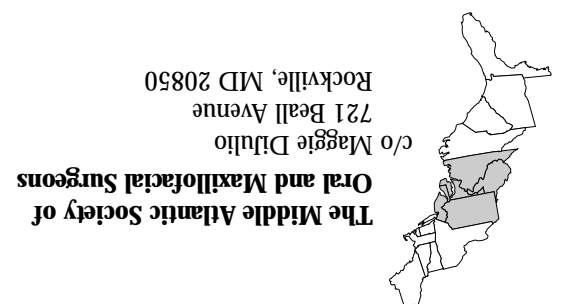


**The MASOMS Fall Meeting  
will be held on  
Thursday, November 15, 2001 at the  
Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center  
in Ellicott City, Maryland.**

**Dr. Louis Clarizio will present a program on *Alveolar Distraction*.  
Additional information will be available soon.  
Please mark your calendars.**





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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLE ATLANTIC SOCIETY OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS

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## A Message from the President of the Middle Atlantic Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons

Dear Colleagues:

We begin this New Year with our Society strong and dynamic, thanks to the efforts of our past president, Dr. Vince DiFabio, your board of directors and our new executive director. Over the last two years, Dr. DiFabio has presided over a variety of projects including: a reorganization of the Society, with a comprehensive review of our bylaws and improvement of our communication sources via a new newsletter and website. He accomplished this while still maintaining the level of excellence we have come to expect from our continuing education programs.

Over the next two years the Board hopes to lead the organization forward with the same enthusiasm and a renewed commitment to our regional oral and maxillofacial surgery members from Delaware, The District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. Our first and most important goal will be to continue offering quality educational programs. The subject matter will vary between core oral and maxillofacial surgery concepts and the latest information on cutting edge materials and techniques. Our program director, Dr. Brad Porter along with the program committee has put together a first rate program at a new venue that is convenient to the entire membership. The MASOMS 2001 Spring Meeting

will be held at the Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center. Dr. Larry Peterson will discuss "Contemporary Management of Head and Neck Infections." The numerous new antibiotics available today, make this a timely lecture if we wish to properly incorporate their use in our daily practices. For those of you who would like to provide an excellent continuing education opportunity for some of your general dental colleagues, this subject is ideal. To this end, you may wish to bring your guests one day early and play golf on one of the two 18-hole courses at the resort. If your spouses wish to attend, there is a full service European spa offering a variety of services. This meeting offers an excellent opportunity for education and marketing at a beautiful venue that is convenient and affordable.

The Fall 2001 meeting will also be held at the Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center. Dr. Louis Clarizio will address the use of alveolar distraction. New alveolar distractors and techniques are rapidly changing the way we approach dentoalveolar reconstruction. This subject reflects our desire to alternate core material with recent innovation and advances. There is no doubt that between now and when Dr. Clarizio speaks to us, this subject will have advanced even further. Finally, on the educational horizon, the program committee will

soon complete preparations for the 2002 programs.

Our second goal is to support our regional societies interests, through improved communication and cooperation amongst our constituent organizations. This process begins with the board of directors. We hope to retain a balanced membership, with one individual from every state in our Society serving on the board. I encourage any MASOMS member interested in service to our Society, to contact me or another board member directly.

The Society's new newsletter editor is Dr. Thomas Yingling, who is working on further improvements to both our newsletter and website. Presently, the Society mails one of our two newsletters to the entire oral and maxillofacial surgery population in our region. This newsletter allows all of us to learn what is happening in each of the states of our region. Important issues facing our specialty such as anesthesia regulations and scope of practice issues are currently being fought in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Virginia. Those directly involved with defending our specialty can benefit from regional support. Toward this goal, the board of directors will continue to identify and support candidates for our national organization, who we feel best represent the interests of our region. This

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## AAOMS District II — Trustee Report

Dear MASOMS Colleagues:

Year 2000 was a very successful one for AAOMS. The Dental Implant Conference and Hands on Soft Tissue Skills workshop in Chicago in early December was a sellout, in spite of increasing the available attendance space over the 1999 meeting. Based on the obvious demand for this meeting, please make your plans early to attend the 2001 edition—also in Chicago. Fortunately, AAOMS had a strong year financially and is well positioned to enter 2001.

Issues of ongoing concern in 2001 include defense of the contemporary scope of practice and the preservation of outpatient anesthesia and the “anesthesia team” concept that has been the backbone of our specialty for nearly a century. There are also several initiatives now in place to address the issue of faculty recruitment and retention. Efforts are ongoing to develop revenue sources within AAOMS Services Incorporated (ASI) and to reduce our dependence on dues income to support member services. As our specialty matures and membership declines this will become increasingly important.

The year 2001 will mark a transition year for the *Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*. Dr. Daniel Laskin will be retiring from his position as editor at the end of the year and will be succeeded by Dr. Leon Assael. We can look forward to some exciting enhancements in our *Journal* as well as on-line availability this spring. Publication of the *JOMS* in a Spanish edition began last year and has been well received.

As a follow-up to AAOMS’s publication of the *USA Today* supplement coinciding with the opening of the Annual Meeting in San Francisco, AAOMS is developing an ongoing public relations project to raise the profile of the specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery. Efforts will be directed in four broad areas:

1. Enhance the image of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

2. Increase the demand for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Services
3. Create greater recognition of the clinical value and cost effectiveness of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery services in the payor community
4. Develop a more positive legislative and regulatory environment.

I would encourage all of you individually and on a state and local level to look for opportunities in these areas to market our image. I hope all of you are continuing to find ways to use the *USA Today* supplement to educate your colleagues in dentistry and medicine, the public (your patients) and your legislators and State Boards.

In a similar vein, the 2001 AAOMS/OMSPAC Day on the Hill is scheduled for May 2, 2001. MASOMS members, because of their proximity to the nations capitol, are in a PERFECT POSITION TO BE VISABLE AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT. Participants will have meetings scheduled for discussions with their own Representatives or Senators. They will also be fully briefed on issues of importance to the profession and will learn protocol for meeting with members of Congress. Every AAOMS member is encouraged to attend this premier opportunity to advance the cause of our profession. Without your help, government leaders will learn about health care issues that affect YOU from others—groups like insurance companies, lawyers and managed care companies. It is time they know the truth. The headquarters will be at the Westin Grand Hotel in Washington, DC. To register, please contact Kathy Connors of the AAOMS/OMSPAC government relations staff at (800) 678-4619.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the MASOMS Spring Meeting.

**Daniel J. Daley, Jr.**  
**AAOMS Trustee**



*Sales representatives, Ms. Linda Kenny and Mr. Paul Banditt of Paul Banditt, Inc.*



*KLS Martin, L.P. sales representative, Mr. Don Jack with Dr. Bradford Porter, MASOMS Secretary*



*Dr. Vincent DiFabio passes the gavel to incoming President, Dr. Robert Emery at the Fall Business Meeting.*

# Highlights from the Fall 2000 Meeting in Baltimore...

*Dr. Vincent DiFabio, President,  
Ms. Maggie DiJulio, Executive Director  
and Dr. Robert Emery, President-Elect  
at the Fall Business Meeting*



*Implant Innovations sales representative,  
Ms. Laura Nordness, President-Elect,  
Dr. Robert Emery and meeting attendee  
Dr. David Cantor.*



*Nobel Biocare sales representative,  
Ms. Darlene Gaffney visits with meeting  
attendee, Dr. Chester Chorazy*



## A Letter from the Editor

### Employer Beware!

As we enter the new millennium, we now face yet another major challenge to the way we practice oral and maxillofacial surgery. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has now issued its long awaited Ergonomics Program Standard. As employers, we all face significant liability and cost implications because of this controversial Standard. OSHA has stated that the purpose of the Standard is to reduce musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) caused by exposure to risks that occur in our offices. MSDs include everything from low back pain and carpal tunnel syndrome to tendonitis. The standard has set very specific requirements for employers to:

- Accept and record employee reports of MSDs.
- Determine which jobs have risk factors that are covered by the Standard.
- Notify employees of the details of the Standard.
- Pay health care providers for their services in connection with any injuries and provide copies of the OSHA regulations.
- Pay 100% of employee wages for a substantial period of time when the employee must be on light duty. Provide job protection.

- Pay 90% of employee wages for a substantial period of time when the employee is required to be off work because of a job related MSD. Provide job protection.

We cannot assume that workers' compensation or short term disability insurance coverage will totally protect employers. In fact, the Standard states that employers are responsible for the difference if insurance and workers' compensation benefits do not maintain an employee's earnings. Additionally, the regulations suggest that there are employer obligations above and beyond those required by the ADA and FMLA.

OSHA's final Ergonomics Program Standard became effective January 16, 2001. It is unlikely that Congress will block enforcement of this Standard and legal challenges should be expected.

As employers, we are now left with many questions about the Standard and how it will be applied. It is essential that we acquaint ourselves with these highly technical regulations and take immediate steps to come into compliance. We can only imagine the substantial administrative and financial impact these obligations will have on our practices.

**Thomas H. Yingling, D.D.S.**  
**Editor**  
**Lancaster, PA**

### A Message from the President

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important support can be valuable in steering AAOMS in a direction that reflects the true interests of the members of the Middle Atlantic region.

Our final goal is to remain fiscally responsible in all of our activities. As you know, a major shift in the practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery is underway and the days of never ending expansion of our numbers are over. The forces of the economic, educational and governmental belt tightening are leading toward a more efficient use

of specialty manpower. The board is aware of these manpower issues and we are taking steps to maintain our programs in a prudent and ethical fashion. For this reason, we have chosen to focus on the core role of education.

I look forward to serving as your president for the next two years. Along with the entire board, I will strive to continue to provide you with the type of quality educational events that you have come to expect from the Middle Atlantic Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

**Robert W. Emery, D.D.S.**

MASOMS would like to extend a special thank you to the following companies who exhibited at the Fall 2000 Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland. Your continued support of our organization is appreciated.

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**Treloar & Heisel, Inc.**

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**Walter Lorenz Surgical, Inc.**

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**W.B. Saunders Company/  
Harcourt Publishing**

## ***The State of Delaware...***

Greetings from Delaware! The Society recently held its annual meeting, however there is nothing of substance to report in the way of news. As previously reported, the Attorney General of Delaware has affirmed that since oral and maxillofacial surgery is a specialty of dentistry and not a recognized specialty of medicine, a practitioner must possess a license to practice dentistry and cannot practice oral and maxillofacial surgery under a medical license in Delaware.

The Delaware Dental Practice Act has been revised so that almost all of the expanded scope of practice procedures can and are being performed by oral and maxillofacial surgeons. The OMS residents at Christiana Care Health Services (Medical Center of Delaware) are easing into some cosmetic facial procedures, with the increasing cooperation of the plastic surgeons at our hospitals. Dr. Lou Rafetto and I are now co-directors of the OMS Residency Training Program. This program has been successful and we have received approximately ninety applicants this year for our first year position. Christiana Care now ranks

among the top fifteen major teaching hospitals in the U.S. and among the top one hundred U.S. hospitals in quality, efficiency and overall performance. We are proud and happy to be part of the services available here.

There are some new practice opportunities available in Delaware, with existing practices, so if you know of any graduating residents who are interested, please have them contact us.

**Edwin L. Granite, D.M.D.**  
**Wilmington, Delaware**

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## ***The State of the District of Columbia...***

The year 2001 finds the District of Columbia hosting a new President and administration. Fortunately, the members of the DC Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons are not hosting any of the battles relating to scope of practice or anesthesia that are being fought elsewhere around the country. Presently, our Society is reviewing a renewal of our anesthesia evaluation. This is being conducted by Society members themselves, as there are no state requirements for such evaluations. The District of Columbia has issued new rules relating to

engineered needles and the District of Columbia Dental Society has responded appropriately. The outcome of these new regulations is not yet fully apparent.

**Robert W. Emery D.D.S.**  
**Secretary/Treasurer, DCSOMS**

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## ***The State of Maryland...***

There has been a flurry of activity regarding anesthesia issues in the state of Maryland. Among the most important issues, was a proposal from the Board of Dental Examiners which would allow MD's and CRNA's to provide anesthesia services in restorative dental offices, with only telephone supervision by the MD. The restorative dentist would require no training in anesthesia administration and there was uncertainty as to whether the dentist would need to maintain anesthesia equipment dedicated solely to his/her office. A group of interested parties including, Dr. Tim Carrion, Mr. Dan Dougherty, (our legislative consultant) and some others met with the Board of Dental Examiners. As a result of this meeting, the entire proposal is being sent back for review.

**Ralph W. Alman, Jr., D.D.S.**  
**Secretary, MSOMS**

## **MASOMS Hosts 2001 Spring Meeting**

The Society will hold its Spring Meeting on Thursday, May 3, 2001 at the Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center, an elegant resort hotel, surrounded by three championship golf courses in Ellicott City, Maryland. The featured speaker is Dr. Larry Peterson, who will present an all day program on "Contemporary Management of Head and Neck Infections." Throughout his presentation, Dr. Peterson will enlighten you with his discussions on the abundance of antibiotics available in treating infections, the principles of therapy and the many factors needed for the successful resolution of a head and neck infection. Additional topics will include the prevention of head and neck, metastatic and wound infections.



A graduate of Kansas University and the University of Missouri at Kansas City College of Dentistry, Dr. Peterson obtained his oral and maxillofacial surgery training at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. After spending twenty-nine years in academics, Dr. Peterson entered private practice with Dr. Richard Scheetz, Jr. of Columbus, Ohio.

Program information was mailed in early February. If you have not already registered for this meeting, please do so soon as space is limited. For further information, please contact Maggie DiJulio, Executive Director, at 301-217-0864. We look forward to having you join us for this special event.

## ***The State of New Jersey...***

On December 5th, 2000, The New Jersey Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (NJSOMS) had a very well attended meeting. Highlighting this program, was the interaction between NJSOMS members and the Directors of New Jersey Delta Dental. The meeting provided a forum for questions, explanations and airing of concerns. The NJSOMS is hopeful that the opportunity to express our thoughts will have a positive outcome and clarify several issues.

An educational meeting co-sponsored by NJSOMS and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey is scheduled for April 25, 2001 at The Pines Manor in Edison, New Jersey. Drs. Raymond Fonseca and Robert Vanarsdall will present "Practical Management of Dentofacial Deformities." For additional information, please call 800-227-4852.

**Bradford J. Porter, D.D.S.  
Vice President, NJSOMS**

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## ***The State of Pennsylvania...***

Greetings and Happy New Year from the Pennsylvania Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (PSOMS)! Thus far, during my tenure as president of PSOMS, things have been relatively quiet and there have been no significant issues to surface that will greatly affect our practices. However, I would like to provide a brief status report and an update on our upcoming scientific meeting.

As many of you know, PSOMS has again contracted Capital Associates, Inc., a legislative consulting firm, to represent us with consulting and public affairs services on various issues for the period November 1, 2000 through September 30, 2001. Capital Associates has assisted us on numerous issues including the state board appointment process and more recently on anesthesia issues. As most of the past presidents of PSOMS have mentioned, we as state societies of oral and maxillofacial surgery can no

longer function without appropriate legislative monitoring and representation in our state legislatures. Although Capital Associates' representation will produce a significant budgetary impact, it is imperative that we maintain an ongoing representation and have assistance in addressing future issues such as scope of practice. I would encourage our sister state societies to be proactive in this area and retain legislative consulting firms to represent their interests as well as to assist in the appointment of oral and maxillofacial surgeons to the state boards of dentistry. In my opinion, representation by oral and maxillofacial surgeons on the state boards of dentistry is critical to the future and scope of practice of our specialty.

*The AAOMS 2000 Anesthesia Manual* will be available for distribution in February. The Anesthesia Parameters have been updated and are now scheduled to be distributed to AAOMS fellows and members along with the March, 2001 issue of the *Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*. I encourage everyone to use these guidelines in your practice.

The PSOMS Annual Spring Scientific Program will be held at the Harrisburg Marriott Hotel on May 16-17, 2001. Wednesday, May 16, will be a full-day scientific program on dental implants, "Achieving Optimal Implant Placement Using Mandibular Block Autografts" presented by Dr. Michael Pikos. On Thursday morning, AAOMS National will present a Risk Management seminar that will qualify policyholders for a 5% premium reduction. The AAOMS National Seminar will not be presented at our PSOMS meeting again until 2003. However, AAOMS National plans to make an online continuing course available for participants. Please mark these dates and plan to attend.

Finally, please let me know if I can be of any assistance or if there are any issues that the PSOMS executive committee should be addressing. Again, best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

**Lathe L. Bowen, D.M.D.  
President, PSOMS**

## ***The State of Virginia...***

Over the last year, the Virginia Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (VSOMS) has remained quite busy with preparations for approaching the Virginia state legislature in an effort to open our state Dental Practice Act and update the Definition of Dentistry. The Virginia Board of Dentistry and the Virginia Dental Association have both been very supportive of our efforts in adopting an updated Definition, consistent with the 1997 American Dental Association Definition. The VSOMS members have been involved in an intensive effort to contact each of our state legislators, in an attempt to educate them on the importance of the definition change. Beginning January 10, 2001, a member from the VSOMS and the VDA will attend three days of each of the eight workweeks of the 2001 Virginia General Assembly. We will be available to discuss this issue with legislative members in their offices and on the assembly floor and will continue to monitor the progress of this legislation.

The VSOMS is working closely with the Virginia Association of Orthodontists in planning our joint annual meeting. This meeting will be held at the Frenchman's Reef Hotel in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, June 23-28, 2001. Drs. Yan Razdolsky and Stuart Dessner will discuss current concepts in Osteodistraction Synthesis. In addition, Dr. Frank Celenza will address Surgical Implants in Orthodontia and Mr. Thomas Ziegler will present a program on financial planning. This special event will offer an extraordinary opportunity for continuing education, fun and friendship. MASOMS members are cordially invited to attend this special event. Additional information may be obtained from Tara Hackenberg, VSOMS Executive Secretary at 800-552-3886 and Katie Anderson at the Northern Virginia Travel Agency at 800-628-1125.

**Robert L. O'Neil, D.D.S.  
President, VSOMS**