four CDA staff members, including Mr. Todd Roberson who was very instrumental in making the arrangements to make this a successful advocacy effort for our respective organizations. The interns (Sahar Hamedani-USC Warren Brandli, Patricia McClory-UCLA Warren Brandli, Annie Huang-USC "SC"GSLA and Vivian Yee-USC "SC"GSLA intern) were great in articulating our legislative agenda before the elected representatives and their staff. They are to be commended. This event further cements the good working relationship that already exists between CDA and CSPD. We all hope that this program will be strongly supported in the future as it was this year.



from left to right: Drs. Mike Schneider, Andrea Berryhill, Dick Mungo, Annie Hwang, Oariona Lowe, Ray Stewart, Santos Cortez, Vivian Yee, Patricia McClory and Sahar Hamedani at CDA headquarters.

Research Award Competition

This is the first year that CSPD initiated a research award competition for the postgraduate student table clinic presentations. Thirty-one posters were submitted from five residency programs. Twelve judges volunteered their time to help in this very important scientific event. The judges were Drs. La Juan Hall, Don Schmitt, Lynn Fujimoto (Hawaii), Christine Roalofs (Alaska), John R. Ukich (Idaho), D. Harvey Lee, Jeff Huston, Sarah Hulland (Alberta), Lisa Brennan, Marty Steigner, Oariona Lowe, Weyland Lum and Jung-Wei Chen (Chair). The committee wishes to thank Nu-Smile Crowns for supporting the table clinic session, each poster presenter. This year the table clinic session was highly attended and their participation in viewing the posters made the session a wonderful success. The presenter and viewer were both busy and involved. The judges reviewed all the posters; they voted for the winners of the table clinics in research and clinical categories.

The following are the winners of this year's table clinic competition:

RESEARCH CATEGORY

FIRST PLACE

Joshua M. Connolly (UCSF)

Title: A New Perspective on Pulpal Therapy in Vital Primary Molars

SECOND PLACE

Annie Huang (USC)

Title: Post-discharge Adverse Events Following Oral Sedation for Pediatric Dental Treatment.



Table clinic winners from Left to right: Annie Huang; Joshua Connolly, Trang Pham

CLINICAL CATEGORY

Trang Pham (USC)

Title: Non-invasive CAD/CAM Full-mouth Rehabilitation of Amelogenesis Imperfecta Using Ceramic-reinforced Polymers



Executive Director's Message

Changing of the Guard at CSPD

Ray E. Stewart, DDS

As I write this column for the Spring 2014 Issue of the CSPD Bulletin, we have just completed a very successful Annual Meeting here in Monterey, California and are getting prepared for the AAPD Annual Session being held this year in Boston. The Monterey meeting was extraordinarily well attended with over 430 paid registrations. We were rewarded with this great turnout, in a great part, due to the outstanding CE program which was offered. The speakers were world class and they presented on topics which were of importance and interest to anyone practicing Pediatric Dentistry. The Annual Meeting Committee chaired by Oariona Lowe is to be commended for the great organization and execution of the entire program along with some absolutely outstanding social events. The Saturday evening Gala at the Monterey Bay Aquarium was a magical evening and one to be remembered by all who attended.

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I am particularly pleased to report that an amendment to the CSPD Bylaws was approved by a unanimous vote at the annual Business Meeting in Monterey which alters the way we cast votes for our officers and Board Members. Heretofore, a member eligible to vote had to be present at the Annual Business Meeting in order to vote for the proposed slate of Officers and Directors as well as for or against proposed amendments to the CSPD Constitution and Bylaws. With as few as 20-30 members present and voting at some Annual Business meetings, it has always seemed to me to be a poor example of the democratic process. The approval of a Bylaws amendment at the Monterey meeting will allow for the use of electronic and mail-in ballots in addition to voting at the Business meeting for the election of officers and Board nominees, as well as any proposed Bylaws amendments. This change will, in my opinion, result in a much better system of true representation of the will of the voting membership in matters vital to the governance of the organization.

On a separate matter, I would like to call your attention to one particular item on the Agenda for the General Assembly at

the AAPD meeting in Boston. The item of business which I feel is of particular importance to CSPD and WSPD as well as the other State and District units throughout the country deals with a motion to amend the Bylaws which failed to pass last year in Orlando, which if it had passed would have removed the requirement for members to hold active, tripartite membership in all three organizations (National/AAPD, District/WSPD, and State/CSPD). The AAPD Board of Trustees has reportedly received a request from eight states and one Canadian Province, to once again to attempt to rescind this Bylaw making tripartite membership "voluntary". The CSPD and WSPD leadership feel very strongly that removing the tripartite membership requirement would seriously weaken the effectiveness and inclusiveness of those organizations. They encourage any members who will be attending the meeting to plan on being present at the General Assembly on Sunday morning and to vote against the proposed amendment which will require a 2/3 majority to pass.

During this next year, there will be a "changing of the guard" within CSPD leadership. This will provide opportunities for a new generation of pediatric dentists to consider assuming key roles in leadership and policy development. We recently appointed a new Editor Anna Chen who will be replacing Gary Sabbadini. Gary has served capably in that position for the past several years. This issue of the Bulletin is Anna's first as our new Editor. We all wish her well in her new position.

In addition, Santos Cortez will be finishing his third and final year as Western District Trustee to AAPD. If anyone reading this column would like to be considered for this position, please contact me or Santos to answer any questions you may have and to inform us of your interest. Nominations are due by early November of this year.

Lastly, I have formally announced my intent to step down as Executive Director at next years' CSPD Annual Meeting. I will have served in this position for seven years and enjoyed every minute of my tenure. It has been an ideal way to wind-up my career in Pediatric Dentistry and to play a role in seeing that our State unit maintains its position as the preeminent state organization in the nation. A search committee has been formed, chaired by President-Elect Sharine Thenard, who is charged with identifying my replacement. If you or someone you know is interested in being considered for this position, please send a letter to Sharine (sharine.thenard@gmail.com) expressing your interest. If you have any questions of just what the job entails, please feel free to contact me directly.



Public Policy Advocate's Report

Bills of Interest to CSPD

Prepared for the California Society of Pediatric Dentistry - April 1, 2014

Paul 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 1174 (Bocanegra) Teledentistry: Expanded Duties and Medi-Cal Billing. This bill would expand the scope of a practice of a Registered Dental Assistant and Registered Dental Hygienist to prescribe dental radiographs and the Registered Dental Assistant in Expanded Functions and the Registered Dental Hygienist to place interim therapeutic restorations pursuant to the order of a licensed dentist. The bill would authorize asynchronous transmission of information to be reviewed at a later time by a licensed dentist at a distant site as a billable encounter under Medi-Cal regulations.

CSPD Position: Support Withheld Pending Amendments to Increase Provider Responsibility, Transparency, and Patient Protections

Comment: Introduced at the request of The Children's Partnership, the bill would place into statute the elements of the Virtual Dental Home pilot project (Health Workforce Pilot Project #172) developed by Dr. Paul Glassman and the Pacific Center for Special Care at the Arthur A Dugoni School of Dentistry.

AB 1962 (Skinner) Dental Plans: Medical Loss Ratios. This bill would require that dental plans sold in the state spend a minimum percentage of premium revenues on direct patient care. Plans that fail to meet this "medical loss ratio" would be required to rebate the excess premium revenue back to enrollees.

CSPD Position: Support

Comment: The bill's provisions mimic state law for medical health plans, which are required to spend at least 85% of premium dollars for plans sold in the large group market and 80% for plans sold in the small group and individual market.

SB 1245 (Lieu) Dental Hygiene Committee of California: Sunset review. Placeholder legislation for implementing the recommendations of the legislature's Sunset Review of the DHCC and extending its existence to 2019..

CSPD Position: Watch

Comment: The DHCC and the California Dental Hygienists Association have proposed an expanded authority for the Committee which would include (1) establishing the Committee as a separate Board under the jurisdiction only of the Department of Consumer Affairs and a separate Dental Hygiene Practice Act; (2) allowing the proposed Dental Hygiene Board to propose dental hygiene scope of practice changes independent of the Dental Board of California input or jurisdiction and (3) moving administration of local anesthesia and inhalation analgesia from direct to general supervision for Registered Dental Hygienists.

SB 1416 (Block) Dental Board of California: Licensure Fees. This legislation would raise the statutory limit the Dental Board is permitted to charge for dental licensure and renewal.

CSPD Position: Neutral

Comment: The Board is currently at the statutory limit on biannual licensing fees (\$450) which would increase to \$525. This bill is intended to raise the ceiling on fees, but not the fees themselves (something the Board would do in subsequent years through the regulatory process).

Annual Report of the Public Policy Advocate

Paul Reggiardo, DDS, Public Policy Advocate

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.

Under the presidential leadership of Dr. Rebecca Lee and a stimulated and engaged elected leadership, CSPD last year pursued an unprecedented agenda of public policy initiatives, resulting in solid gains on behalf of children's oral health as follows:

LEGISLATIVE / REGULATORY / PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES	OUTCOMES AND RESULTS
Participated in the development process of the performance measures included in the bid requirements for stand-alone dental plans and qualified health plans offering the pediatric dental essential health benefits for listing on the California Health Benefits Exchange (Covered California).	The essential pediatric oral health benefit products accepted for bid and sale in the 2014 state insurance exchange and the Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) provided consumers an acceptable range of plan types and competitive pricing for the initial year of exchange operations.
Provided pediatric dental representation on the ad hoc work group to the Dental Board of California recommending changes to statutes and regulations to maintain consistency with ADA and AAPD general anesthesia and sedation guidelines.	This is an ongoing activity. Stakeholder consensus for legislative statute or modification of the Dental Practice Act will require at least another year of deliberation.
Actively supported by written testimony AB 856 to reduce the continuing education licensure requirements for retired dentists providing only uncompensated care to no more than 60% of those hours required for an active license. The bill will increase access to pediatric dental care for disadvantaged populations by facilitating the ability of retired practitioners to offer uncompensated services.	AB 856 was passed both houses of the legislature and signed into law by the Governor 9/9/13, becoming effective 1/1/14.
Actively supported by written testimony before legislative policy committees SB 640 to prohibit imposition of a 10% reduction in payments to Medi-Cal providers, including dentists, and eliminate the state's ability to 'claw back' previous payments for services provided since June of 2011. Joined with key oral health and child advocacy stakeholders in a participation commitment in support of an application by the California Department of Public Health for a CDC State Oral Disease Prevention Program Grant which would provide the funding for creating the office of a state Dental Director.	SB 640 was held in committee and did not reach a house vote. The attempt to retroactively "claw back" previous payments was eliminated in the Governor's final 2013-14 budget. The prospective and ongoing 10% reduction in Medi-Cal payments from 2011 levels remains intact. The CDC awarded the California State Department of Health a State Oral Disease Prevention Program Grant, but the grant was not funded secondary to CDC budget constraints arising, partially, from the federal budget sequestration.
Actively supported AB 18 by written and oral testimony before the Assembly Committee on Health. The bill would ensure the viability of stand-alone dental plans in the state Health Benefits Exchange by establishing separate out-of-pocket maximums and deductibles for the pediatric dental benefit, and minimum amounts of premium revenue which must be spent on direct patient care (a dental loss ratio).	The majority of provisions in AB 18 were adopted in regulation by the governing Board of the California Health Benefits Exchange (Covered California). The provision not adopted into law or regulation, the minimum loss ratio, is the object of separate legislation introduced this year in the 2014 legislative session (AB 1962).
Entered into a collaborative application with the Department of Pediatrics, University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine at Children's Hospital Los Angeles for a Physician Education Support Grant, which would educate pediatricians on the essential pediatric health benefits, including dental, offered in the state Health Benefits Exchange (Covered California).	Four of thirteen grant proposals were selected. The CHLA-CSPD application was not among those chosen, citing as the reason a desire to fund those applications that in totality would reach the widest and most diverse populations.
Provided written testimony to the legislature in support of SB 562, which would direct the Dental Board of California to bolster regulations governing mobile and portable dental services in provisions for follow-up and emergency care and for maintenance and availability of provider and patient records.	SB 562 was passed by both houses of the legislature and signed into law 10/17/13. CSPD in 2014 will participate in the process of the Dental Board of California to develop and adopt the improved regulation of mobile and portable services by itinerant providers in school and public health settings.
Became an organizational signatory on a coalition letter drafted by Children Now to Covered California regarding the inadequacy of training of Certified Enrollment Counselors and Certified Enrollment Entities (including navigators and assisters) in the selection and purchase of pediatric oral health benefits in the California Health Benefits Exchange.	CSPD continues monitoring the pediatric oral health benefit products offered in the California Health Benefits Exchange and the manner in which they are promoted and sold.

<p>Developed a position opposing certain provisions of AB 1174, a bill before the state legislature which would expand the scope of practice of a Registered Dental Assistant and Registered Dental Hygienist to prescribe dental radiographs and the Registered Dental Assistant in Expanded Functions and the Registered Dental Hygienist to place interim therapeutic restorations pursuant to the order of a licensed dentist. The bill would authorize asynchronous transmission of information to be reviewed at a later time by a licensed dentist at a distant site as a billable encounter under Medi-Cal regulations. While the bill would likely increase access to care for specific underserved populations in public health settings, CSPD identified areas of provider responsibility, transparency, and patient protection that require amending to remove opposition to the bill.</p>	<p>In regards to AB 1174, a listing of CSPD concerns with the bill was submitted to the author's office, the bill's primary supporter, The Children's Partnership, and the Government Affairs Council of the California Dental association in November of 2013. Ongoing discussions and negotiations with these parties continue with amendment to the bill expected in April of this year.</p>
<p>Joined by organizational membership the coalition of healthcare organizations opposing a November 2014 ballot initiative driven by California trial lawyers that would quadruple the current \$250,000 cap on non-economic damages in professional liability cases to \$1.1 million with additional annual yearly increases. This change, if adopted, would significantly increase lawsuits against health care providers, resulting in a considerable increase in medical liability insurance costs. Ultimately, the measure would pass down increased health care costs to all consumers and reduce patient access to health care.</p>	<p>The measure will be on the November 2014 general election ballot. CSPD will promote and support the distribution of information to its members and to the public.</p>
<p>Provided written testimony to the Senate Committee on Health in support of SB 1962, which would require that dental plans sold in the state spend a minimum percentage of premium revenues on direct patient care. Plans that fail to meet this "loss ratio" would be required to rebate the excess premium revenue back to enrollees. The bill mimics state law for medical health plans, which are required to spend at least 85% of premium dollars for plans sold in the large group market and 80% for plans sold in the small group and individual market on patient care.</p>	<p>SB 1962 was heard and passed, with CSPD support, by the Senate Committee on Health in April of this year. It now moves through the legislative process to the Senate.</p>
<p>Participated during the first quarter of 2014, as an organizational member of the Covered California Ad Hoc Dental Technical Work Group in the process of developing proposed Dental Benefit Plan Designs to be offered in the Health Benefits Exchange and Small Employer Health Options Program (SHOP) in 2015.</p>	<p>The design of the embedded and stand-alone pediatric dental benefit plans offered in the 2015 exchanges will be determined in the second quarter of 2014.</p>

Plans for 2014-15

CSPD will continue in the legislative and regulatory arenas to advocate for public policy which improves the oral health and general well-being of children in the state. Areas of focus at this time include:

- » Implementation of the pediatric oral health provisions of the Affordable Care Act in 2015.
- » Improvement in reimbursement for Medicaid dental (Denti-Cal) services.
- » Reform of the Medicaid Dental Program (Denti-Cal) enrollment and re-enrollment process.
- » Defeat of the November general ballot initiative that would remove the current cap on non-economic damages in professional liability lawsuits.
- » Passage of state law to establish a minimum percentage of premium revenue which must be spent on direct patient care under dental benefit plans sold in the state.
- » Establishment of an office of State Dental Director of the California Department of Public Health.
- » Preservation of the Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment program created in 2006, which requires students to have an oral health assessment during their first year of school.

Patient Safety Committee

Don Schmitt, DDS



ADA Updates Fluoridated Toothpaste Guidelines

The ADA's Council on Scientific Affairs now recommends using fluoridated toothpaste as soon as the first tooth erupts. To assess the effectiveness and safety of using fluoride toothpaste for young children, the Council recommended a systematic review of the evidence. The results of the review demonstrated that for children

younger than six years, fluoride toothpaste use is effective in reducing caries. There are no validated caries risk assessment tools with known sensitivity and specificity for children. This makes it challenging to base therapeutic recommendations on the risk of future disease development. The best predictor of a person's developing dental caries in the future is the presence of dental caries. Because most one-year-old children do not have dental caries, and considering the rate of caries progression, it is difficult to predict which of these children will become the approximately 40 percent of children who experience dental caries in their primary teeth. Considering the best available evidence and the continued high caries rate in children, the Council recommends use of a smear of toothpaste from eruption of the first tooth to age three years followed by use of a pea-sized amount for children aged three to six years. This regimen is intended to maximize the caries-preventive benefits of fluoride while further reducing the risk of developing fluorosis when compared with previous recommendations for use of a pea-sized amount of fluoride toothpaste starting when a child is two years of age.

Parents Often Make Dosing Errors with Pain Medication

Parents often incorrectly dose their children when administering over-the-counter pain medication for postoperative dental pain. The authors compared the dosing accuracy when parents used various measuring devices and aimed to identify risk factors associated with dosing errors. The parents completed a survey and a liquid measuring exercise. The authors instructed parents to measure 5 milliliters of liquid by using a medicine cup with clear markings, a medicine cup with printed markings, a cylindrical measuring spoon and an oral syringe. For the medicine cup with printed markings, the authors placed the parents randomly into one of two groups: those receiving text-only instructions or those receiving text-pictogram instructions. A total of 120 parent-child pairs participated. The results revealed a significant difference in parents' ability to measure accurate doses with the various

devices. Medicine cups were the devices parents reported using most frequently. Medicine cups also had a higher occurrence of dosing errors when compared with the other devices. No socio-demographic factors were associated with dosing errors. Dentists can improve pain management in pediatric patients by educating parents about accurate measuring devices, weight-based dosing and correct interpretation of medication dosing charts.

Update on Sedation Death in Hawaii

Finley Puleo Boyle, of Kailua, probably died because of the sedatives and local anesthesia that were administered during her December dental procedure, Honolulu Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Christopher Happy concluded in his autopsy report. He classified the death as an accident. The girl lapsed into a coma Dec. 3 in the office of Dr. Lilly Geyer at Island Dentistry for Children and died January 3, 2014. The autopsy report said the previously healthy girl had no signs of underlying heart problems or an allergic reaction to the array of sedatives and anesthetic she received in preparation dental treatment. According to the report, Finley received five drugs: Demerol, Hydroxyzine, Chloral Hydrate, nitrous oxide and lidocaine with epinephrine. "Immediately following the lidocaine injection, the decedent became unresponsive and went into cardiopulmonary arrest," Happy said in his report.

"The ADA's Council on Scientific Affairs now recommends using fluoridated toothpaste as soon as the first tooth erupts."

Louisiana Sedation Death

Three-year-old Ja'Chyron West died March 19 at a Lake Charles hospital after being in a coma for six days. Ja'Chyron went to a dental clinic in Lake Charles on March 13 to have crowns placed over his primary teeth. West's mother, Jasmine Williams, says she was told by office staff that Ja'Chyron was being a "sleepy head," and that she needed to come to the dental chair to help wake him up. Although she tried, Jasmine says she could not get him to respond. Soon after, medics arrived and took Ja'Chyron to Lake Area Medical Center. Ja'Chyron never woke up. The sedation was performed by Dr Cecilia Oubre. According to her website: "Dr. Cecilia Oubre is a graduate of Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, where she received a Bachelor of Science in Biology. She earned her D.D.S from Louisiana State University School of Dentistry in 2009. Following graduation, she began practicing in New Orleans, Louisiana, where she had the opportunity to practice mostly on children." Dr. Oubre is not listed as an affiliate member of AAPD. Currently there is no information available on the drugs or dosages used in the procedure. The Calcasieu Parish Coroner's Office has not yet released a cause of death.

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A number of pediatric dentists stepped up to the plate by volunteering to treat children at the CDA Cares in Vallejo, California on Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26, 2014. It was a very successful clinic. Though heavy rains kept a number of children away from the clinic on Friday, the next day we kept our dentist volunteers super busy providing care as we treated over 171 kids in the two days!

The first to step up in the volunteer group was CSPD President Dennis Nutter who practices in Fairfield, California. He volunteered to accept two young children in his private dental practice to do comprehensive dentistry under nitrous-oxide sedation and general anesthesia at no charge to the family. They could not be treated in the dental clinic as they had numerous decayed teeth.

There were over 41 volunteer slots (six hour slots) in the two days. Dr. Any Soderstrom is one of the managers of the event and Dr. Angie Ring was a great asset to the clinic operation as a co-lead.

The list of pediatric dentist volunteers includes:

Nicholas Ching, Anita Ford, Charles Halterman, Melissa Lopez, Gary Sabbadini, David Suttie, Amit Goyal, Cassandra Krupansky, Joanne Rahman, Eric Smith, Joshua Connolly,

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General dentists who helped us out doing peds were: Christine Boyer, Kevin Cabugao, Ali Shirani and Nannette Benedict. The brave orthodontist that pitched in was Ramtin Nassiri. Some volunteers worked all four shifts! Thank you all so very much.

The next CDA Cares will be held at the FairPlex Fairgrounds in Pomona, CA on November 21-22, 2014. We'll need volunteers there as well. For additional information on the CDA Cares you may go to the cda.org website and click on "CDA Foundation". If you are interested in joining the volunteer group please contact Robyn Alongi at the California Dental Association at robyn.alongi@cda.org.



CSPD recruit pediatric dentist Dr. Melissa Lopez volunteers at CDA Cares clinic.



Dr. David Suttie hard at work with a young patient.



Pediatric section at CDA Cares Vallejo, CA



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stipulated settlement in which the ADA agreed to never sue for issues relating to midlevel providers in Alaska again – ever! In addition, they ended up paying for the Dental Health Aid Therapist Program! Last year, the US Senate Report on Corporate Dentistry naively recommended that Midlevel Providers be compensated directly by Medicaid. Minnesota is stark example of the failure of the strategy of “No”.

I think that all of us understand the degradation in healthcare delivery that would occur with an independent midlevel provider who can locate themselves in any community they desire and disrupt the comprehensive, continuity of care that children already enjoy in the dental homes their parents have chosen to establish for them. The great problem for independent midlevel providers is that diagnosis does not occur independent of a knowledge of intervention. If you only have a hammer in your toolbox, every problem looks like a nail. The integrity of the assessment-intervention dynamic is dependent on a comprehensive understanding of both sides of that equation. I have no doubt that Wendy Lazarus is serious about her interest in obtaining for children “*real access to quality dental care*”. We must not be doubted for our interest in this same goal. It will take serious efforts on our part to demonstrate our partnership with this endeavor.

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Emblematic of our commitment to this effort is our response to Teledentistry. Known as SB 1174, it involves an expansion of duties for the RDH, RDHAP, and RDAEF. These auxiliaries must satisfactorily complete additional training for the placement of Intermediate Therapeutic Restorations and RDA's must also complete additional training to prescribe dental radiographs. These providers are still in the Dental Team and work at the direction and general supervision of a dentist, albeit asynchronously. The expansion of duties for these auxiliaries is only being considered in order to provide basic dental service to underserved children and adults. They are likely to be deployed in mobile units and sent to schools and public health settings to remotely screen and intervene in early childhood caries and dental disease affecting underserved adults in nursing homes and in assisted living. Early on, CSPD was concerned that these expanded function auxiliaries would be sent to areas that were not underserved and would therefore not fulfill their function of providing diagnostic and preventive care services and intervening in the arrestment of dental disease for indigent children. We asked that language be inserted in any pending legislation to restrict the deployment of these individuals to underserved areas and to increase provider responsibility, transparency, and

patient protections. We are closing monitoring Senate Bill 1174, which would permit the expansion of duties outlined above and explored under the Virtual Dental Home Health Workforce Pilot Project. Despite some reservations it represents the most viable solution to increasing the reach of our present Medi-Cal providers who will be severely strained by the astounding expansion of children on Medi-Cal and searching for qualified providers. The senate bill also represents an alternative solution to the creation of a new, independent, provider in dentistry that would, I think, degrade the quality of our oral healthcare system.

Affordable Care Act (ACA)

The ACA continues to evolve. There are four entry points to access dental care in California.

1. Medi-Cal (Managed Care, Fee for Service)
2. Covered California (The Exchanges)
3. Private Dental Insurance (Delta, Safeguard)
4. Uninsured (FQHC's or look alike, Community Health Centers)

There just is no way to know how many of the people on Private Insurance will also end up in the Exchanges where there will not be a subsidized plan that preserves the ability of the patient to choose their doctor. ninety percent of the dental plans sold last year were stand-alone dental plans. In this type of plan, if you changed your medical insurance, you did not change your dental insurance and therefore you were able to retain your dentist. To get to that privilege in the exchange you must buy a separate, unsubsidized plan.

We need to be the navigators for our patients and let them know what they need to do to preserve choice in their dental plan. I have asked Dr. James Stephens, CDA President to investigate the possibility of developing an ACA navigation brochure that we can give to our patients. Unfortunately, I have a feeling that it will be like trying to develop a vaccine for a virus. The thing changes so quickly that the targeted solution loses its relevance and effectiveness.

Annual Meeting Monterey

My congratulations to Oariona Lowe and Sharine Thenard for putting on the most successful Annual Meeting that CSPD has ever convened. It featured high caliber continuing education from national experts, abundant vendors and a picturesque resort location. It broke attendance records. The Saturday evening social event at the Monterey Aquarium was spectacular. Dr. Ed Moody, President-Elect of AAPD told me that it was the best State Meeting that he had ever attended. The Annual Meeting Committee chaired by Oariona Lowe is consistently putting on stellar events. There is always room on this committee for interested volunteers and I urge those of you looking for small ways to give back to your state organization to apply for a position through the Leadership Development Committee at CSPD.org. Dr. Lajuan Hall who now chairs the Leadership Development Committee will be happy to find a “fit” for you.



Dr. Nancy Hsieh - Director, 2016 North

Nancy Hsieh (pronounced “Shay”); I was born and raised in Los Angeles and quickly fell in love with the Bay Area while attending the University of California, Berkeley. After my undergraduate studies, I continued on to the University of the Pacific, School of Dentistry and completed my pediatric dentistry training at UCSF. Today, I am in private practice in San Francisco. In my spare time, I like pretending to be a world-class chef, drinking wine, and reading young adult novels. But most of all, I love spending time with my husband and three children. I am excited to be involved with CSPD and I am most grateful for the opportunity to contribute to our profession.



Dr. Jeffrey Paul Huston - Director, 2016 North

Jeff served previously on the CSPD BOD with Presidents Wood and Robinson and looks forward to the upcoming years with Presidents Nutter and Thenard. If interested in his background and experiences, including publications, presentations and links to YouTubes, “One Minute Fluoride Varnish Application” and “Lodi Dentist Sings,” please visit www.LodiDDS.com.

In 2010, Jeff participated in CSPD’s last Strategic Planning Session and realizes the importance of the new one that will take place this year on September 20 and 21. He strongly encourages YOU to communicate your ideas and concerns. Please let him know how to best represent the membership, especially the younger segment, in setting goals and making decisions about CSPD’s future. You might want to consider reviewing our current plan at www.CSPD.org to help generate input. Contact Jeff at drjeffhuston@gmail.com.

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Annual Meeting (continued from page 1)

received the Distinguished Service Award for his 8 years of service to the organization. Dr. Santos Cortez was honored by an accolade which will go into the archives of CSPD Leadership. The Graduate Student Legislative Advocacy Program was renamed the *Santos Cortez Graduate Student Legislative Advocacy Program*. This year also marked the first Judging of the Student Table clinics. Dr. Anna Chen served as the Chair of the table clinic judges and did a great job organizing the session. Twelve judges were rallied to participate. Kudos to our judges who spent extra hours reviewing the abstracts and listening to all the poster presentations. Please thank Drs. Christine Roalofs, Lynn Fujimoto, Weyland Lum, Don Schmitt, Martin Steigner, LaJuan Hall, Harvey Lee, Jeff Huston, Sarah Hulland, Johnny Ukich and Lisa Brennan for a job well done! Winners of the research awards were: Joshua Connelly (UCSF) First place \$500; Annie Huang (USC), Second place \$300; Trang Pham (USC), Clinical award \$300.

The finale of the show was our Saturday night Masquerade GALA which was held at the Monterey Aquarium. Just short of 300, guests were escorted to the Aquarium by shuttle bus. Once on location they were mesmerized by the sea creatures in the Open Sea Wing, dimly lighted venue. Guests were greeted by soft music from a harpist. A strolling dinner was offered in the company of fellow CSPD attendees. A unique storytelling performance by "John Steinbeck" made this a memorable event. A photo booth was also available for all those who wished to make their memories lasting.

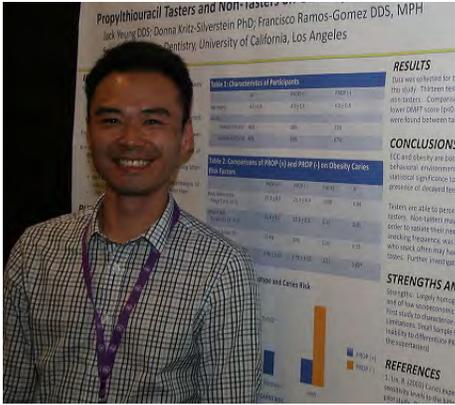
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Have a "Pearl" that you might want to share? Submit an abstract and present your jewel at the "String of Pearls" presentation scheduled for Sunday, March 29, 2015 from 8:30-11:00 a.m.

Contact Stacie Lewis at slewis@cspd.org for further information. Look for announcements and e-blasts that will be forthcoming.

If you have any suggestions for future annual meeting locations, please drop us a line. Thank you!







Foundation President's Message

Steve Gross, CDT

Your Foundation is yet again on the cutting edge of hot topics and subjects that will affect your specialty for the present and into future.

On Thursday afternoon during the 2014 annual CSPD meeting in Monterey, Dr. Gary Sabbadini organized a superb Foundation presentation regarding corporate dentistry and its effect on Pediatric Dentistry. This well attended presentation offered the CSPD/WSPD attendees insight into corporate dentistry. The program covered all aspects of corporate dentistry, pros and cons.

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In order to streamline board function and conserve funds, your Foundation board elected to down size – do away with costly live board meetings and conduct business via go to meeting, emails, and phone calls with only one live meeting at the annual session.

My thanks go to our volunteer Foundation Board of Trustees and Advisory Council for their tireless efforts.

I would also like to thank you, the members of the CSPD/WSPD for all your support. If it was not for you, the Foundation could not do the wonderful things we do.

The 2013-2014 giving campaign has had its best year since the melt down in 2008. As of January 2014, contributions are up \$20,000 with the number of contributing donors up by 30. The Foundation financial position is healthy and we were able to fund and continue to fund all the programs that are aligned with our mission.

It the cold hard fact without you - there is no Foundation.

We need your donations to continue funding these programs and our future anticipated programs. This will help all of us, the CSPD/WSPD, students, their programs and schools - especially the children who in the end, benefit the most.

To all the residents out there – many of you don't really know the distinction between the CSPD and the Foundation – the Foundation is a separate entity whose sole goal is to support and improve education for the past - present - and future members of the CSPD/WSPD. Many of you, if not all of you, have benefited in one way or another from the Foundation. It is our hope that you remember the Foundation when you're in a position to give back.

Finally, the Foundation is in search of suggested new hot topics for next year's Foundation presentation at the annual CSPD/WSPD meeting. We welcome you input, all suggestions will be considered. Please forward your suggestions and comments to steve@SMLglobal.com.

Thank you again each and every one of you for what you do for the children.



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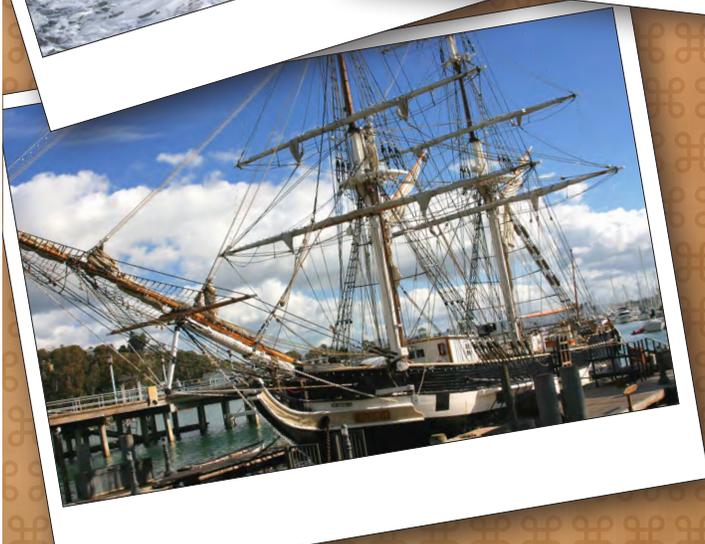
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District Report

Santos Cortez, DDS District VI Trustee



THE WESTERN DISTRICT TRUSTEE

I would like to start by stating that it has been an honor to represent the Western District on the Board of Trustees at the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry this year. Time has gone by so quickly that I have but one year left on my three-year-term and it will be my duty to accept and forward a nomination for my successor by October of this year.

I have held conference calls approximately three weeks after each of the Board of Trustees meetings with the state's, provinces and Western District leadership to discuss the pertinent issues of the district as well as the Academy. I report on the actions of the board after they have been approved and posted in the AAPD website under "Member Resources". I also bring the leadership up-to-date on other business and policy matters of the organization.

Pertinent actions taken by the board at the January 17th meeting:

1. Funding was approved for content development to update/revise the AAPD Conscious Sedation course. This is needed to continue implementation of the recommendations of the Task Force on Sedation.
2. To support the request of the state units to reconsider the requirement for the tripartite membership. Nine states sent an official request to the AAPD Constitution and Bylaws Committee and CEO for a proposed amendment to the AAPD Bylaws.
3. To approve the proposed change to the Constitution and Bylaws to place the Affiliate board member selection process into the Nominations Committee duties along with the approval of such nominee by the General Assembly.
4. To approve the proposal of the Council on Government Affairs to form a "rapid response" team to review all proposed and final regulations, state insurance exchange dental insurance offerings, and related ACA materials.
5. To engage Bridges Media to develop and produce a video with the AAPD message for local advertising. This allows members in local small markets to reach out to their communities in support of their practices and pediatric oral health.
6. To conduct a member-wide survey of the needs of the membership in 2015.
7. Nominations Committee Report for the slate in 2014-2015:
 - President-Elect: Robert L. Delarosa
 - Secretary-Treasurer: James D. Nickman
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Update on Education Passport Program:

- Should be launching by early February
- Any person who attended a course in 2013 will get a discount on the subscription price.
- CE courses and webinars will be added as they occur
- Journal CE will eventually be part of the Passport

The complete After-Action Minutes may be found on the AAPD website at aapd.org, click on "Member Resources".

The "AAPD Chapter and District Leadership" Forum, while at the Boston meeting is scheduled immediately after the District Caucus meetings on Saturday afternoon.

This meeting was initially proposed by our district to meet other state and district leadership and discuss pertinent issues affecting our profession, specialty and our respective organizations. State and District Presidents and President-Elects are encouraged to attend.



Once again, please feel free to contact me should you have any comments or questions regarding this report or matters relating to the district or the Academy. I may be reached by e-mail at scortezdds@gmail.com.

Website Notes

Steve Niethamer, DMD, Website Editor



Windows XP Professional is retired. Who's next?

After seeing that red warning appear at each startup, most of us know by now that the XP operating system is to be retired in April. As if we need more projects to complete, now we must either update or replace our older computers with ones not running the latest Windows 8 product, but with the Windows 7 product, since many of our office software programs will not yet

run on this latest Windows operating system. Good timing, MS.

Most of you who follow this column (could it total 5 or 6?) might have noticed my sentimental allegiance to the older systems that seem to still function well but are still being replaced. I remember as a rebel teenager in the early '60s walking over to a local appliance store after many months of saving my paper route profits to buy a \$22 hand held battery operated AM transistor radio. I listened to this radio while at the beach and in my dad's cars which never had radios since he felt that they were expensive unneeded extras. Previously my family sang songs together while on road trips but now with this hand sized radio we could hear the latest top forty hits, static and commercials!

Back then, if you needed a clock, a refrigerator or other items, you went to the local store to find it. During the past twenty years, we have seen centralized big box superstores replacing the small local shops. And even more recently, the large online stores are replacing the big boxes. This is progress. Resistance is futile. In its wake are many things and people who are now nonessential.

I still get nostalgic about those times when people did more of the work alone or with help of others. XP is still a great system that allowed and required users to do more work but gave us more control over the outcome. While connected to this great internet, however, this system allowed bad people opportunities to hack into it. Subsequent operating systems like those from Apple and MS Windows allow us to use a beautiful desktop created to allow us to accomplish amazing things without the need to tweak and uncheck boxes. At the same time, the systems are safer from being hacked. This progress is especially apparent when Amazon makes it possible to shop and to be delivered items without walking to a store. This is efficient but it also removes the opportunities to meet others and to get exercise.

What's happening to the single doctor office model?

I am preparing to place on our website the videotaped Foundations program on Corporate Pediatric Dentistry. We should all listen to this great program again. During my review of the presentations, I asked myself whether we are witnessing another retirement of a fat and inefficient practice model.

This three hour program really makes one think about what is happening to our profession. New graduates are saddled with huge debt making them unable to buy or build a practice. Or they might be a person who is less interested in running a single dentist office. Large corporations entered this perfect storm by setting up a new dental office model that offers specialty positions that have removed most of the office management challenges and allow pediatric dentists to have a good income along with the freedom to go home at 5:00. The plan is to let the dentists manage the patients' treatments and the corporations manage the rest of the office - sort of.

Often it is reported, however, that the corporation demands or pushes the dentists to be more efficient (i.e. produce more income) than they want to be. An oral surgeon friend recently complained to me that his corporate dental office now tries to schedule six sets of wisdom teeth extractions every hour! Another pediatric dentist specialist said that she was called into the manager's office and told to stop wasting her time teaching prevention to the parents. We might argue that this corporate progress is certainly taking away from our colleagues the needs to worry about management issues like Windows XP computer updates. But it may also be moving some of us away, I think sadly, from the traditional patient/doctor relationship in which most of us believe.

Our organization is also changing

Certainly hiring management companies to help run professional organizations is a part of this progress and could be compared to the management takeover of the dental office by more efficient groups. The intent of these changes is remove from our executive director and others the tasks of doing that "menial" everyday work of maintaining lists, accounts, copying, paying bills and sending out statements. Our leadership will now have more time to complete the more important tasks of creating policy, reviewing patient care, following legislation and to manage the management organization.

Bottom line

Most of this progress can be good but we must be vigilant. Windows 7 and Apple iOS are stable, safer and can be learned easily. The website's OCE portal is bigger and easier to manage. Some of our members in private practice were certainly getting quite greedy. Now those profits could be shared with venture capital groups. And if you work for a corporation, going home at 5:00 is a desirable benefit. You can also try to dictate your own terms that better suit your ethical limits or leave. As for our professional organization, there still is a need for our members to step forward when it is their time. They need to spend this time with the senior members, sharing with them stories about the history of our organization, the current status of our profession and how to improve it. We'll need every one of us working together to maintain our profession and protect it from facing retirement.

Western Society of Pediatric Dentistry

WSPD President

Letter

John R. Ukich, DDS



First of all let me congratulate the CSPD Meeting Committee for putting on a fantastic CSPD/WSPD Meeting. It was very well attended and the lectures offered were very current and top notch! If you have not attended a CSPD/WSPD annual meeting in the past couple years, you are truly missing one of the best pediatric dental meetings offered in the country.

You may not have read it yet, but the topic of tripartite is a hot topic again this year for AAPD. Last year a vote was brought to the General Assembly at the AAPD Annual Meeting to do away with mandatory tripartite. The vote was decided by a small margin to keep the tripartite mandatory. Well, less than a year later, eight states and one Canadian province have petitioned to the AAPD to revisit the same vote. The executive council for AAPD is vocally worried about the difficulty in enforcing the mandatory tripartite and the legal ramifications if a bylaw is left unenforced. The AAPD is also worried that they may lose members if they have to write a “nasty dismissal letter,” to those who choose to not comply with the bylaw saying you have to be a member of your state and district if you are a member of AAPD. AAPD did a bit of research and found around 900 members who this would affect if they indeed started to enforce this bylaw. If all 900 members refused to join all three components of AAPD, it would be a loss of revenue to AAPD of \$531,000. With this haunting possibility, AAPD leadership has vocally embraced the removal of mandatory tripartite. Tripartite would still be encouraged but it would not be made mandatory.

So, where does WSPD stand on this matter? Well, both AAPD President Warren Brill and AAPD Pres-elect Ed Moody informed us of this in February, less than four months before this would be brought to a vote. With staggering potential losses of income to AAPD, one has to take serious the position that our Western District should take. We met and debated this issue at great length when in Monterey for the annual meeting. We petitioned AAPD to postpone the vote for a year to allow for further debate and surveying of truly how many members we would lose. But, this was to no avail, as parliamentary procedures will not allow it once a vote will be brought before the general assembly (language provided by AAPD Executive Council). There will be a vote in May, so we must look at this issue and make a decision, as this has potential to affect our organization however the vote is decided.

WSPD looked at every detail of this issue and truly felt like we could not foresee the potential long-term ramification

for either result of this vote. It would be pure speculation. Obviously if we lost 900 members this would be terrible, but what if we did not lose a single member through this, would we be stronger?

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What if we lost some national members but we gained district and state members and dollars? All great questions with no real answers. AAPD has put all their eggs in one basket expecting the worse outcome possible, but it was the unanimous decision of the WSPD Board to disagree with this logic. Ultimately the national organization is made of dentists from states and districts, therefore without strong leadership in states and districts we would not have strong national leadership. There would be a disconnect from top to bottom. We do not believe it would be difficult to make this mandatory as many of the states are now having AAPD bill for them, therefore it would be on your yearly dues statement for AAPD. If someone did not wish to pay all three they are making the decision themselves to opt out. AAPD could then send many letters encouraging them to join again and inform people as to what they are missing by not being a member, never would a “nasty dismissal letter” have to be sent. The most any member would have to come up with financially beyond their national dues would be \$350 (California state dues \$310 and district dues \$40). Many states, like my state of Idaho would merely be subject to the \$40 district dues, as we do not have any state dues. This is the case for many of the states. Such a pivotal decision made over something that we make in one or two re-care appointments. WSPD feels we need to support our states and district. Many of our states are small and unorganized, but we are surrounded by other states that are highly organized and passionate about organized dentistry. We have been able to learn from one another and encourage one another through the mandatory district and state commitment to excellence in our profession and organization.

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Upcoming Meetings & Continuing Education

CSPD

March 26-30, 2015: CSPD's 40th Annual Session at Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort, Dana Point, CA

AAPD CE Meetings

May 22-25, 2014: [67th Annual AAPD Meeting, Boston, MA](#)

August 15, 2014: [Antibiotic Therapy in the Pediatric Patient: Indications, Resistance and Stewardship Webinar](#)

Sept. 4, 2014: [Oral Clinical Exam Review](#)

Sept. 5-7, 2014: [Comprehensive Review Course](#)

See www.cspd.org and www.aapd.org for more courses.

Significant Approved Motions

from the March CSPD Board Meeting

- Move to approve the January 11, 2014 Board of Directors meeting minutes, March 17, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting and March 18, 2014 Finance Committee Meeting as presented.
- Moved to approve the change in the name of the GSLA Internship to the Santos Cortez Graduate Student Legislative and Advocacy Internship Program.
- Move to have CSPD oppose AAPD's proposal to abandon the tripartite requirement.
- Move to approve the President's Calendar to be included in the CSPD Policies and Procedures Manual.
- Moved to approve the President-Elect's calendar included in the board packet for inclusion in the Policy and Procedure Manual.
- Moved to approve the Editor calendar included in the board packet for inclusion in the Policy and Procedure Manual.
- Moved to approve a strong support on AB 1962.
- Moved to watch SB 1245.
- Moved to take a neutral position on AB 1416.
- Moved to support CSPD joining CAPP and opposing any initiative(s) to change MICRA.
- Moved to accept the changes to the CSPD Policies and Procedures Manual reflecting the Board actions from the January 2014 BOD meeting, as submitted by Document Review Subcommittee.
- Moved to approve Membership Services calendar included in the board packet for inclusion in the Policy and Procedure Manual.
- Move to approve CE calendar included in the board packet for inclusion in the Policy and Procedure Manual.
- Moved to approve \$500-\$1,000 for making software coding improvements to the OCE portal.
- Moved to approve the Nominating Committee calendar for inclusion in the Policy and Procedure Manual.
- Moved to approve the 2014-2015 budget as proposed by the Finance Committee with amendments as discussed in the meeting

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Student Activity Report for California Pediatric Dental Residencies

Wesley Okumura, DDS

Loma Linda University - Trona 2014

As part of their participation in the Give Kids A Smile program, Loma Linda University pediatric residents serviced children in the remote town of Trona, CA, an old mining town known mostly for its desolation and isolation. To see first hand the abandoned buildings, condemned homes and a whole community living in poverty was an unforgettable experience.

In early January, the first-year residents screened 137 students from Trona Elementary School taking radiographs on approximately 50 of them. Then in late February, seven residents and two dental students returned to Trona with three mobile dental units and two more dental units in the Crest Mobile Dental vehicle operated by Loma Linda University. Over two days of working on patients, the residents treated 42 children performing \$14,000 of free dental treatment, which included sealants, various restorative work and extractions.

It was clear that children in this forgotten town are in need of many things, one of them being dental care, and providing that treatment was a privilege that the residents embraced whole heartedly and will never forget.

Additional notes

LLU residents, volunteer dental students and faculty hosted a Give Kids A Smile event in the Loma Linda University pediatric clinic where they provided over \$10,000 of free dental care to 25 children in one afternoon (February 26, 2014).



WSPD President Letter

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I would not be your president today if this tripartite issue were not in place. It has provided me the opportunity to bring a new voice from a small state with less than 30 pediatric dentists to a big table with the chance to make a difference in the largest district in our organization. I feel very strongly on this matter and take this vote and decision very seriously as I believe you all should too. WSPD unanimously voted to oppose this vote in May and vote to keep mandatory tripartite. By keeping mandatory membership for states and districts, we are telling the national component that we value each member, state organization and district organization equally with the national component. Without the states and districts mandatorily keeping checks and balances on the national entity our states lose, members lose. Who is there to fight corporate dentistry? Who is there to fight midlevel providers? Who is there to fight insurance reimbursements? The answer is, states and neighboring states in ones district, as they are there at the ground level. We need to remain strong at the state and district level and we need our national component to support that 100%.

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Please feel free to speak with your state leadership and district leadership regarding this issue to better inform yourself. Please take the time out of your busy schedules to attend the general assembly in Boston on Sunday May 25th to cast your vote. This is your organization and it needs active passionate people to remain healthy and strong and to stand for our profession of pediatric dentistry in this age of political change.



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