
CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTS



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

President's Message.....

It is difficult these days to tell where the time goes but I know there's precious little of it for communication with colleagues. Some of the occurrences since we last communicated include some interesting matters. For example, our State Board held some hearings on Continuing Education and the requirements for relicensure. It has been desired by some that pre- and post testing of attendees be required of each course and that in order for the dentist to receive credit he would have to achieve a passing grade. I voiced opposition to the Board on behalf of CSPD as did a large number of other interested persons. It has been set aside for now, but I firmly believe it will surface again sometime in the future.

The Interdisciplinary Affairs Committee of CDA was reactivated this fall and I asked Dr. Dave Good to serve as our representative. At a meeting in early October Dave reports that most of the specialties were represented and the issue of specialty licensure was the first item on the agenda. The committee voted to support the position of CDA which is that in order to a person to obtain a license to practice a specialty in California they must pass the written examinations of the National Board exam and pass the clinical proficiency tests given by the California Board of Dental Examiners. In addition, the person must have the educational background as defined for specialists by the Council on Dental Education of the ADA. Our Interdisciplinary Committee was unanimous in this. There are many important issues of concern to your practice that I urge you all to follow closely what this committee and CDA, as well as the ADA are doing to preserve the integrity of dentistry as a profession.

I need once again to reiterate that CSPD is striving hard to serve you and I am somewhat surprised at what little correspondence there seems to be from the membership. I hope you were as impressed as I was with the first Newsletter put out by Dr. Win Edie. He did a great job and needs your input. Your Board would like to hear from you as to what you'd like to see in the Newsletter. If you have any items to send in--how about a "Letter to the Editor"?

Our next annual meeting shapes up to be an excellent one and I sincerely hope you can attend and enjoy the marvelous site that the MGM at Reno offers. We still have our quorum problems and only we (that's you, me, they and us) can solve it. C'mon and be active----y'hear? In keeping with the Holidays, I extend to all of you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Tom Barber, President

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The fourth annual meeting of our California Society of Pediatric Dentists will be held at the new MGM in Reno on April 5th through 8th. This should prove to be one of our best meetings. It is becoming increasingly difficult to find a meeting place for a large group such as ours that has all the qualities to make a good meeting with facilities for a variety of interesting activities for our members.

The MGM is a unique place to meet. Our group is fortunate to have the opportunity to enjoy this fabulous entertainment center while participating in a meeting of your California Society of Pediatric Dentists.

The Officers and Board of Directors all join to urge all of you to come to Reno in April and make this meeting the best of all. If you have something you wish to be discussed, there will be a good opportunity to do this at our business session.

Reno is quite accessible to all of us from the North or South. If you wish to drive from Southern California, 395 is a beautifully scenic and uncongested highway with a driving time of half a day. It is a 3-5 hour drive from Northern California, and, of course, it is a short flight for those who come by air. There will be a prize for the member who travels the most miles to get to this meeting.

Come to Reno and bring your wife too! You can have a fun-filled weekend and also increase your CE credits!

Winston Edie, Editor

President-Elect's Report - Robert Weis, DDS

The Reno meeting is shaping up to be the best meeting yet. We are very fortunate to have as our main speaker, Dr. Joe Camp from Charlotte North Carolina. Dr. Camp is a practicing endodontist, but he is also board eligible in pedodontics! So he can really relate to pedodontic-endodontic problems. He has excellent material on trauma, replantation, bleaching, pulp therapy, apexification and more.

This year we are going to begin to use some of the many talents from within the Society. In addition to our main speaker, we are going to have several members making presentations on a variety of clinical pedodontic subjects.

The facilities of the MGM Grand are almost limitless; it is virtually a self-contained city: tennis courts, 50 bowling lanes, movie theaters, restaurants, an arcade of 40 shops, Jai-Alai, and of course, gambling--in the world's largest casino.

No question, Reno is out-of-state (your Board will make future meetings within the state). The reason it was chosen was because of its proximity to the Tahoe area and the fact that the Grand is a brand new facility that is an exciting place to stay, with literally something for everyone--kids included.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR-----APRIL 5-8, 1979 in RENO-----

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QUORUM

At the last two annual meetings there were problems with lack of attendance affecting quorum requirements. Granted, Phoenix was a considerable distance, but there were barely enough attendees at Quail Lodge.

Your Board has been charged with the responsibility of running the affairs of the Society, but it should be at your direction. The poll gave us some indication of your desires, but direct input from the membership is necessary at the annual meeting to make this a viable society.

Please plan to attend the Reno meeting, support your Society, make your opinions known.

Treasurer's Report - *Richard Therrell, DDS*

Financial Summary as of September 30, 1978:

Previous Assets:			
Cash on Hand		\$ 5,780.62	
In Savings (incl. interest)	\$12,437.30		
Current Revenues		275.00	
Current Expenditures		<u>2,230.30</u>	
Balance to date			<u>\$ 3,825.32</u>

Special Report - *Weyland Lum, DDS (First President of CSPD)*

CSPD was formed to fill a void in California in which Pedodontics did not have a voice in programs dealing with dentistry for children and in dealing with third party carriers.

The response was so positive to my initial post card questionnaire to form a California Academy of Pedodontics, an organization meeting was called on November 30, 1974. Six reasons for our organizing: 1) Peer review; 2) Deal with CDS; 3) Continuing Education; 4) Third parties; 5) Liaison; and 6) Quality control. After some rough spots during the initial organizing events, the California Society of Pediatric Dentists evolved and a Constitution and By-Laws were adopted March 15, 1975.

Since then CSPD has become the official organization to represent Pedodontics in California and we are the peer review organization for Pedodontic matters in this state. CSPD was responsible for getting APP to accept the term "Pediatric Dentistry," and carry it to the ADA. We have dealt with the State Board of Dental Examiners and CDA in several matters providing very important input which proved to be beneficial to Pedodontists in California. The continuing education at our Annual Meetings are of the highest caliber and Dr. James Stenger is now testing the informal mini-seminars which will be very beneficial.

It seems more emphasis needs to be placed in our objectives in dealing with CDS and Third Party Carriers. Apparently, CDS is still categorizing Pedodontic fees on a state-wide basis rather than according to zip codes. Crippled Children Services' fee schedules are ridiculous and we have not challenged them. Liaison with handicapped schools need to be looked into.

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Another area to be watchful of is new legislative rulings coming from the State Board of Dental Examiners and from the State Capitol. We need to look into these areas carefully to safeguard pedodontics from unfair bureaucratic government dictums. This cannot be over emphasized at this time where government intervention is near. Perhaps a legislative committee needs to be organized. We have had good leadership and it appears it will continue for years to come, but we cannot afford to become complacent. The future of Pedodontics in California must be protected as well as our right to practice in a free and reasonable manner. This responsibility is in the hands of the California Society of Pediatric Dentists.

Mini-Conference

The first mini-conference sponsored by CSPD was held at Dr. James Stenger's office. The meeting was well attended and those attending were rewarded by an indepth discussion of concerns of Patient Management and Safety Factors in Medication.

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Summary and Analysis of Questionnaire - James McInaney, DDS

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Questions 3 through 6: The majority voted YES, but there was lots of qualification to the effect that the majority of written responses to these questions indicated a distrust of the Academy as a representative of practicing pediatric dentists and felt that CSPD should develop a strong voice in the Academy to make it more representative and meaningful to the practitioner.

Question 7: Most of the people who made written responses felt that the time and place of the meetings (perhaps except for Arizona, because they thought it was an old facility) was fine as is. However, there was a mixed bag of answers regarding the number of days and the topics. In general, the consensus wanted first class informative speakers and programs on all varieties of subjects directly and periferally related to Pedo. Probably most wanted to stay in California and have the meeting one more day longer than it has been. The information seemd to most to be more important than the place.

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| <p>1. Would you like CSPD to deal actively in California's pedo problems such as:</p> <p>Malpractice Insurance 82% YES
 State health programs... 94% YES
 Third party care 89% YES
 Peer review 96% YES
 Quality CE in Pedo. 93% YES
 Fluorides 86% YES
 Physical, emotional health promo. 70% YES</p> <p>4. Should CSPD take an active part nationally in Pedo? 69% YES</p> <p>6. No Percentages</p> <p>7. Approval for past Annual Meetings:</p> <p>Locations 68% YES
 Percentage of time spent on scientific programs 93% YES
 Content of programs 91% YES
 Time of year for meetings 94% YES
 Length of meetings 85% YES
 Nature of social activities 96% YES
 Nature of Sports Activities 93% YES
 Cost of meetings 82% YES
 Percentage of time for business 87% YES</p> | <p>2. Do you feel federal programs will have a large influence on the way we practice pedodontics in California? 86% YES</p> <p>3. Do you feel CSPD would be more effective dealing with our state problems if we had national influence 59% YES</p> <p>5. Would you have agreed with the decision to reject Regionalization resulting from the AAP meeting. 64% NO</p> <p>8. Would you like to see CSPD arrange low cost, short term regional workshops... 76% YES</p> <p>9. No percentages</p> |
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DEDICATION

We all have to give up certain pleasures or free time to attend meetings of our various dental societies and committees that we belong to. However, we should give a special note to a "great sacrifice" made by one of our Directors at the last Board meeting in Los Angeles on September 29th.

Hugh Kopel, our first editor and now a member of the Board of Directors, chose to attend the Board meeting rather than go to the USC-Michigan football game. This was a double sacrifice because he was formerly from Michigan but is now with the Graduate Pedo. Dept. of the USC School of Dentistry. Hugh even produced the ticket, which is reproduced in this Newsletter to verify the sacrifice. In all seriousness, Hugh, we thank you for coming to the Board of Directors' meeting instead of the game. Your presence at this meeting is important to all of us.

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