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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr. Jac Pedersen

Hello and welcome to this year's second CSPD Bulletin! It is always a personal joy to be able to communicate with our membership via this forum, and I would like to bring our membership up to date on several important items.



Last May, our editor, **Stephen Howard**, contacted me to state that he no longer felt control over the job he was elected to do as editor of the *Bulletin*. It was with great sorrow and hesitation that I accepted Steve's resignation as editor of CSPD's Bulletin. I would like to commend him on a job well done, and I wish him Godspeed for his future projects. Fortunately, we had two members "volunteer" to take the reins of the *Bulletin*. Appropriately, it gives me great pleasure to announce our new Editor, Jim Yee, and associate Editor, Suzanne Berger. We all know that the task at hand is difficult, and I wish them the best of luck in producing the next *Bulletin*. These two people have superb qualifications and a wealth of experience, and I congratulate them on their true sense of hard work and volunteerism.

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Specialty Licensure, State Board of Dental Examiners Special Report

The California State Board of Dental Examiners met Friday, May 19, 1995 and approved seven recommendations made by the ad hoc Examination Task Force which Dr. Stephen Yuen, president of the State Board of Dental Examiners, appointed in May of 1994. The charge of the committee was to evaluate the current examination and to study other possible methods of testing entry level competency. The committee was asked to take a critical look at the relevancy, validity, and reliability of our current examination, as well as those of other testing methods. In addition, the task force was asked to consider the question of specialty licensure. At the first meeting of the committee, Dr. Yuen indicated looking at licensure by credential would be appropriate since it is linked to specialty licensure.

BDE Ad Hoc Recommendation

The Examination Committee of the California State Board should work with the specialty organizations to determine if the use of specialty licensure is appropriate in California. This task should be completed by January 1, 1998.

Quoting from the Examination Task Force Report, May 19, 1995:

"The task force examined the issue of specialty licensure. The ADA, AIDE, and various state licensing agencies were contacted to gather information on specialty licensure. There are 17 states that either certify or license specialists. Fourteen states require a licensee to have a license to practice general dentistry from a state before a candidate can apply for a specialty license. Thirteen states give specific specialty examinations. Four states allow transfer of the specialty license to their states."

"A specialty license is provided for those practicing the eight ADA-recognized dental specialties. This type of license is used to assess the current educational training of those dentists who have completed a specialty program. In order to accurately develop the criteria upon which specialty licensure would be granted, a complete review must be completed involving all eight specialty boards because their standards for certification vary. The task force was able to develop the following preliminary criteria for specialty licensure, but they need further review by the specialty organizations:"

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Other news which will greatly affect CSPD is the announcement by **Dr. Barber** of his pending retirement as executive director of CSPD. It is impossible to replace a man of such stellar qualities, yet with Dr. Barber's direction, we have formed a search committee with **Paul Reggiardo** and **Mike McCartney**. This search committee will develop the protocol, the standard operating procedures for the executive director, and will review applicants. The committee's report will be given to the board and to the general membership as it develops.

I wish to present now the goals that I have for the 1995-1996 CSPD year. I believe each of these points is achievable during this next year, and my plan will be to accomplish them in a direct fashion. Here are my goals for CSPD (JWP's wish list).

1. To evaluate the need for and develop an additional CE course per year for pediatric dentists.
2. To define and develop a role for CSPD to address the quality of care for pediatric dentistry in relation to managed care programs in California.
3. To institute a proactive legislative advocacy program for CSPD.
4. To define a role and develop a program for CSPD to insure the passage of the state water fluoridation program on the state level. *Passed the Senate HHS Committee, July 12-Ed.*
5. To develop and implement guidelines for appropriate insurance benefit coverage for deep sedation care in pediatric dentistry.
6. To institute and expand the employment opportunity program for CSPD.
7. To develop and produce a consent form package for members of CSPD.
8. To develop and monitor the Big Brother/Big Sister/CSPD pilot dental program.
9. To review and standardize CSPD's executive board liability insurance program.
10. To develop a standard operating procedure manual for the executive director for CSPD.
11. To insure the continuation of the strategic plan.

Please contact me if you have any suggestions, advice, or input concerning any of these goals which I have presented. I always look forward to hearing from our membership. So do not hesitate to contact me at any time at my office number to communicate any concerns that you have, or simply to call and say, "Jac, everything is great. You and your Board are doing a wonderful job, and I can't wait until our next annual meeting."

In conclusion, I direct you now to our committee reports included in the Bulletin for the latest-breaking CSPD news. I thank you for reading this message, and I look forward to a dynamite year working for CSPD as your president.

Respectfully,

Jac W. Pedersen II
President
California Society of Pediatric Dentists

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

New members in CSPD since the last report of February include **Dr. Edward A. Rothman**, Dental Director of the Pediatric Dentistry program at Children's Hospital in Oakland. Dr. Rothman is a Loyola of Chicago Graduate in 1978 who completed his pedo training at the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore in 1981. Dr. Rothman has practiced in New York, Maryland and Illinois as well as engaging in a teaching career at Loyola. **Dr. John E. Peterson** is Professor and Chair of Pediatric Dentistry/Orthodontics at Loma Linda School of Dentistry and a graduate of LLU who did his pedo training at UCLA in 1971-73. John returned to LLU to complete Orthodontic training and receive an MS degree in 1978.

Dr. Lajuan M. Hall is a 1994 graduate of UCSF who is currently engaged in the Pediatric Dentistry program at Children's Hospital in Oakland and concurrently working on a Master's degree in Oral Biology at UCSF. **Dr. Sonia B. Remolina** is a dental graduate in 1988 from Javeriana University in Colombia and received her advanced pedo training at the Eastman Dental Clinic in 1993 and is currently a full time faculty member at USC.

Dr. Richard Watase received his DDS at Northwestern University in Chicago in 1959 and returned for pedo training to Children's Hospital, Chicago and receiving an M.S. in 1963. Dr. Watase was on the USC faculty from 1964-68 and currently is engaged in full time practice in Montebello. **Dr. Kevin Snaer** is a USC graduate receiving his DDS in 1989, his pedo certificate in 1991, and trained at Long Beach Memorial Hospital. Dr. Snaer has served at the Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center and is currently in practice in Arcadia.

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1. Proof of a general dental license from a state or regional licensing jurisdiction.
2. Proof of board-eligibility or board-certification in an ADA-recognized specialty.
3. Must Pass a specialty examination administered by the California specialty organization or be board certified.
4. Practice limited to the specialty once that the specialty license is granted.
5. Graduation from a school of dentistry accredited by the American Dental Association.
6. Passage of Parts I and II of the National Board Examination
7. Certification by the board in each state where that applicant is now or has ever been licensed and the status of any past, pending or active sanctions against the applicant's license.
8. Certification by the applicant of all past or present peer review or court actions involving allegations of malpractice or other transgressions with the final outcome of such actions.
9. Possession of a current CPR certificate.
10. Documentation of required continuing education hours sufficient to meet California relicensure requirements.
11. Submission of a completed form allowing National Practitioners Data Bank information disclosure, should the dentist hold a dental license from a state.
12. Passage of a jurisprudence examination based on the California State Dental Practice Act and an ethics examination.
13. Provision of other information as normally requested from applicants for licensure in the state of California.

"The task force studied methods of licensing specialists used in various states. Some states appoint specialty examiners while others contract with regional boards to provide specialty examinations. Other states rely totally on the specialty education of specialists to provide certification for licensure. The task force strongly recommends California consider the use of specialty examiners to provide appropriate examinations for specialists applying for licensure."

CSPD formed an ad hoc committee on Specialty Licensure to work with the State Board of Dental Examiners to determine if the use of specialty licensure is appropriate in California.

David Perry, Chairman
Public and Professional Relations

Trends of Our Friends

What's new in the personal lives of our members?

1. **Mark Lisagor** has been named "Man of the Year for Camarillo."
2. **Dick Mungo** is giving the featured lecture at ASDC in October at Palm Springs.
3. **Darrin Hirt** and his wife recently gave birth to their first baby. Her name is Tova.
4. **Steve Blain** has been named Acting Administrative Dean at UCLA.

If you have any information regarding our members and friends, please contact the *Bulletin* and let's hear from you!

THE CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTS

PRESENTS

PUTIN' ON THE RITZ!



THE 21ST ANNUAL MEETING
&
SCIENTIFIC SESSION

MARCH 28-31, 1995

THE RITZ-CARLTON
HUNTINGTON HOTEL
PASADENA, CA

Dental Care Committee Report

The 1995-96 charge to the committee was given by Dr. Jac Pedersen, with the following goals to be pursued:

1. To define the CSPD role in establishing guidelines for the quality of care for pediatric dental patients within Managed Care Systems.
2. To develop and implement guidelines for appropriate medical insurance benefit coverage for hospitalization, general anesthesia, and deep sedation, coordinating these efforts with legislative bodies and involving the State Insurance Commissioner.

Basic issues during the first half of 1995 involved providing information and suggestions for inclusion of dental treatment in the proposed California Reaching Early Access for Children's Health Program (CAL-REACH). A detailed report was sent to Ms. Renee Nolte, R.D.H., M.P.A., with the Department of Health Services. Unfortunately, the CAL-REACH program did not make it out of the Senate Budget Committee after its addition as a trailer to the governor's budget package. It may re-surface in the future, at which time we will be following its progress. Ms. Nolte has shared our "greatly informative report" with various agencies within the California Department of Health Services.

A letter from CSPD was sent to members of the State Assembly in support of Assembly Bill 733, lamenting the fact that California rates forty-seventh in the United States in terms of people served by fluoridated water. Our participation was greatly appreciated by all state dental agencies, and we are pleased to report the passage of A.B. 733 through the Assembly.

We continue addressing the issue of obtaining medical insurance coverage for sedation/general anesthesia and hospital care for pediatric dental patients. We were asked by **Dr. Stephen Chan** to draft a letter to Dr. Samuel Aanestad, Chairman of the Council on Legislation for CDA, requesting that this vital issue be addressed on this year's legislative agenda. Following discussions between Drs. Jac Pedersen, **David Perry**, Stephen Chan, and myself, a letter stating CSPD concerns and the desire to actively pursue this goal of coverage was presented at the June 1995 Board Meeting.

Lastly, we were asked by Ms. Renee Nolte to provide a list of professional advisors from CSPD who will be invited to the CHDP Meeting in Sacramento on July 6, 1995, to assist in developing a brochure which will establish guidelines for physicians who perform intraoral assessments of children. This brochure will help them in making appropriate referrals for dental care through the CHDP Program. See page 9 for more information on the CHDP BBTB Brochure—Ed.

In conclusion, there are many areas dealing with Managed Care, as well as various other issues carried over from the 1994-95 agenda that will be ongoing projects for CSPD through 1996.

Richard P Mungo
Chairman

Pediatric Dental Auxiliaries Continuing Education Course

The third annual continuing education course exclusively for pediatric dental auxiliaries will be held on November 11, 1995, in San Francisco, 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m., and will be repeated on November 18, 1995 in San Diego.



"Pediatric Dental Trauma" will be presented by **Dr. Richard Sobel**. An overview of pediatric dental trauma for the dental team will include a discussion of common dental trauma emergencies, sharpening phone skills to assess emergencies, radiographic techniques to help improve the accuracy of diagnosis, essential elements of the medical and dental history, management of traumatic injuries to the primary and permanent teeth, and prevention of trauma, i.e. sports dentistry and mouth protection.

"Update of Pediatric Dental Materials," presented by **Dr. David Rothman**, will provide the dental team with an overview of the various dental materials used in pediatric dentistry such as amalgams, glass ionomers, dentin bonding agents, composite resins, sealants, etc. Dispensing, mixing, and delivering various materials will also be covered. Common questions that parents ask regarding materials will be discussed.

Course tuition is \$65.00 per person, which includes course materials, continental breakfast, luncheon, and coffee/soft drink breaks. Each attendee will receive 7 CE units.

CSPD Annual Meetings

1996	March 28-31	Ritz-Carlton, Pasadena
1997	April 3-6	Marriott Hotel, Monterey

Board Briefs

The 82nd meeting of the Board of Directors of the California Society of Pediatric Dentists was called to order by the President, Dr. Jac Pedersen, on June 17, 1995, at 9:10 am, at the Airport Sheraton Hotel in Los Angeles.

In attendance were Drs. Pedersen, Berger, Barber, Duperon, Lisagor, Perry, Buch, Grossman, Luke, Stewart, Lovingier, Musser, Yee and Chan.

Dr. Pedersen commented on the passage of the Fluoride bill and on the matter of the definition of pediatric dentistry. He commented that those of us who routinely refer to orthodontists call those orthodontists to ask for support on the definition of pediatric dentistry and to voice that concern to the AAO.

A motion was approved rescinding the selection of the Carmel Valley Lodge for our 1997 meeting site. The new location will be the Marriott Hotel in Monterey.

After moving approval of the additional expense of the California reception at this year's AAPD meeting, the new 1995-96 budget was approved by a unanimous vote.

The board moved to support the study on mouthguard use and the incidence of oro-facial injuries in recreational sports participants which is sponsored by the CDA.

The board accepted the resignation of Dr. Howard, the editor of the newsletter with regret. Drs. Berger and Yee will direct all Bulletin work.

An ad hoc committee will be established to evaluate our position on specialty licensure in the State of California. The report will be due on or before Jan. 01, 1996.

The next meeting of the board will be in San Francisco on October 20th.

Donald F. Duperon
Secretary

MOTIONS

MOTION: 06.17.95.02: LOVINGIER/STEWART: I move that we rescind the previous motion to hold the 1997 meeting at Carmel Valley and pursue retrieving our deposit. Furthermore, I move that we hold the 1997 Annual Meeting at the Marriott in Monterey.

PASSED

MOTION: 06.17.95.03: STEWART/LISAGOR: I move that additional costs be approved for inclusion in the budget line item for 1995 AAPD California Reception.

PASSED

MOTION: 06.17.95.04: PERRY/BUCH: I move that we table any approval of the Proposed Budget until other agenda items are discussed throughout the day.

PASSED

MOTION: 06.17.95.05: PERRY/DUPERON: I move that CSPD support the study on mouthguard use and on the incidence of oral-facial injuries among sports and recreational participants in California sponsored by the California Department of Health Services, Office of Dental Health Services.

PASSED

Treasurer's Report: 95/96 Proposed Budget: A review of line items was made. Changes were made, and the budget was also amended to reflect an explanation to members on deficits. A **MOTION (06.17.95.06)** was then made to approve the 95/96 Proposed Budget.

PASSED

California Department of Health Services BBTD Technical Advisory Committee

An introductory meeting of the Baby Bottle Technical Advisory Committee sponsored by the California Department of Health Services was held at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento. Rene Nolte-Newton, RDH, MPA chaired the meeting. Drs. Donald Duperon and Weyland Lum represented the CSPD.

The purpose of the meeting was to aid in the development of an informational brochure on BBTD that would impact the Hispanic population and other first generation families currently receiving some government support and help. In the morning session, the scope and activities of the Child Medical Services BBTD Prevention Project were reviewed. The BBTD videos developed for the professional and for the lay groups were shown. The afternoon was spent in small workshop groups reviewing the currently available BBTD brochures. Under the guidance of Rene Nolte-Newton, a brainstorming session was held to determine the best message to present to the above described target group. In the future, this committee will function in an advisory capacity to all materials prepared by the MCH Services branch prior to publication and distribution. It is hoped that a brochure with a simple message in an eye catching brochure may impact these parents before the child is born and the habit becomes ingrained in the child's behavior.

CSPD Board Meetings

Officers and members of the Board of Directors for CSPD meet quarterly. The membership of CSPD is encouraged to provide input to its leadership. Our next regularly scheduled meeting is **October 21, 1995**.

Board meetings are open to the membership, and you are welcome to attend. In the alternative, written communication should be received by Dr. Jac Pedersen no later than two weeks prior to the meeting.

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