

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

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In East Brunswick on May 4th an ADA rep along with Dr. Weiner and Jim Schulz will be testifying before a committee in favor of fluoridation. There is a push in East Brunswick to remove fluoride from the public water sources. **NJ** is the **LAST** in the nation regarding fluoridation for our populations.

The Disallow legislation is moving along. Major dental benefit carriers are slowly getting on board with the legislation. It would disallow carriers to deny payment to participating contracted doctors for procedures not covered by the carrier. There is talk that the doctor may have to give informed consent to the patient what the fee is and that insurance carrier will not pay for the procedure and/or alter the fee.

We have 4,083 members of which 1,901 are full active members.

The annual session was a success. There were 67/course attendees compared to only 28 in 2019. 11% of the attendees were prior attendees with 194 attendees in total. This means that we are reaching a new audience.

7/14/2021 there will be a risk management course with discounts on policy rates for those NJDA members that utilize TDIC.

There are three new requirements for licensure. The NJDA has all three available for \$49/course or \$99 for all three. They will be live and then the recordings played at two different times. In order for the remote recorded (not live) courses to be recognized by the Board of Dentistry, there is a live question period at the end of the recorded classes for the speakers to address questions. Please look to the NJDA website for more information.

As of April 5th the Department of Consumer Affairs will make available online the ability to apply for licenses.

Members have reported getting a \$974 use fee from their local fire inspection departments because in February, 2018 the fire code has been adapted and changed by the Department of Community Affairs. This code now falls under Life Hazzard use classifications that include ambulatory healthcare facilities and other similar facilities. The code change reads that if more than three people can't evacuate a facility on their own without assistance during an emergency, the use fee applies. The last statement is what is pertinent. Anyone aware of or dealing with this use fee, please reach out to Mr. Meisel should you require further clarification as to whether or not your facility falls into this category for valid fee assessment.

A \$5,000 donation was approved for Dr. George Shepley of the 4th ADA district for his campaign seeking to be elected as ADA President-Elect.

The NDA now qualifies for PPP funding and will apply.

Please join me, Dr. Maxine Feinberg – Past President of the ADA and other female dentists for a PAC evening especially designed for women dentists. DATE: Wednesday, May 26th at 5:30 pm. Located in Manasquan at Via Vento Ristorante. You will enjoy drinks and dinner with 24 other dentists with the focus on politics related to dentistry. The donation is \$150 per person.

With much gratitude and appreciation, I thank you all for allowing me to serve in the position of Trustee representing MDS for the last several years. This last one being the most interesting and one for the record. Dr. Janhavi Rane will be serving as Trustee as I have resigned my position. I will maintain a few small positions locally and at the state level. Please reach out and **VOLUNTTER** your time. Volunteerism is dwindling so please keep our mission for dentistry strong. Positions are not so time consuming so don't be shy and reach out.

The next Board of Trustees and House of Delegate meeting is June 2, 2021 remotely.

Respectfully submitted,

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