

# Bulletin



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## President's Message

Jacob K. Lee, DDS



The holidays are upon us, and the team that you have entrusted to lead your organization is working hard to serve you. We have a few updates we would like to share:

### Updating CSPD Administrative Policy and Procedures (P&P)

Every so often, our committees review their sections of the P&P, ensuring that our current activities reflect our playbook while allowing each committee member to be cognizant of his or her responsibilities. Over the last few months, our committees have been busy working on these updates. The revisions the committees proposed are reviewed by the Board of Directors and then approved to be updated. I would like to thank the chairs and the committee members for undertaking this process. I would especially like to thank Dr. Gary Sabbadini and his Constitution and Bylaws Committee members who will assemble the revised manual.

### New Graduates Dues

Our Board of Directors wants to better support new graduating dentists by easing the financial burden of membership into CSPD. Many of these new dentists have significant educational debt. To help, our Board has considered ways to ease our dues in order to promote unencumbered membership into CSPD. These change proposals will be voted on at the CSPD business meeting on April 21, 2018. Please support our new graduates as we welcome them into our CSPD family.

### Legislative Process Presentation

Our Board of Directors periodically invites speakers who may provide certain perspectives on a subject of interest. Much appreciation is extended to Brianna Pittman, legislative director for the California Dental Association (CDA), who works closely with Dr. Paul Reggiardo, our public policy advocate on legislative matters. Ms. Pittman recently gave a presentation on how the California State Legislature operates and how the CDA provides dental expertise in the formulation of its legislative bills. It was illuminating not only for our Board but also for our Santos Cortez Graduate Student Legislative Advocacy intern Dr. Norman Chen and our Warren Brandli interns, Drs. Nicole LaMantia and Shan Girn, who were present. A special thanks goes out to Dr. Nancy Hsieh for organizing this program.



Brianna Pittman speaks while Dr. Paul Reggiardo looks on. (Photo courtesy of Dr. Steve Niethamer.)



(From left to right) Drs. Paul Reggiardo, Norman Chen, Nicole LaMantia, and Shan Girn listen to Ms. Pittman's presentation. (Photo courtesy of Dr. Steve Niethamer.)

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# President's Message (continued from page 1)

Jacob Lee, DDS



(Standing, from left to right) Oariona Lowe, Jacob Lee, Lindsey Robinson, Sharine Thenard, Robert Ripley, Sahar Jaffrey, Kim Whippy, Ryan Abelowitz, and Anahita Taraporewalla; (seated, from left to right) Paul Reggiardo, Katarina Calilung, Harvey Lee, and Randall Heckert.

## Passed External Audit

Kudos to Dr. Don Schmitt, CSPD Treasurer, the members of the Finance Committee, and Sandy Gore of Smith, Moore & Associates, who underwent a full external audit by Richardson & Company, LLP. Rest assured that all is well with our financial procedures. I also would like to thank the Audit Committee chair, Dr. Eddie So, along with the Audit Committee members, Drs. Natalie Mansour and Kim Whippy, for their assistance. Our next external audit will be in five years.

## Pediatric Dentists at the CDA House of Delegates (HOD) Meeting

The CDA held its HOD meeting in Sacramento from November 16 to 19, 2017. A number of our CSPD members attended this meeting as delegates and alternates. CSPD hosted the pediatric dental caucus meeting on Saturday at 6:30 a.m. to minimize conflicts with other programs. Our HOD meeting attendees are pediatric dental experts who serve as ambassadors of our specialty to the CDA, hailing from local and state level components. We were well represented by Drs. Ryan Abelowitz, Santos Cortez, Rajneesh Dal, Tyler Davis, Randall Heckert, Sahar Jaffrey, Shukan Kanuga, Harvey Lee, Oariona

Lowe, Chris Pham, Isabella Piedra, Paul Reggiardo, Robert Ripley, Lindsey Robinson, Arminda Robles, Patrick So, Andy Soderstrom, Kurt Sturz, Anahita Taraporewalla, Sharine Thenard, Kimberly Whippy, and Purvi Zavery. I speak for all the members of CSPD when I say thank you for your service and representation as we work together for the children and the pediatric dentists of California.

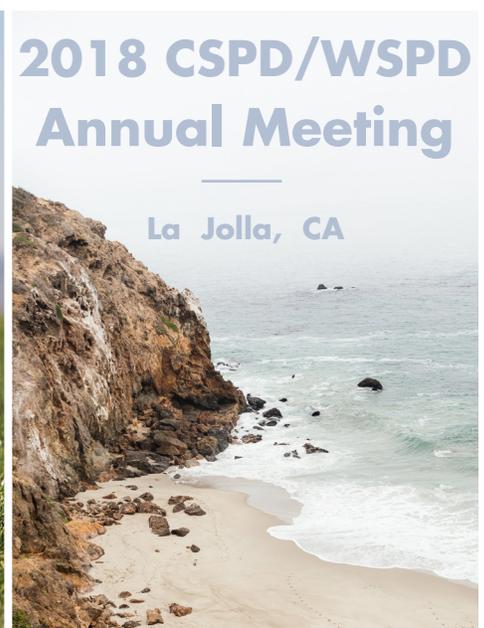
## Lastly, on a personal note:

Thank you all for supporting me in the recent election for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry's Western District Trustee position. I profoundly appreciate your confidence in me. I shall strive to be the conduit of communication between all the Western District chapters and our AAPD mothership.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**OCTOBER 11-14, 2018**  
Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines



**2018 CSPD/WSPD**  
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**See you at Torrey Pines!**

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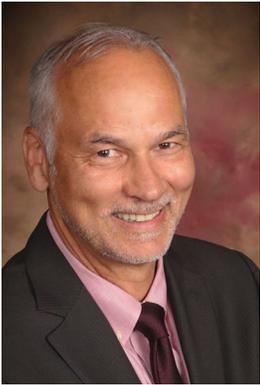
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# Western District Trustee Report

John Gibbons, DDS, Western District Trustee



It is such a privilege to have been able to serve on the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry's Board of Trustees. What a humbling

experience it is to serve with so many great leaders and for such a first class organization. The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry is the envy all other professions with over a 90% membership of all pediatric dentists. Representing such a large portion of its speciality adds credibility to the Academy's voice. We need that strong voice when we advocate for what is best for the children we serve. Thank you for your continued membership; it truly makes a difference. The following are a few items I would like to report on.

One of my duties as the Western District Trustee is to be the Board liaison to the Council of Clinical Affairs (CCA). The CCA is the council responsible for our Reference Manual. Twenty percent of the Reference Manual is either updated, revised, or retired each year. The Academy has some amazing people who give freely of their time to do this hard work. The Reference Manual has become the gold standard of patient care. It is used not only by providers as a reference source, but also by state agencies, Manage Care Organizations (MCO) to decide what procedures they will cover and sometimes by attorneys to decide the standard of care. A survey of AAPD members found that the Reference Manual is one of their most valued member benefits. This year the Reference Manual will have a new section with our Evidence Based Guidelines. I would encourage all of you to take time to review the latest edition.

The AAPD Annual meeting in Washington DC was the largest attended meeting to date with over 6000 attendees. For our upcoming 2018 annual meeting in Hawaii the current estimates are 4,500-5,000 attendees. The headquarters hotel will be at the Hawaiian Hilton Hotel on Waikiki beach. Registration does not open until December but you can already sign up for your hotel rooms. The meetings will be at the Waikiki Convention Center which is a beautiful walk from the host hotel or there will be shuttles available for those who wish to ride. This year's Welcome Reception is going to be at the Bishop Museum Palace where there will be fun events for all. This year to make it more affordable to bring family, staff and friends to the Welcome Reception there will be a flat fee of \$60/person to attend. To make the transportation process even smoother, attendees will exchange their Welcome Reception tickets at registration for wristbands, which will be used to board the buses.

The WSPD asked their Western District Trustee to make the AAPD BOT aware of the extra cost that pediatric dental residents from the west coast have in attending the annual Public Policy Advocacy Conference in Washington DC. Last year, the AAPD paid for one room for two nights per residency program. West coast attendees required a third hotel night because of the greater travel distance. The AAPD BOT looked at their current fiscal situation and decided they could increase their funding to two hotel rooms for three nights per residency program for the 2018 Advocacy Conference. Congrats for asking!

Recently the Washington Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (WCAAP) put forth a resolution to the Washington State Medical Association's (WSMA) House of Delegates (HOD) to support Dental Therapists in Washington State. If passed it would have required the WSMA to advocate for dental

therapists in Washington State. Through a quick opposition response from WSDA, ADA, and the AAPD and an invitation to the WSDA to speak in opposition at the WSMA Reference Committee, the resolution was defeated. The concern is that this may be another tactic used to push the midlevel provider issue. It is important that we establish good relationships with our medical colleagues so we are all on same page when it comes to our patients' health.

In order to improve member participation, many professional organizations have Shared Interest Groups (SIGs). The concept is that members form groups or forums to study and discuss areas of common interest. This is still in the development stage but a few areas of interest might include practice management, caries risk assessment, behavior guidance, or oral pathology. The AAPD Board approved to further develop this idea.

Lastly, the pediatric dental workforce study is nearing completion. The Center for Health Workforce Studies in Albany, NY should be able to present to the AAPD BOT their findings at the January Winter BOT meeting. They were very pleased when the survey of the AAPD membership had a 39% response. A big thank you to all who took the time to complete the survey. I am so honored to represent you!

# Executive Director's Message

Andy Soderstrom, DDS



Over the last three decades, I've attended over one hundred installations. Rubber chicken or over cooked, flavorless beef was to be expected but occasionally

the meal would be outstanding. There were similar expectations for the speeches. To be completely honest, more often than not, I'd find my mind wandering and not particularly engaged in the presentation. Every now or then, there would be a speaker who's words would grab my attention. That's what happened in Atlanta during the installation of Dr. Joe Crowley as the 154<sup>th</sup> President of the American Dental Association. Dr. Crowley is a general dentist from Cincinnati, Ohio and it was a privilege to serve under his and now Past President, Dr. Gary Roberts, leadership.

The byline in the *ADA News* introducing Dr. Crowley to the membership prior to his installation was "Treat people as you would want to be treated." That is one of his core values. This ancient saying with roots in many cultures and religions is one I also try to follow in my practice. Dr. Crowley and I both practice in the community where we were raised and are active participants in the community. Perhaps these parallelisms create a bias for my appreciation of his comments but I hope you'll share my perspective.

In his message to the House of Delegates, Dr. Crowley challenged us to "work together to elevate dentistry to new heights." He stated that as dentists, we have a responsibility to our patients, to our communities and the responsibility to improve our world. How does he propose we, as dentists, do this?



"We have to claim our place in our larger society as a major player in health – not just dental health but overall health. We have to disrupt the patterns that aren't working. We have to pull up a seat at the tables of our local governments, with editorial boards of our hometown newspapers, with anyone who will listen. We have to step up in new ways to advocate for our higher goals that contribute to this big world in which we live – not just our dental world.

We need to look at our role in society differently. There's a bigger piece of the puzzle that we as an organization have probably not given all the attention it deserves. It's about being part of bigger conversations about health. It's about making sure people who need care get care."

The world of healthcare is changing. Value in medicine is evolving rapidly to a system based on outcomes not procedures. In the past, it would be 15-20 years before similar changes made their way into dentistry. That time frame has shortened which makes this the time for the ADA to "lead that change rather than chase it." To read Dr. Crowley's entire message follow this link: <https://www.ada.org/en/~media/ADA/Member%20Center/Members/HOD%20Speech-Incoming%20President>.

So where do pediatric dentist and pediatric dentistry fit into Dr. Crowley's vision?

First – Membership - more specifically membership across all levels of organized dentistry (local, state and national). CSPD has tremendously loyal members and our membership numbers continue to grow each year. Representing a large majority of the pediatric dentists in California allows CSPD to be a significant player on issues related to the practice of pediatric dentistry. But for your voice to be heard in Chicago or Washington DC, you also need to be a member of the ADA or AAPD (ideally both) as they are the organizations that carry our message at the national level. Their voices are made louder by growing their memberships. Growing membership proportionate to their market share has been a challenge for the ADA for nearly a decade which is alarming. These national organizations are the ones that focus on the big picture and advocate for the policy changes where dentistry, as Dr. Crowley opined, is "leading the change not chasing it." The value of membership is more than just the "membership benefits" we personally receive. It's also about moving our profession forward creating a better profession for those who follow us.

Second – Prevention – Pediatric dentists are the prevention experts. We get it, we apply the techniques more than any other discipline of dentistry and we see the results in the positive outcomes for our patients. In access to care discussions, I heard it stated countless times that “we can’t drill and fill our way out of this problem” implying the need for an increased emphasis on prevention. The value conversation for dentistry is still in its infancy but seems to clearly be pointing towards increasing the perceived value of prevention. That course will require cultural change within the profession where prevention has a greater value than restoration. For this change to happen, there will have to be a restructuring of the reimbursement system. Again, this is a conversation that must occur at the national level and as the prevention specialists’, pediatric dentistry should have a prominent seat at the table.

Third – Leadership – Pediatric dentists only comprise 1-2% of the entire number of dentists yet during my volunteer experience they hold 5-10% of volunteer positions in organized dentistry. I’ve found this to be the situation across all three levels of the tripartite structure. CSPD has two tremendous leadership programs that provide our young dentists the experience they’ll need to become our future leaders. The Warren Brandli Intern program is a yearlong program where the interns participate in all the activities of the Board of Directors giving them experience in organizational governance and child advocacy. The Santos Cortez Graduate Student Leadership Advocacy program provides our dental residents the opportunity to experience and see our State legislative process firsthand while advocating on pediatric issues in Sacramento and Washington, DC. It is your membership that provides the support for these valuable programs.

Legislative and regulatory advocacy are not the glamorous membership benefits we all clamor for. To me, they are the most important. Yes, I’m probably biased by my many years of volunteer leadership. These behind the scene activities provide the foundation for us to practice dentistry in an environment that allows us to optimally provide care for our patients with reasonable compensation. It’s your membership dues that assure that all these organizations have the resources necessary to be the professions’ advocate. I hope you’ll join me in my continued support of organized dentistry to assure a bright future for our profession.

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## Message from the WSPD President

Sarah Hulland, BSc, DDS, Pediatric Dentist, MSC



The fall has moved along with the pace of a tsunami. Many of our members had the opportunity to travel to Chile for the IAPD. I personally had the privilege of engaging

in discussions with our members as well as others across the international community. Leaders from the AAPD, Drs. Jim Nickman and Kevin Donly, worked hand in hand with Dr. Anthony Tsai, immediate past-president of the IAPD, to optimize the unity of our international perspectives. Through these meetings we enhance the comradery within pediatric dentistry and bring relevant techniques, concepts and opportunities back to our own organizations.

The WSPD executive committee worked hard at our recent board meeting to develop a vision of the WSPD organization and we focused on how to enhance our communication for the region. We had consensus of the group to hire a communications assistant who will work with us to optimize the relevance of the WSPD to all the members of our region.

One avenue through which the WSPD engages our future pediatric dentists is the StAMP fund. This past year we sponsored three students (1 from Nevada and 2 from California) to attend the Advocacy Days. With the leadership of Dr. Ora Lowe we will continue to encourage students to join this initiative and become more aware of and involved with the issues in the WSPD district, the AAPD leadership and across the nation.

I would like to also take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Jacob Lee for being selected as the new District Trustee for the WSPD. He will work hand in hand with Dr. John Gibbons, over the next few months, to learn the ropes of his new role. In closing I would like to thank the entire membership for supporting my efforts as President of the Western Society of Pediatric Dentistry. I would also like to thank the executive team for their unflinching commitment to the WSPD.

# 2018 CSPD/WSPD Annual Meeting

## Greetings!



## 2018 ANNUAL MEETING MOVED TO FALL!

As the CSPD Annual Meeting Chair, I wanted to remind you that our CSPD-WSPD Annual session has moved to the Fall. The meeting will be held at the Torrey Pines Hilton in La Jolla, CA, October 11-14, 2018. Pre-conference meetings are planned for Wednesday, October 10th.

Last year in Las Vegas, the traditional program was changed to accommodate guests who wanted to venture out to the 'Strip' and take in the Las Vegas nightlife. This Fall we will be following the traditional schedule of events. Highlights of the Fall meeting include a Thursday afternoon lecture on "Aesthetic Considerations for Anterior Teeth" presented by Dr. Anna Chen, Program Director, Loma Linda University, Department of Pediatric Dentistry. Following her presentation Thursday evening is the Welcome Reception. The academic session will officially commence on Friday morning with a lecture presentation from Dr. Daniela Silva on "Alternatives to Pulp Therapy." Dr. Silva is a CSPD Board member and the Chair and Program Director of the UCLA School of Dentistry, Department of Pediatric Dentistry. Resident poster clinics are planned later in the afternoon, followed by

the Warren Brandli Intern and New Dentists reception. Saturday morning is our keynote address by Dr. Robert Lustig. He will be speaking on "The Toxic Effects of Sugar". Please join us for a sell-out presentation!

Sunday's academic session on "Ethical Dilemmas" facing Pediatric Dentists will be moderated by Dr. Steve Chan, Immediate Past President of the American College of Dentists (ACD), Past president of CSPD, and Past President of CDA. Dr. Chan will guide us through an exciting, mind provoking morning of ethical dilemmas that plague us. The program is especially designed for private practitioners and new dentists. It will address situations that affect us in rendering treatment when challenged by parents and other family members. How do we deal with these awkward situations and provide the best treatment for the child patient?

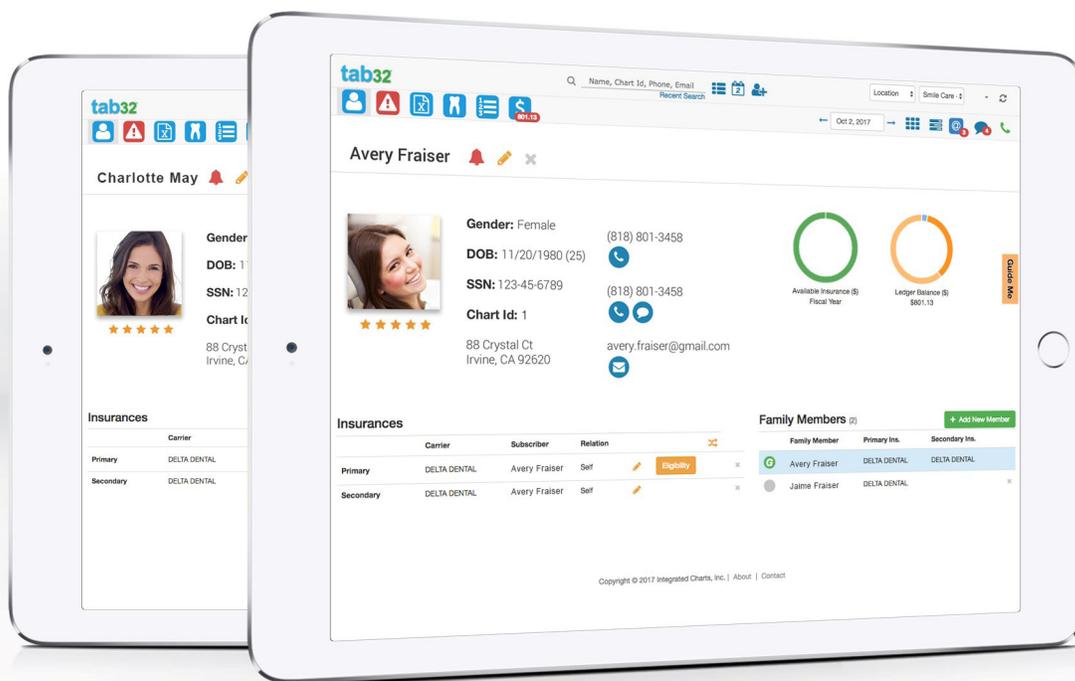
Social events for the meeting include the Thursday night Welcome reception, Friday Luncheon honoring CSPD Past Presidents, New Dentist and WBI reception Friday evening, Alumni receptions and GALA on Saturday. Festivities for the GALA are being planned by Suzi Tavana which will take place immediately after the

Alumni receptions. Alumni groups, please make plans and requests for space early.

The Torrey Pines Hilton in La Jolla offers many amenities for guests who enjoy outdoor sports and activities. The resort fee includes pool access, access to the health club, fitness center, and yoga classes. The Hotel features a large outdoor pool as well as three lighted tennis courts. Guests can use the full-service spa at the neighboring Lodge at Torrey Pines. Water skiing, golfing, snorkeling, surfing/ boogie boarding, mountain biking, kayaking, sailing and many other outdoor sports are offered nearby. The On-site Massage treatment room is available daily by Appointment only.

The Fall meeting offers a great academic and social experience. Make plans early to join us! San Diego is a fun destination, not to be missed.

**Oariona Lowe, DDS, MPH, MA**  
Annual Meeting Chair



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# CSPD Mid-Year Meeting

## Get Ready for the Best CE Event of 2018!

If you were hoping to invite your staff and colleagues to one fabulous event before the summer rush- this is it!

### TRACK 1

Get everyone in compliance by taking care of **BLS, CalOSHA, Infection Control and Dental Practice Act** all in one day, with some fabulous meals and cocktail receptions included! The panoramic views of the Ferry Building and the Bay Bridge will be paired with some great drinks and some even better talks. Art Curley will share his legal expertise and inspire you and your staff with great ideas and pediatric dental office cases he has learned from. Marcella Oster will be leading a positive and uplifting Infection Control Talk focusing on what your office is doing right and how you and your staff can maximize the things you are already putting effort into. The Basic Life Support for healthcare providers will be a welcome change from the boring weekday courses you and your staff cancel patients to go take. Maximize your staff bonding time by laughing together, practicing CPR, and enjoying a beautiful spring Saturday by the Bay!

### BLS, CalOSHA, Infection Control and Dental Practice Act Panel:



**Marcella Oster,**  
RDA, Co-founded  
and was President of  
EcoSolutions



**Arthur W. Curley,**  
JD, Assistant  
Professor of Dental  
Juris Prudence at  
the Dugoni School  
of Dentistry in San  
Francisco

### TRACK 2

For our members looking to keep up with their **PALS certification** (or try it for the first time!)- this is the course for everyone! For anyone who has ever sat through a hospital based PALS course tucked into a group of pediatric cardiologists (me! 2013!): Let me tell you, you only want to take this class with your pediatric dental peers. The discussion is more enriching, the cases are more relatable, and the learning potential is much better.

Our program is specifically geared to pediatric dentists and what you can do if a tragedy ever occurs in your work environment. This course will be offered every single April through our annual mid-year-meeting (so even if you don't need to renew this year- we've got you covered!).

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

**MID-YEAR MEETING**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018**  
**HYATT EMBARCADERO**  
**SAN FRANCISCO, CA**

CE driven event: PALS, Infection Control, Dental Practice Act plus Pediatric Sedation, CSPD Annual Business Meeting, and more!

**GO TO CSPD.ORG TO REGISTER!**

### TRACK 3

New to CSPD this spring in our **Comprehensive Pediatric Dental Sedation Seminar!** 7.5 units of CE to ensure you fulfill your dental board requirements. This course has been designed specifically for the California Pediatric Dentist. If you are practicing in-office general anesthesia, and you are concerned about the cases you hear about in the news- we urge you to attend. We will be breaking down the mistakes and pitfalls of these pediatric tragedies and teaching you what you can do to avoid them. If you practice conscious sedation in your office, this course is going to teach you exactly what you want to know about how to safely practice, and what other pediatric dentists just like you are doing.

This course will emphasize California Law and **California case studies.**

What makes it so unique is our expert panel of educators from UCSF, UCLA, Loma Linda, and USC. Find out what sedation regimens are currently being taught- and get a chance to ask these experts about what they are doing right. We have Yvonne Rochon, a board certified Pediatric Dentist/ Dental Anesthesiologist presenting a wonderful M&M session (Morbidity and Mortality). She will be highlighting cases and helping our members work through the nuances and algorithms of what to do when things go wrong. Do not miss this opportunity to learn about pediatric anatomy, pediatric safety, and child welfare laws. This course has been crafted as a way to ensure that an in-office tragedy will never affect one of our own members.

### Sedation Safety Panel:



**Lawrence Stephen Long Jr., MD** is an attending pediatric anesthesiologist at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland. He is also a member of Children's Dental

Anesthesia Group and works with pediatric dentists to provide in-office general anesthesia for pediatric dental patients across the Bay Area. He has given multiple lectures on pediatric airway management and pediatric pain management at hospitals throughout Northern California. He completed his anesthesiology residency and pediatric anesthesiology fellowship at UCSF. He lives in Walnut Creek with his wife and three children.



**Jung-Wei Chen, DDS, MS, PhD,** Loma Linda University School of Dentistry



**Thuan Le, DDS, PhD,** UCSF School of Dentistry



**Thomas Tanbonliong, DDS,** Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC



**Daniela Rodrigues Silva, DDS, MS,** UCLA School of Dentistry



**Dr. Yvonne Rochon,** a dual board certified pediatric dentist/dental anesthesiologist, will be presenting a Morbidity and Mortality Conference based on recent

sedation deaths in California. Learn about what mistakes have been made and what pediatric dentists can do to avoid in-office tragedies with sedation and general anesthesia cases.

## Congratulations Jacob K. Lee, DDS, FRCD



Congratulations Jacob K. Lee, DDS, FRCD on becoming the next Western District Trustee!!

Dr. Lee has served in California Society of Pediatric Dentistry leadership for the past 5 years and as a Trustee of the Western Society of Pediatric Dentistry for the past 3 years. His commitment and focus have been to fulfill the vision and the mission of CSPD and that of WSPD.

CSPD is unique in that our members constitute about 50% of the Western District Society and 10% of the entire AAPD membership. Thus, our voice must be heard and attended to. Dr. Lee's understanding of the inner workings of both CSPD and WSPD will allow him to achieve a greater level of communication with AAPD to serve as an effective Trustee. Thank you for your service!

# I Don't Belong Here

Steve Chan, DDS, Past CSPD President



It was hard getting started. I went to a private dental school – so I was deeply in debt when I finished. Doing three more years of post grad training – seemingly -- just delayed finding a job where I could

support my family.

But despite being in a recession where the big industry in town just closed, despite double digit interest rates to borrow money, despite the prospects of getting associateships within a 40 mile radius drying up, and despite intense hostile competition in town for a new dentist – it was time for us to start a practice.

We were starting from scratch. We didn't know anyone in the area. The local dental society seemed like a good place to start meeting people, especially as a new specialist in town.

I looked forward to my first dental society dinner meeting. I came early. I walked into the room. I saw someone that I met recently for lunch. Specialists do that kind of thing. He was pleasant and smiled. Then he turned and continued talking to a group of people he was with.

I wandered around the room a few times. There weren't too many seats that weren't already saved or taken. I found a seat at a back table. I introduced myself. People to the left of me turned and continued their conversation. People to the right were talking about their kids' soccer game.

I didn't know anyone else in that room. I read those flyers at the table -- from the vendors sponsoring the dinner – again, and again. I felt like that room was getting bigger and bigger. Maybe I should just go home. I could be home playing with my kids. I don't belong here.

Maybe if I volunteered for the dental society, I could meet a few people. I volunteered to help -- for what I found out later was an almost dead – dental health poster contest. But it was a chance to meet the merchants in the community. I had a lot of time on my hands. It was a chance to meet other dentists – for more than Steve Chan trying to get referrals.

That poster contest caught the attention of some of the leaders of the dental society. They asked me to serve on the Board.

A leadership conference was coming up in the state capitol. But I was starting my practice from scratch. I had to see if I could afford to go. I made \$600 that week. I made enough to pay my rent.

All I would need to make is another \$600 to pay my dental assistant. There were two weeks more in the month. I still had to make enough to pay my school and practice loan payments for that month.

I was going to take a chance and go to this leadership conference.

I would get a chance to meet some important people – people whom I read about. I was going to learn the secrets of leadership.

The headline speaker came to the podium and opened with, "I don't know why the young people aren't joining us. It can't be the money!" The color just rushed out of my face.

I was only three years out of my graduate program. There were no dues reductions for new grads back then. The dues were \$1000. They wanted it up front.

My school loan repayment just ramped up. My monthly loan payments now included repayment of the principal as well as the interest. I had two young kids. I couldn't find another associateship.

I was sinking deeper into the chair. If \$1000 in dues were not a big deal -- for people in that room – I was very, very embarrassed. I'm not even -- in the same class of people.

I started to get up and leave. Maybe I could go back to the office and wait for a call for a patient to come in. Maybe I should go home. I don't belong here.

I went to my first House of Delegates. People came from all over the whole state. This would be like going to the Congress! There were lofty speeches and eloquent people giving passionate pleas. I wish I could talk like those people.

One night, there was a big Gala. People were dressed up. One ticket was more expensive than what my wife and I spent -- for the both of us -- when we treated ourselves. No one else from our dental society was going. But here was a chance to meet some famous people.

It looked like most of the tables were reserved -- with the names of different dental societies. Other tables had people who were on the same state councils or committees. They were waving at others coming in that room -- saving seats for them. They looked like they were old friends.

As the event got started -- we looked for our table. We circled around nearly twice. There it was -- in the very back of the room. The stage seemed miles away. My wife and I sat down.

There were eight other place settings. There were eight other empty seats at that table. We sat there -- for a very, very long time. No one else came -- to sit at our table. This big Gala was about to start.

We looked at each other. Maybe we should just go home. We don't belong here.

The State Trustee for our county saw us. You could tell he was pretty important. People kept coming up to talk to him. They came to him -- one right after another. Even the famous people in that room came up to him.

He and his wife came over to our big dark empty table. His wife must have been pretty important. She was the Chairperson of something called a reference committee. She was at another table with her committee members -- near the front stage. People kept coming up to talk to her too.

They left their reserved tables -- at the front of the ballroom.

They left their friends -- and other famous people in the state. You had to be pretty important to sit in the front of the room.

They came -- and sat with us.

This was the third turning point in my professional life.

It was the third time -- where I almost quit.

Our path -- in this profession -- would have been different.

They reached out and touched our lives.

It was a powerful lesson in leadership.

Maybe it's not -- just -- about an exhibit hall where you can see rows and rows of the latest new toys for the office and pick up a few freebies.

Maybe it's not -- just -- about getting malpractice insurance.

Maybe it's not -- just -- about getting continuing education credits.

Maybe it's not -- just -- about fighting insurance companies.

Maybe it's not -- just -- about standing our ground with the government.

Maybe -- it's more than that.

*Steve is the immediate past President of the American College of Dentists, the national honor society for this country. He is a past President of the California Dental Association Founder of the CDA Foundation, and the California Society of Pediatric Dentists. Governor Brown appointed him to the Dental Board of California. His wife Suzanne is the former Vice Mayor of Fremont, the fourth largest city in the San Francisco Bay area.*

## CSPD Thanks our Volunteer Pediatric Dentists!

### CSPD Board

On October 6 and 7, 2017, CDA Cares set up a clinic in Bakersfield at Kern County Fairgrounds to care for 1,506 patients. They had hundreds of volunteers turn out to make it happen. There were general dentists, specialists, hygienists, assistants, lab techs, physicians, nurses and pharmacists all there to share their clinical skills. CSPD is proud to thank the following pediatric dentists who showed up and volunteered their time:

- Jordan Buzzell (San Diego)
- Marshall Chey (Bakersfield)
- Chad Abby (Bakersfield)
- Maria Do (San Dimas)
- Kurt Sturz (Bakersfield)
- Jared Nation (Loma Linda)
- Santos Cortez (Long Beach)

Here is some of the information on the CDA Cares clinic in Bakersfield.

BAKERSFIELD TOTAL IMPACT	
Value of care provided	\$1.25 Mill
Number of Patients	1,506
Number of Procedures	10,036
Number of Volunteers	1,158

# Report of the Meeting of the Dental Board of California

Prepared for the California Society of Pediatric Dentistry

Paul Reggiardo, DDS, CSPD Public Policy Advocate



CSPD follows a number of bills under consideration by the state legislature which potentially impact pediatric oral health. 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](mailto:reggiardo@prodigy.net).

## RDA LICENSURE UPDATE

In April of this year the Dental Board of California, responding to the report and recommendations of the Office of Professional Examination Services of the Department of Consumer Affairs, voted to suspend administration and passage of the RDA practical examination as a condition for RDA licensure. Until an alternative licensure pathway is identified by the Board, as an interim measure, candidates who have met all other requirements for licensure, including successful completion of the RDA Written Examination and the RDA Law & Ethics Examination, are being granted a license.

In August the Board appointed a subcommittee to develop and propose a permanent pathway to RDA licensure that considered alternatives to the practical examination which would still protect the public and yet not create an unnecessary workforce barrier. After consideration of a number of options, the Board voted at the November meeting to maintain on a permanent basis the simpler interim requirements.

*Comment: As the Board approaches its 2019 "sunset review," this decision is consistent with one of the goals of the legislature's sunset review process to "eliminate overly restrictive eligibility standards ... that unduly limit competition between professionals or place undue burdens on those who want to enter the profession." Another impediment to RDA licensure will be removed next year with the combining of the RDA written examination*

*and the law and ethics examination into a single test structure.*

## **IRRIGANTS WHEN THE DENTAL PULP IS EXPOSED**

Assembly Bill 1277, passed by the legislature and signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown in October, in response to a series of mycobacterium abscesses infections associated with therapeutic pulpotomy procedures performed last year in an Anaheim clinic facility, requires the Dental Board to adopt regulation no later than December 31, 2018, which require that water or other methods used for irrigation of the dental pulp to be sterile or contain recognized disinfecting or antibacterial properties. At the November meeting, the Board approved this proposed language and initiated the rule making process that will place such requirement into effect on January 1, 2019.

*Comment: Members are advised to follow closely the actual wording of the final regulation as will be reported by the Board on its website (<http://www.dbc.ca.gov>), by CDA on its website (<https://www.cda.org>) and published in the CDA Update, as well as on our CSPD blast mailings and in our mailed and available-online Bulletin.*

## **ANESTHESIA LEGISLATION**

In the first year of the 2017-2018 California Legislative Session, three bills were introduced which would govern the administration of sedation and general anesthesia in the dental setting. None reached the Governor's desk (see Legislative Report elsewhere in The Bulletin) and the authors have indicated each will be taken up again next year. Whatever legislation is passed, the Dental Board will be tasked with developing regulations under the statute. The Board summarizes each of the bills as follows:

### • **AB 224 (Thurmond) DENTISTRY: ANESTHESIA AND SEDATION**

This bill would implement portions of the Dental Board's recommendations included in its pediatric anesthesia study that was provided to the Legislature. Specifically, this bill would change the way the Board regulates pediatric anesthesia by enhancing

requirements for the administration of general anesthesia and deep sedation for patients thirteen years of age and younger.

### • **SB 392 (Bates) DENTISTRY: REPORT; ACCESS TO CARE: PEDIATRIC DENTAL PATIENTS**

This bill would require the Dental Board to analyze, and report to the Legislature by January 1, 2019, how requiring an additional anesthesia permitholder to be present when administering general anesthesia to a patient seven year of age or younger would affect access to care for pediatric patients

### • **SB 501 (Glazer) DENTISTRY: ANESTHESIA AND SEDATION REPORT**

SB 501 would implement portions of the Dental Board's recommendations included in its pediatric anesthesia study that was provided to the Legislature. This bill would change the way the Board regulates pediatric anesthesia by enhancing requirements for the administration of general anesthesia and deep sedation for patients thirteen years of age and younger. This bill would also require the Board to study how new policies aimed at increased safety would affect access to care.

# Public Policy Advocate's Report

## Final 2017 Legislative Summary

Prepared for the California Society of Pediatric Dentistry August 20, 2017

Paul Reggiardo, DDS, CSPD Public Policy Advocate

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### AB 15 (Maienschein): Denti-Cal:

**Reimbursement Rates.** The bill would have directed that Denti-Cal provider reimbursement rates for the 15 most common services be doubled beginning in the 2017-2018 fiscal year and that funds derived from the 2016 Proposition 56 Tobacco Tax Initiation be used to pay for the additional costs.

CSPD Position: **Support**

Outcome: Died in Senate Appropriations Committee

**Comment:** Proposition 56 allocates a specified percentage of tobacco tax revenues to the Department of Health Care Services to increase funding for existing health care services which increase access and improve quality under the Medi-Cal program. This bill would be consistent with these objectives. Passage was always unlikely.

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### AB 224 (Thurmond): Pediatric Dental

**Sedation.** This bill would have established new definitions and revised permitting structure for the administration of deep sedation/general anesthesia, moderate sedation, and minimal sedation for patients under 13 years of age and require an analysis of outcomes and complications related to dental sedation.

CSPD Position: **Watch**

Outcome: Removed from consideration in this session of the legislature by the author. [May be reconsidered in 2018.](#)

**Comment:** A provision to require a separate anesthesia provider for children 7 years of age or younger from that of the operating dentist included in earlier renderings of the bill is absent from this version. The author proposed in hearing that the dedicated anesthesia monitor for patients under 7 years of age be a dentist holding a general anesthesia permit, a physician anesthesiologist, a clinical nurse specialist with pediatric critical care or recovery room experience, a registered nurse anesthetist, or a nurse practitioner with pediatric critical care or recovery room experience. That provision was not accepted by the by the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee.

**AB 1277 (Daly): Dental Waterlines.** The bill directs the Dental Board of California to adopt final regulations by 12/31/18 to require that water or other irrigates used for procedures that expose the dental pulp to be sterile or contain recognized disinfecting or antibacterial properties.

CSPD Position: **Support**

Status: Passed by the legislature and signed into law by the Governor 10/2/17

**Comment:** The bill arises out of the cases of mycobacterium abscesses contracted at a dental clinic in Anaheim last year. In November, the Dental Board instructed staff to prepare regulation that would require sterile water or disinfectant when procedures are performed on the exposed dental pulp (a subtle difference from procedures that expose the dental pulp).

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### AB 1707 (ASB B&P): Registered Dental

**Assistants: Practical Examination.** Under existing law, the suspension of the RDA practical examination mandated by the Office of Professional Examination Services expires July 1, 2017. This bill extends that suspension until January 1, 2020, or until the board determines an alternative way to measure competency, whichever occurs first.

CSPD Position: **Support**

Outcome: Passed by the legislature and signed into law by the Governor 8/7/17

**Comment:** The bill allows the Dental Board to proceed with abolition of the practical examination as a condition of RDA licensure. More information is included in the Report of the Dental Board of California located elsewhere in The Bulletin.

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### SB 220 (Pan): Medi-Cal Children's Health

**Advisory Panel.** This bill makes minor to the changes to the composition of the three Medi-Cal parent members, creates member term limits, and provides the ability to remove a panel member for cause.

CSPD Position: **Support**

Status: Passed by the legislature and signed into law by the Governor 9/25/17

**Comment:** These are changes that do nothing to improve the structure or effectiveness of the panel.

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### SB 379 (Atkins): Oral Health Assessments.

The bill will require the Department of Education to consult with the State Dental Director in strengthening the reporting requirements of the school-entrance Oral Health Assessment on caries experience and centralizing the reporting of data.

CSPD Position: **Support**

Status: Passed by the legislature and signed into law by the Governor 10/13/17

**Comment:** These are changes that do nothing to improve the structure or effectiveness of the panel.

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### SB 392 (Bates): Pediatric Dental Patients:

**Access to Care; Continuing Education.** The bill would require the Dental Board to provide to the Legislature an analysis of the effects on access to care for pediatric dental patients as it relates to requiring the addition of a second general anesthesia permit holder during the administration of general anesthesia on a patient seven years of age or younger, if the operator-provider is holds a general anesthesia permit.

CSPD Position: **Watch**

Status: Held in the Assembly. [May be heard and considered in 2018](#)

**Comment:** The bill earlier would have directed the Dental Board to develop curriculum requirements for a course in Pediatric Life Support to be required of anesthesia permit holders. The reporting requirement closely duplicates that in SB 501 (Glazer).

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### SB 501 (Glazer): Dentistry: Anesthesia and

**Sedation.** The bill revises sedation definitions and the requirements for the administration of all levels of sedation in the dental setting. Requires at least three people present when deep sedation/general anesthesia is provided to a patient under 7 years of age, with one person solely dedicated to monitoring the patient.

CSPD Position: **Support as amended in the Assembly**

Status: Held in the Assembly. [May be heard and considered in 2018](#)

**Comment:** The bill most closely mirrors AAPD Guidelines regarding all levels and all aspects of dental sedation. CSPD created and required amendments to establish a single requirement for all patients under 13 years of age (instead of a less stringent requirement for 7 – 13 years of age), establish a single personnel requirement for all children under 13 years of age consistent with AAPD guidelines, and remove the prohibition that minimal sedation be limited to the administration of a single drug in addition to local anesthesia and a mix of oxygen and nitrous oxide.

# Loma Linda University School of Dentistry

## Student Activity Update for School Year 2016-2017

2017 has been a busy year for the Pediatric Dentistry Department at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry. We welcomed the New Year with two events, where we provided free dental care to children in the local community: Clinic with a Heart in January and Give Kids a Smile Day in February, both in collaboration with Tri-County Dental Society. Later in February, we made our annual visit to Trona Elementary School, where residents and predoctoral students were able to provide dental treatment for over 100 elementary school students under the faculty supervision of Dr. Wesley Okumura and Dr. Gary Kerstetter. We have been going to Trona since 2013 and look forward to visiting again next year.

In May, Loma Linda University hosted the LLUH Children's Day Fair, inviting 1600 children from all around the Inland Empire to learn about different aspects of health, including oral health. Over 50 dental school volunteers, including students, residents, faculty, and staff, gathered to teach children all about brushing, flossing, and a healthy diet. The children were happy to learn about dentistry in a fun and interactive manner.

Though we've kept ourselves busy with local efforts in Trona and in Loma Linda, some of us were fortunate enough to travel further to aid in international dental outreach. In June, a team of 30 dental students, three attending faculty and second year resident, Eduardo Rappaccioli, traveled to San Marcos and Managua, Nicaragua, where they joined efforts with Nicaraguan dental students to provide dental care to over 200 pediatric patients. Lin Jing, also a second year resident, traveled to Roatan, Honduras, with Dr. Bonnie Nelson, where they collaborated with predoctoral students, periodontists, hygiene students, pharmacists, nurse practitioners, and an emergency medicine physician, who provided any necessary sedation to treat patients. "Being able to do sedation really



Loma Linda faculty, students, and residents together with Trona Elementary School staff

opened up access to dental care for many of the children," Lin reflected. "For most of these children, we may be the only dentists they ever see, and we were able to provide dental services to uncooperative children who were in pain."

We continue to invite the predoctoral students interested in pediatric dentistry to the weekly journal club sessions. At each meeting, various scientific articles are discussed amongst faculty, residents, and dental students. Not only do we learn about new developments in clinical dentistry, but we also strengthen our ability to score articles and determine how scientifically reliable they are. Each quarter, four of the journal club sessions are devoted to case presentations by the residents. The topic of each of these usually concerns patients who require a unique and multidisciplinary treatment approach, often due to their medical history.

At the end of summer, we hosted our annual Pediatric Dentistry Mixer, where predoctoral students interested in pediatric dentistry were able to mingle with the residents and the Program Director, Dr. Jung-Wei Chen, to discuss the specialty and the application process. Students were encouraged to shadow in the graduate pediatric dentistry clinic so that they are exposed to some of the unique aspects of the department, including the treatment of cleft lip/palate babies with the PNAM appliance. As interview season is wrapping up, we wish all the applicants this year good luck!



A young patient poses with her student dentist after a successful appointment at Clinic with a Heart



Susan Xu, a resident, shows a couple of intrigued kiddos the dental chair and the sunshine light at the Children's Day Fair



Young firemen practice their toothbrushing skills at the Children's Day Fair



Loma Linda University dental residents and students pose with Nicaraguan dental students during the mission trip in San Marcos



Predocotal students gather at the Pediatric Dentistry Mixer to learn about the specialty

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# CSPD Welcomes Incoming Residents

If you get the chance to meet the incoming residents 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



**Dr. Amy Jee Hye Huh** graduated from Western University of Health Sciences in May 2017. Her interest in pediatric dentistry began in college when she traveled to Myanmar on a mission trip. There,

she witnessed the devastating outcome of not receiving oral care early in life. In dental school, she worked closely with her classmates to provide dental education and dental care for underserved pediatric populations in Pomona, California. Through these experiences, her passion for pediatric dentistry grew deeper and she is now continuing her training at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry. During her free time, she likes to play the violin. She has been playing the violin ever since she was a little girl and she was also a part of the UCLA Symphony during her undergraduate career. She also enjoys spending quality time with her friends and family. And she especially adores playing with her one and only baby niece. After completing her studies as a pediatric dentist, she intends to work in a private practice and teach in an institution. By educating the future dental providers, she hopes to make a difference in many patients' quality of life by together fighting one sugar bug at a time.



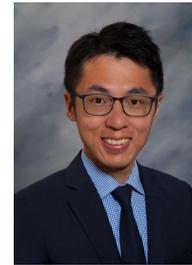
**Dr. Logan Mariano** attended Maurice Kornberg School of Dentistry (Temple University) and graduated this past May. During his time in dental school, he spent countless hours in the pediatric dental clinic where he developed his passion for working with children. He is from a small town in Pennsylvania where he enjoys spending time with family and friends, and being an avid outdoorsman. He looks forward to continuing his education at Loma Linda University, while experiencing the California lifestyle. After graduation, he plans to move back to Pennsylvania and open up a Pediatric & Orthodontic dental office with his brother.



**Dr. Janine Tran** was born and raised in Orange County. She received her Bachelors of Science in Biology at UCLA in 2013 and graduated from the UCLA School of Dentistry in 2017.

During her time there, she was involved in the community, organizing health fairs and school visits to promote good oral health. She has also volunteered on mission trips to Nicaragua and Vietnam, providing dental care to underserved communities. Amazed by the power of educating patients and oral

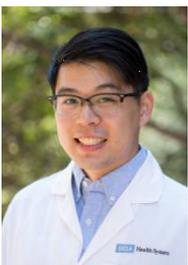
health programs, Dr. Tran decided to pursue pediatric dentistry. Now, she is training at the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry to specialize in this wonderful field. Upon completion of the program, she hopes to work in private practice as a pediatric dentist where she can help kids and the special needs population achieve good oral health. In her spare time, Dr. Tran enjoys exploring hiking trails, spending weekends at Disneyland, relaxing by the beach, and trying new foods. Forever a kid at heart, she is a big fan of Disney, Harry Potter, and superhero movies.



**Dr. Ke-Chung Wu** attended Taipei Medical University School of Dentistry in Taiwan, ROC and graduated in 2012. After one year of military training in the Taiwanese Coast Guard, he attended Cathay General

Hospital in Taipei for a general practice residency. During this time, Dr. Wu visited international and domestic remote areas for volunteer work, which deepened his determination to help children in need. He then trained and was certified at Shuan-Ho Hospital as a specialist of treating patients with special care needs. After completing his pediatric dentistry residency program at Loma Linda, he looks forward to becoming a faculty member to teach and establish a better system of treating children with special care needs in the future. During his free time, he enjoys outdoor activities including hiking, swimming and jogging.

## University of California, Los Angeles



**Dr. Jonathan Hurng** was born in Lafayette, Louisiana (the State where Mardi Gras is a religion) but grew up in Cupertino, California (the default location on your Apple® products). He graduated from the

University of California, San Diego with a B.S. in Bioengineering. After realizing his programming logic limitations, Dr. Hurng transitioned from his work on bone engineering to patient healthcare. Juggling a hectic schedule of binge-watching Netflix/HBO originals, videogaming, as well as waiting in line on movie opening nights, Dr. Hurng was also able to attain a Doctor of

Dental Surgery degree from the University of California, San Francisco in 2015. After general practice residency at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine and while working as an associate in a corporate dental practice, Dr. Hurng realized he wanted to dedicate his career towards quality care of children. After all, no other patient population tells better stories or is more up-to-date on

gaming secrets than children! Dr. Hurng is thankful and excited to be a new member of the UCLA Pediatric Dentistry family and looks forward to starting married life with his wife Joy, a 3rd year orthodontic resident at the University of Connecticut.



**Dr. Ogorchukwu Olele (Ogo)** was born in Inglewood, California and raised in the South Bay of Southern California. In 2009, she received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Women's Studies with the Concentration

of Health and Law. Two years later, she earned a Master of Health Administration (MHA) Degree from the school on the other side of town, USC. Given her own personal dental experiences and desire to improve the quality of oral healthcare for underserved populations, she decided to pursue the field of dentistry. She recently graduated from the UCLA School of Dentistry in June 2017 and looks forward to embarking on a new chapter in her life with the Venice-UCLA Pediatric Dentistry Family by her side. When the opportunities present themselves, she loves to organize spaces, scrapbook, journal and bake for others. Even more, she enjoys attending afro beat, hip hop and cycling classes in the greater Los Angeles area and being a burst of energy and laughs for those around her!



**Dr. Jennifer Villalta** was born in Los Angeles, CA and moved to Sonoma County during middle school. After receiving her Registered Dental Assistant license at 17, she knew dentistry was for her. She graduated

with a B.S. in Physiological Sciences from UCLA in 2012, and decided to take a year off to embark on a NAVY mission where she was able to provide oral healthcare to patients in rural areas of South East Asia and Pacific Islands. This trip was instrumental in her journey into pediatric dentistry with an emphasis in public health. She received her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from University of the Pacific in 2017 and is ecstatic to be coming back to her alma mater to complete her pediatric dental training (#gobruins #doublebruin). Jennifer is excited to start her pediatric dental training at UCLA-Venice. She is passionate about helping underserved and underrepresented

communities, and hopes to continue learning about ways to improve oral health disparities by obtaining her Masters in Public Health also at UCLA. In her free time Jennifer will be the first to ask, "who wants to do something?". She enjoys meeting new people, exploring, and traveling, which includes finding new places to eat, dance, attend concerts, and watch sports. Now that she is closer to the beach, she hopes to finally learn how to swim and surf.



**Dr. Jean Kang** was born and raised in Diamond Bar, CA. She received her B.A. from Scripps College in 2007. After graduating, she found her love for children and pediatric dentistry while working at a local

pediatric dental clinic. With her new found passion she attended UCLA Dental school and received her D.D.S. in June 2017 - where her younger brother is also currently a dental student. Being a local SoCal girl, Jean loves brunching, going to outdoor concerts and movies, doing yoga by the beach, finding new cafes, and going to museums. Jean shamelessly satisfies her sweet tooth with ice cream and gummy bears, but always remembers to brush away the sugar bugs! Jean hopes to pursue a career in academia along with clinical practice and is excited to be starting this new journey at UCLA with her new pediatric dental family.



**Dr. Melissa Korenevsky** was born and raised in the Los Angeles suburb of Manhattan Beach, California. She is the daughter of Russian immigrants, and grew up like any other American child doing rhythmic

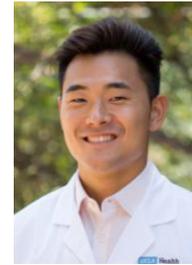
gymnastics, playing chess, and eating borscht. Loving the California sunshine, Melissa moved further down the coast to attend college at UC San Diego, where she graduated with a B.S. in Biology. Following graduation, Melissa worked as a behavioral therapist for autistic and special needs children in the San Diego area. She then moved back to Los Angeles to pursue her dental degree here at the UCLA School of Dentistry, where she graduated summa cum laude in 2017. In her spare time, Melissa enjoys cooking for family and friends, playing piano, and exploring the great outdoors. Her other interests include puppies and other

various baby animals. Melissa is beyond excited to be a double Bruin and join the UCLA pediatric dentistry family!



**Dr. Zarina Tchinibekova** was born in Kazakhstan. From a very young age she traveled throughout Central Asia, Eastern Europe and all the continental states in the US, due to her father's work as a horse trainer.

This is probably why she has an insatiable curiosity to see the world and loves animals, especially horses. She grew up in Chicago and completed her undergraduate education at University of Illinois at Chicago in Kinesiology. In 2013, she earned her DDS degree from University of Michigan School of Dentistry, Go Blue! After working for a few years, her passion for preventive and pediatric dentistry was confirmed. Now she is excited to be a part of the UCLA Pediatric Dentistry family and to have sunshine year-round. Outside of school you can find her on the beach, rowing with a crew, sailing or training horses on a ranch.



**Dr. James Oh** was born in Seoul, Korea where he lived until he was four years old. He and his family then immigrated to Irvine, CA where he grew up until moving to Michigan in middle school. James attended

the University of Michigan (Go Blue!) for both his undergraduate studies and DDS degree. James enjoys spending his free time with family and friends. He also loves sports, the beach, and watching Friends reruns.

# University of California, San Francisco



**Dr. Jean Marie Calvo** grew up in Novato, CA and is proud to call the Bay Area home. She had dentist Barbie as a child and has dreamed of being a dentist from a young age. After receiving her bachelor's

degree in Economics from the University of Southern California, Jean returned home to the Bay Area to attend the UCSF school of Dentistry. During her dental school curriculum Jean took an additional year to study as a Zuckerman Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and also earned her master's of Public Health at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Jean's interests in dentistry span clinical care, health policy and research. She is committed to increasing access to care for the underserved and completed an Albert Schweitzer fellowship to bring dental care to vulnerable populations in the East Bay. Jean also chaired Give Kids a Smile Day as California Public Health Association President at UCSF. While in dental school she participated in several research projects such as studying pediatric dental anxiety, the US dental workforce and access to care. Additionally, she worked for the American Dental Education Association Advocacy Governmental Relations office in Washington, DC as a legislative fellow. Outside of residency Jean enjoys reading, running, and cooking. She is ecstatic to be a resident at UCSF and is honored to treat patients from her own community.



**Dr. Bryan Chao** was born and raised in Fremont, California. He received his B.S. in Biological Sciences from the University of California, Irvine in 2010. He then went on to complete his dental

training at the University of California, Los Angeles, graduating in 2015 with a special recognition for Excellence in Restorative Dentistry. While at UCLA, Bryan first discovered his love for pediatric dentistry on a dental mission trip to Guatemala. His love for pediatrics continued to grow through interactions with children on his rotations, as well as Give Kids a Smile Day events.

After dental school, he continued to hone his skills through a general practice residency program at the VA Mare Island Dental Clinic, and also while working in private practice. Bryan is thankful for the opportunity to become a pediatric dentist and is thrilled to be a part of the UCSF family. In his free time, Bryan loves hiking, playing the drums, softball, and spending time with his wife and daughter. He loves coffee, the San Francisco Giants, and his favorite kids movie is Toy Story.



**Dr. Lesley Latham**

was born in Los Angeles, frequented many countries such as France, Japan, and Singapore as a child, but considers herself a Southern Bell from spending most of her

years in Texas. A proud Longhorn, Lesley received her B.S. in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Texas at Austin and received her DDS from the Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas, Texas. After graduating from dental school, Lesley completed a Pediatric Dental Fellowship at THE Ohio State University and studied Public Health. During her time in Ohio, Lesley was part of the panel of doctors assembled by the Ohio Commission on Minority Health, and participated in the Senate Bill 287 white paper on Diabetes. She also spent her time working for and with the Nationwide Children's Hospital Partner for Kids program. In her free time, Lesley enjoys being active – practicing hot yoga, jogging, hiking, exploring new places and channeling Speed Racer. Lesley's favorite place in the world is on an airplane and spends as much time as possible traveling the world, trying new things and tasting great food. If you must bribe her, she can't say "no" to a poke bowl or buttery crab legs. Although she's always on the move, Lesley is very excited to call the West Coast her new home, and to kick it with the great, inspiring people living in the Bay.



**Dr. Remya Niranjana**

was born and raised in India. She completed her Bachelors in Dental Surgery in 2004 from Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences in Mysore, India. After graduating from her BDS

, she worked in various dental offices and also was an instructor in Sri Balaji Dental College Chennai, India. She immigrated to the U.S in 2005 and focused on gaining entry into the International Dentist Program in UCSF. Apart from assisting dentists, she spent the next 3 years in participating in various voluntary initiatives to educate school children about the importance of dental hygiene. Remya entered the International Dentist Program at UCSF in the fall of 2009 and graduated in the summer of 2011. Upon graduation, she worked in the central valley of California in various federally qualified dental clinics. She was the driving force behind the new dental wing in Livingston Community Health in Hilmar, CA. During the course of her work there, she found her calling in treating pediatric patients in the underserved communities. Her decision to pursue a specialization in pediatric dentistry was born out of the various interactions with her patients in these communities. Remya's goal is to return to work with the underserved communities which she finds very fulfilling. She also wants to be a part of the teaching community and sees that in her long-term plans.

Remya has been a Bay Area resident throughout her life in the U.S. She is very grateful to be able to continue her long lasting relationship with UCSF. She loves the vibe of San Francisco particularly the gentle ambience of the Outer Sunset area. You can find her taking long walks or bike rides near Ocean Beach with her children over the weekends while watching breaching whales. She also loves travelling and cooking for special occasions.



**Dr. Michelle Ta** grew up in San Jose, California and received her dual bachelor's degree from UC Berkeley in Nutritional Science and Integrative Biology. During undergrad, she

combined her studies with her passion of working with children by focusing her research on global malnutrition and early childhood caries. She travelled to Vietnam during the summer for her research intervention and was inspired to pursue pediatric dentistry. Michelle swapped her sandals for snowshoes and went on to attend Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston, Massachusetts. As

a Dean's Research Honor Scholar, she conducted studies in public health and dental materials. She presented annually at AADR and received the Academy of Dental Materials Annual Senior Award. In Boston, Michelle enjoyed organizing free dental clinics for special needs children, at-risk youth, and immigrant populations and was awarded the ADEA Preventive Dentistry Scholarship. Michelle is very grateful to

join UCSF's pediatric dental family and is excited to return home to the Bay area. When she is not in clinic, Michelle enjoys running outdoors (along the Embarcadero!), backpacking, snowboarding, and playing tennis. She cannot wait to explore local restaurants and hiking spots across the Bay area!

## University of Southern California



**Dr. William Arnold (Billy)** was born in Pleasanton, California and raised in San Jose, California. He graduated from UC San Diego with a degree in Physiology & Neuroscience, and then moved on to Herman

Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC where he earned his dental degree. Dr. Arnold loves traveling as he enjoys seeing and experiencing new countries and different ways of living. He also enjoys trying new things, playing sports, watching movies and hanging out with friends, and, of course, eating good food. Upon graduating from the Advanced Pediatric Dentistry Program at USC, he would like to continue to be involved with service to the community and global outreach.



**Dr. Jonathan Chay** was born and raised in Greenville, South Carolina. Dr. Chay received his undergraduate degree in Biology from the University of South Carolina and received his

dental degree from the Medical University of South Carolina. Dr. Chay's personal interests include eating sushi, wrestling and he is a BIG Star Wars fan. His long term plans include becoming an associate pediatric dentist in private practice.



**Dr. Tiffany T. Chung** was born in Rochester, Minnesota and raised in Austin, Texas. She completed her undergraduate degree in Biology at Baylor University and her dental degree at University of

Texas San Antonio Dental School. She is interested in outdoor events and loves to explore new places, as well serving children with special needs. After graduation from the Advanced Pediatric Dentistry Program at USC, Dr. Chung would like to work at a Public Health clinic and hopes to one day open her own practice.



**Dr. Jenny Garcia** was born and raised in the city of Angels and is a Los Angeles native. She earned her Bachelors in Biology from UC Santa Cruz, and then went further up north to UCSF School of Dentistry

where she received her dental degree. Dr. Garcia is interested in community dentistry. After graduation from the Advanced Pediatric Dentistry Program at USC, she plans to practice in Los Angeles, California.



**Dr. Danielle Goodman** is a California native from Newport Beach. Dr. Goodman earned her Bachelor's degree in Religion from Tufts University, and then earned her dental degree from the Herman Ostrow

School of Dentistry of USC. She is interested in community dentistry, traveling, hiking and golfing. Her future plans include teaching and private practice.



**Dr. Lucy T. Hallajian** was born in Glendale, California and raised in Northridge, California. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Biology from UC Irvine, and earned her dental degree at UCSF School

of Dentistry. Her areas of interest include education and dental anxiety. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, music and the outdoors. After completing the Advanced Pediatric Dentistry Program at USC, she plans on working in private practice.



**Dr. Aaron Lee** was born in Loma Linda, California and raised in San Clemente, California. Dr. Lee earned his Bachelors in Biological Sciences at USC and his dental degree at University of the Pacific

Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry. He is interested in special needs care and the role of Silver Diamine Fluoride. His personal interests include snowboarding, weight lifting and he has been known to play musical instruments. After graduating from the Advanced Pediatric Dentistry Program at USC, his plans include a private practice with some underserved care.

# University of California, San Diego



**Dr. Chloe Mai** was born in Saigon, Vietnam and moved to the United States when she was seven years old. Her family resided in Garden Grove, CA where she was raised for the majority of her life. After

graduating from Rancho Alamitos High School, Chloe attended the University of California, San Diego where she received a Bachelor's degree in Biology and a Minor in Human Development. She then went on to receive a Master of Science from William Carey University-College of Osteopathic Medicine in Hattiesburg, MS and then on to Case Western Reserve University-School of Dental Medicine where she earned her dental degree. During her training at Case Western Reserve University, Chloe found a passion for pediatric dentistry after volunteering at events such as Give Kids a Smile and Build a Mouth, where she taught inner city children the importance of good oral health. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends. Both Chloe and her husband, Dr. Anthony Adams, enjoy going to the beach, hiking, exploring new places, and salsa dancing. They both feel very blessed and excited to move back to San Diego for her training in pediatric dentistry.



**Dr. Jeffrey Choi** ("Jeff") was born and raised in southern California. He obtained a BS in Biomedical Engineering at the Johns Hopkins University in 2009 with a minor in entrepreneurship &

business management. Before he entered dental school, he spent a couple years working with the United States Patent & Trademark Office as a patent examiner for biomedical technology. He then decided to go back to school, and obtained his DDS degree at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in 2017. Throughout his life, Jeff found the most joy in working with children (both as an educator and a clinician), which became a strong motivation for him to pursue pediatric dentistry. In his free time, Jeff likes to explore the outdoors (biking/hiking), go on "foodie adventures", and hopes to pick up surfing during his time as a resident here in San Diego.



**Dr. Kristine Fu** was born in Kirkland, Washington (birthplace of Costco!) and grew up on Mercer Island, Washington. She was one of those kids who loved going to the dentist and always wanted to be one when

she grew up. During her high school and college years, she went on dental mission trips to Nairobi, Kenya, where she had the opportunity to work with impoverished children. It was on these trips that she fell in love with working with kids and decided to pursue a career in dentistry. Kristine earned her bachelor's degree and D.M.D. in the 7-year Bio-Dental Program at the University of Pennsylvania. During dental school, Kristine explored the pediatric profession through volunteering for underserved families and the special needs population, and found that pediatric dentistry was the perfect career for her. Kristine will be continuing her studies in pediatric dentistry at the NYU Langone Health – San Diego site. She is excited to move back to the west coast best coast and be closer to her parents. One interesting fact about Kristine is that her favorite animal is a giraffe, and she has kissed one on the lips before! She also loves to hike, play volleyball, watch TV, read Harry Potter, hang out with loved ones, and above all, eat delicious food.



**Dr. Michelle DaRocha** was born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts in a Portuguese and Brazilian household. As a child, Michelle enjoyed playing sports such as field hockey, cheerleading, swimming,

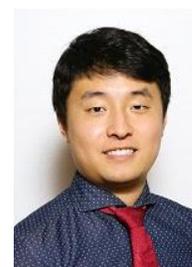
and rollerblading. Michelle also enjoyed the sciences and helping others. Michelle wrote an autobiography when she was thirteen that included her desire to become a dentist when she grew up. Michelle studied at Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine where she earned her Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D) in 2015. After graduating, Michelle worked as a general dentist and Delta Dental scholar in an underserved community where she saw a significant amount of early childhood caries. Michelle also went on mission trips to Nicaragua where she participated in a

fluoride varnish program for preschool and young adolescents. After working for two years as a general dentist, Michelle realized that there was a significant need for dental homes not only abroad, but also within the US. This sparked her desire to become a pediatric dentist and establish dental homes for children.



**Dr. Nancy Shen** was born in St. Louis, MO and raised in Henderson, NV. She was drawn back to her birthplace for a rewarding undergraduate experience at Washington University in St. Louis. Throughout her

undergraduate career, Nancy pursued her passion for teaching and mentoring children via weekly tutoring sessions at the local elementary school. Nancy's commitment to a career of caring for children was solidified during her dental education at the University of Pennsylvania, where she helped provide and improve access to dental care for underserved children in Philadelphia, PA. Throughout and beyond residency, Nancy is eager to dedicate her efforts toward positive, enjoyable patient experiences. Outside of dentistry, she enjoys bonding with friends and family over meals discovered at new restaurants, or served from her very own kitchen. She also enjoys hiking and kayaking.



**Dr. Shuran Liang** was born in Mengzi a small county of Yunnan, China and immigrated to Canada with his family in the early 2000's. As a proud graduate of Washington University in St. Louis and a survivor

of the rigorous NYU College of Dentistry program, Dr. Liang pushed to explore his love of working with the pediatric population by pursuing an education in the pediatric dental field. As he finds himself surrounded by the amazing pediatric dental family of NYU Lutheran San Diego Pediatric Residency Program, Dr. Liang hopes that these next two years will help mold him into a competent pediatric dentist. In the near future he also wants to become heavily involved in pediatric dental public health initiatives in his local community.

# Inside-Out Ergonomics - The Quick 3

Jeff Huston, DDS, MS, FAAPD, FACD



“Dentists are sitting ducks,” says my neighbor Steve (Figure 1). “For over 40 years I’ve been a disability insurance agent. You’re all super high risk. Your arms

gotta work, your legs gotta work, back, shoulder, neck - EVERYTHING in your bodies has to function properly.” We often slouch while reading, writing or typing patient records. Even when not at the office, many digital age devices tempt most to unknowingly lean forward as we gaze into them. The unrelenting state of tension caused by forward head carriage, AKA text neck, quickly fatigues and weakens thousands of small spinal erector muscles as well as many others.

Unbalanced human heads grossly overload backbones and distort the spine’s three natural curves. Subsequently, off kilter vertebral discs pinch down on the nerves and vessels emanating through and from them. Worldwide gravity squashes down on us, further exacerbating the negative results of catawampus skeletons. Anchored to our chairs, we repeatedly stay in prolonged awkward positions. Completing thorough examinations and minute surgical procedures inside small dark orifices necessitates positioning our skulls, spines, hip and sacroiliac joints off-kilter. Many times throughout our workday, we literally must hold perfectly still, while twisted and bent over. Even if straight, it is unhealthy to sit or stand for long periods of time. We must fight stagnation.

Oral health providers get up and down constantly. Many of us just plop down on chairs. To stand, we shift our head weight forward to propel us up. Let’s figure out proper squatting and rising techniques and quit coveting Grandma’s electric lift lounge that ejects people effortlessly up and out.

Dentistry demands daily deleterious static and dynamic postures from us. Prudent young practitioners proactively counteract them before they take their toll. Learning and routinely applying healthy biomechanics and movement patterns help avoid needing external ergonomic contraptions. Harmful consequences of the above mentioned pernicious micro-traumas compound cumulatively. Ultimately, they lead to a variety of unhealthy physiological adaptations, decreased oxygenation, painful musculoskeletal dysfunctions and bone degeneration. Dr. Stuart McGill in Back Mechanic describes non-negotiable “Big 3” daily back exercises. Yes, non-negotiable means we must do them every single day. Dr. Eric Goodman’s True to Form teaches how to decompress our spines and entire bodies. View his “30-day Founder Challenge” and the “Big 3” on YouTube. For the science backing up these suggestions and of definite interest to those treating TMJ disorder, checkout Dr. Thomas Myers’ Anatomy Trains. It explains fascinating new fascia research and how to increase flow of vital fluids and neurochemical transmissions.

Please try out the three quick and easily applicable key moves for unlocking oral health providers’ tight upper bodies. Access the “The Quick 3” demonstration on YouTube. Washing hands serves as a “trigger” to remind us to do them. Hopefully, habitual use will counteract some of the yucky side effects brought on by sitting or standing frozen at the dental chair. The inside-out ergonomics approach briefly described reactivates dormant skeletal support muscles. Don’t be a sitting duck for disability. Keep moving!



*“Don’t be a sitting duck for disability”*

## THE QUICK 3

- 1. Roll Shoulders:** While taking off gloves, tuck in tailbone and tighten tummy. Roll shoulders backwards 3 times. Keep pelvic tilt neutral and abdominal muscles engaged for next steps.
- 2. Breathe Big:** While washing hands, tuck chin back lengthening nape of neck. Inhale deeply through nose focusing on expanding the upper back. Pull bellybutton closer to spine on each exhale. 3 times, big, bigger, biggest breaths. Shoulders stay relaxed. Air alone lifts front and back ribs equally higher and higher.
- 3. Flap Arms:** Stand tall with chin back and ribcage ribcage still up from last step #2. Extend arms out to the side like clock arms at 3:00 and 9:00, flap them 3 times to 1:00 and 11:00, breath in up and out down. Caveat: Please do not attempt, if not fit. Lodi pediatric dentist Jeff Huston recently obtained Foundation Training certification as a posture and movement instructor. Email - [DrJeffHuston@gmail.com](mailto:DrJeffHuston@gmail.com).

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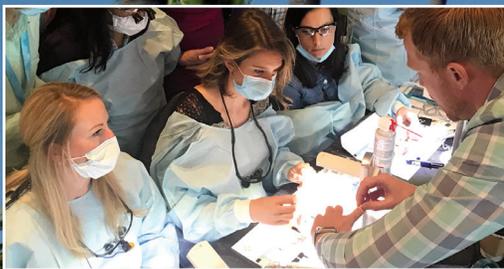


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# Thank You Notes

Chanel McCreedy, DDS, MPH, Communications Committee Chair

It is never too early to learn to say thank you and it is never too late to give thanks. Over the last year, I have been teaching my two-year-old daughter to say thank you and to write thank you notes. Each time we receive a gift from someone, we say thank you and then paint or draw a thank you card and send it to them. Imagine how my heart exploded when I asked her if she wanted to call her grandma, and she said, "Yes, to say thank you for my new book." It is the simple gestures of thanks that really mean the most, and it is never too early or too late to say thank you. Since this edition of the Bulletin is dedicated to giving thanks, let us read a **Thank You NOTE**.

**N – N is for Niethamer, as in Dr. Steve Niethamer.** Dr. Niethamer deserves a warm and well-deserved thank you from all of the CSPD membership, board of directors and executive committee. Dr. Niethamer has done an excellent job videoing, editing, and coordinating the CSPD Online Continuing Education. Through his efforts (and the efforts of those who have assisted him in the past and present), we have an outstanding online library of pediatric dental continuing education. Recently, Dr. Niethamer posted Dr. Clarice Law and Dr. David Rothman's Behavior Guidance presentation "Changing Parenting Styles" from the 2017 CSPD Annual Meeting. Check it out (<http://www.cspd.org/?page=OCE>), learn something new, and thank Steve the next time you see him!

**O – O is for the Opportunity to Serve.** As pediatric dentists, we are entrusted with the care of our community's most precious and most vulnerable resource, its children. Every day we have the opportunity to serve our patients with compassion, patience and quality dental care. Many of us take our profession of pediatric dentistry a step further by serving our community and its children in very special ways. We would love to hear about how you have served your community at home or our global community abroad. Please share



Dr. Stephanie Hardwick



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## **T – T is for Teachers and Mentors.**

We are all the products of our education, our teachers and our mentors. Are there pediatric dental educators or pediatric dental mentors that you would like to thank for their impact on you and your professional development? What better way to thank them than with a note in the CSPD Bulletin? Whether you are a new grad or a seasoned veteran, take some time to reflect on your career and education in pediatric dentistry and let us know whom you appreciate. Share a story of thanks with us (Bulletin Editor Mylinh Ngo at [mylinh.ngo@gmail.com](mailto:mylinh.ngo@gmail.com) or Communications Committee Chair [chanel.mccreedy@gmail.com](mailto:chanel.mccreedy@gmail.com)) and we will share your Thank You Notes throughout various editions of the Bulletin.

*"I'd like to thank two Pediatric Dentists whom I admire not only for what they contribute to our specialty, but also for being such wonderful, caring people. Dr. Clarice Law, thank you for noticing my potential early on during dental school and for encouraging me to pursue this path. I am sincerely appreciative of your guidance. I absolutely love what I do and credit you for helping me get here. Dr. David Rothman, thank you for your warm welcome to the Bay Area five years ago and for your continued support.*

*Thank you for sharing your wisdom and for taking time out of your busy schedule to mentor me along the way. Dr. Law and Dr. Rothman, your help and guidance have been extremely valuable to me. Thank you!"*

**- Stephanie Hardwick, DDS, UCLA Class of 2010, NYU Residency Class of 2012**

**E – E is for Everyday.** Giving thanks is something we should do everyday, not just during November. Do we thank others enough? Do we thank them for specific acts of love, hard work, generosity, and kindness? Let's pledge to thank our partners every day for the little things they do, like taking out the garbage on trash night even though they are as tired as we are (Thank you, Oscar Silva!). Let's pledge to thank our staff for taking care of our most fearful patients with the same gentleness they would use to treat their own child. Let's pledge to thank our patients and families for teaching us how to be courageous in the face of adversity. Let's pledge to be thankful all year long.

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April 21, 2018  
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## SIGNIFICANT APPROVED MOTIONS

**Motion: 10.21.2017.3 Schmitt:** Move to remove requirement of the Vice President to attend the CDA House of Delegates meeting in the P&P Manual. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Motion: 10.21.2017.4 Schmitt:** Move to change P&P to note that the Immediate Past President will serve as a Trustee to the Foundation. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Motion: 10.21.2017.6 Schmitt:** Move to update the CSPD P&P Manual and Bylaws respectively to remove President-Elect as a Trustee to the CSPD Foundation. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Motion: 10.21.2017.7 Schmitt:** Move to implement social media policy as it was originally written by Warren Brandli Interns. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Motion: 10.21.2017.8 Okawachi:** Move to keep the current description of the Governance and Administrative Committee in the P&P as it stands. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Motion: 10.21.2017.9 Schmitt:** Move to update CSPD Bylaws Chapter III, Section 1 and add that Northern and Southern California directors may succeed himself/herself in office for up to two (2) additional terms for a total of six (6) years. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Motion: 10.21.2017.10 Schmitt:** Move to revise CSPD Bylaws Chapter V, Section 1 under Constitution and Bylaws Committee that the committee will review Board Meeting minutes, incorporate leadership actions that

require amendments to the Policy and Procedure Manual, and forward recommendations and changes to the Board. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Motion: 10.21.2017.11 Schmitt:** Move to align CSPD dues for new graduate membership where first year if converted by December 31 are not charged, second year pay 50% of dues, 3rd year charge normal dues, and remove any application fees for new grads during the first year. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Motion: 10.21.2017.12 Schmitt:** Move to approve Steven Chan for Active Life Membership. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Motion: 10.21.2017.13 Schmitt:** Move to have Palm Springs as the 2020 location for the Annual Meeting. Allow the AMC to decide on hotel. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Motion: 10.21.2017.14 Schmitt:** Move to take a support position on CDA HODD resolution #2. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Motion: 10.21.2017.15 Schmitt:** Move to revise CSPD Bylaws Chapter V, Section 1 under Patient Services Committee to replace "specifically in to the areas of anesthesia, sedation, and other behavior guidance" with "in any modality". **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Motion: 10.21.2017.16 Schmitt:** Move to look at the recommendations by the Leadership Development Committee and streamline/eliminate many of the current duties defined in the P&P Manual. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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### Motion: 10.21.2017.17 Schmitt:

Move to eliminate the charge that the Leadership Development Committee should provide an element of board training at each board meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### Motion: 10.21.2017.18 Schmitt:

Move to eliminate the duty requiring the establishment and maintenance of a database of CSPD volunteer and leadership history. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### Motion: 10.21.2017.19 Schmitt:

Move to eliminate the requirement that the Leadership Development Committee maintain a library of resources on leadership and board behavior, etc. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### Motion: 10.21.2017.20 Schmitt:

Move to charge the Leadership Development Committee with the primary responsibility of promoting the internship programs, identifying candidates, selecting interns and supervising (mentoring) intern activities (includes trips to D.C. and Sacramento). **MOTION CARRIED.**

### Motion: 10.21.2017.21 Schmitt:

Move to change Leadership Development Committee to a standing committee, reflecting its importance in the ongoing operation of the organization. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### Motion: 10.21.2017.22 Okawachi:

Move to approve audit. **MOTION CARRIED.**



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