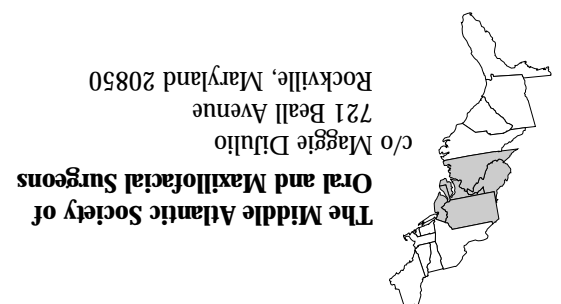


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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE MIDDLE ATLANTIC SOCIETY OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS

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

Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of the MASOMS Board of Directors, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members. At our Spring meeting, the Board approved the membership applications of twenty-five new members! The MASOMS membership continues to grow because the Society provides the type of quality educational programs that you request at venues that are convenient and fun. As always, we welcome your suggestions for speakers, topics and locations. Please feel free to contact any of the board members with your ideas.

Our fall meeting is close at hand and will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2001. Dr. Brad Porter, program director, has organized a fantastic day. Louis F. Clarizio, DDS will be discussing Implant Dentistry: Surgical and Prosthetic. Dr. Clarizio, a graduate of Northwestern University and the University of Connecticut Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Program, is well known for his fast pace and entertaining lecture style. Throughout his presentations, Dr. Clarizio utilizes extensive clinical material and surgical video. They are packed with practical surgical and prosthetic information. For those

of you who would like to bring your prosthetic colleagues as guests, this lecture is ideal. There is no question that you and your dental colleagues will benefit from a day with Dr. Clarizio. He will present an extensive array of procedures for the oral and maxillofacial surgeon, including esthetic "plastic" periodontal procedures, distraction osteogenesis and bone grafting. This meeting will again be held at the Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center in Ellicott City, Maryland. Many members have expressed their pleasure with this convenient location. The venue affords us increased meeting space and plenty of accessible parking. You may wish to arrive a day early to play golf on one of the two 18-hole courses at the resort. Please be sure to make your hotel reservations as early as possible.

In Spring 2002, MASOMS will conduct a joint meeting with the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology in Richmond Virginia, April 11 - 14. For those interested, one day prior to the meeting, the ADSA will conduct a participation program on pediatric dental anesthesia at the Medical College of Virginia School of Dentistry. This program will allow eight participants to be involved in the decision making

process and administration of anesthesia for pediatric patients via direct observation and closed circuit television. The general session will include the full scope of anesthesia, evaluation, airway management, pharmacology, emergency management and more. This meeting should provide an excellent review for us all and will certainly cover any state board requirements for continuing education units in anesthesia.

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to one of our board members, Dr. Michael T. Reedy. Michael, our President Elect, died this summer while vacationing in Greece. The sudden loss of such a dynamic and active member of our Society, will be felt by us all. Dr. Reedy had served on our Board of Directors for more than ten years and served in every capacity with distinction. His strong voice and opinions were instrumental in guiding our Society to the level of excellence he demanded from himself and others. In honor of Dr. Reedy's dedicated service to the MASOMS, the Society has made a donation to the AAOMS Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Foundation.

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



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AAOMS District II — Trustee Report

Dear MASOMS Colleagues:

It hardly seems that another year has passed and we are winding down our busy summer schedule and the 83rd Annual Meeting in Orlando is only weeks away. At this year's Annual Meeting, a number of enhancements have been put into place to facilitate registration. For those of you who have pre-registered by July 31, your registration badges and materials will be mailed out in advance of the meeting. At the meeting, you will only have to pick up your pre-stuffed tote bags and be on your way. To further alleviate congestion, the onsite registration area will also open one day earlier.

This year, the House of Delegates will have another full agenda. Running unopposed for election are Larry Nissen for President-Elect, Jay Malmquist for Treasurer and J. Thomas Soliday for Speaker of the House of Delegates. There are two candidates seeking the office of Vice-President—Bradford Towne, currently District I Trustee and Elgan Stamper, currently District VI Trustee. At the Opening Awards Ceremony, Dr. Raymond J. Fonseca of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania will be receiving the William J. Gies Award in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery for his distinguished achievements in our specialty. I hope all of you attending will join your Officers and Trustees at the Opening Ceremony and a reception to follow.

A major issue to come before the House of Delegates this year, will be the report of the Task Force on Insurance in response to a directive (Resolution B-15 2000). This states that "if the AAOMS National Board of Directors appoints non-oral and maxillofacial surgeons to its Board of Directors, the AAOMS House of Delegates instructs its Board of Trustees to evaluate the significance of that action, to assess alternatives available to the membership of the AAOMS and report back to the

House of Delegates with its recommendations." You have all received communications regarding this matter from both AAOMS National and Frank DiPlacido, the current AAOMS President. The AAOMS Board of Trustees have spent considerable time and effort reviewing the task force findings and analyzing the data collected. AAOMS continues to pursue discussions with AAOMS National in an effort to bring this matter to a fair and acceptable solution.

During our March 2001 Board meeting, the policy on site selection of the annual meeting was revisited. The current policy rotates between four cities (Boston, Chicago, Orlando and San Francisco) and a fifth wild card city. To provide more flexibility in selecting future annual meeting sites, the board amended the current policy to select sites on a regional rotational basis (not city specific) from eastern, western and central locations.

Challenges to the contemporary scope of oral and maxillofacial surgery continue to be one of the Associations top priorities. A major effort to assist state oral and maxillofacial surgery societies in familiarizing the state dental boards about oral and maxillofacial surgery, continues to ensure that oral and maxillofacial surgeons are able to practice the specialty in accordance with their education, training, current competence and experience. The major legal obstacle to the contemporary scope of oral and maxillofacial surgery practice has been the archaic definitions that currently exist in most states—some of which have not been updated in over a century. This past year there have been a number of state board victories that include the 1997 ADA definition of dentistry. To date, there are currently ten states (or 20% of the states) that have adopted the current ADA definition including Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oregon, Rhode Island, Virginia and West

Virginia. There are also a number of other states where legislative changes are pending on this issue. I hope that this is just the beginning.

In closing I would like to make you aware of two new AAOMS Services Incorporated (ASI) endorsed products—DRE Inc., which sells new and refurbished surgical equipment. AAOMS fellows and members will receive a three percent discount on all purchased equipment and year-end rebates on purchasing volume. In addition, the board approved a proposed program with The Leasing Group who has been in business since 1988 and has extensive experience in leasing medical and business equipment including computer systems. You may visit www.aaomsservices.org for more details about each of these programs or call AAOMS Services Inc. at 800-822-6637, extension 4319.

Just a reminder—this years Annual Meeting in Orlando is September 12-15, 2001. A few of the highlights include:

- **10 Major symposia**
- **70 Limited attendance surgical clinics and 5 surgical mini-lectures**
- **13 Eat and Learn breakfast discussion groups**
- **Abstract and poster sessions presenting current research**
- **A full day of anesthetic topics**
- **A full day on dental implants**
- **Symposium on dento-alveolar surgery—beyond the third molar**
- **Tours, shopping, golf and almost every theme park imaginable.**

Hope to see everyone in Orlando.

Daniel J. Daley, Jr., D.D.S.
AAOMS District II Trustee

A Letter from the Editor

Window of Opportunity

The joint meeting of the ADSA and the MASOMS in Richmond, Virginia, April 11-14, 2002, is an excellent opportunity to learn the latest advances in anesthetic agents, techniques and equipment. Richmond is a great spring venue, rich in history and tradition, with its own style of southern hospitality. For those of you who have not attended an ADSA meeting, do not expect to be “put to sleep” with pharmacology and ACLS. I have been impressed with the quality of speakers, subject selection and insight that the ADSA has shown in planning its meetings. Expect excellent continuing education, designed to improve the delivery and safety of ambulatory anesthesia services to our patients. This meeting is even more valuable to our membership, with many states now requiring anesthesia continuing education for licensure.

The creation of the National Dental Board of Anesthesiology (NDBA) by the ADSA, April 29, 2001, was a significant event for oral and maxillofacial surgery and dentistry. Those of us who have completed the fellowship examination will receive diplomate status. A window of opportunity exists for the oral and maxillofacial surgeon to take the examination through the year 2005. I am encouraged by the efforts of the ADSA to unify the dental profession behind anesthesia; the move to establish an anesthesia board was inevitable.

I encourage the MASOMS membership to attend our Spring Meeting and take the opportunity to learn more about the NDBA and how it can benefit our specialty and dentistry. In order to be successful, the NDBA will need the support of oral and maxillofacial surgery.

Thomas H. Yingling, D.D.S.
Editor

In Memoriam



Dr. Michael T. Reedy, MASOMS Executive Board Officer, dies at 59.

Dr. Michael Reedy of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, died June 7, 2001, while vacationing in Greece. Dr. Reedy was owner and president of Miller Oral Surgery. A graduate of Case Western Reserve University and Dental School, he completed his oral and maxillofacial surgery training at the University of Maryland in Baltimore. He was a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and served as President of the Central Pennsylvania Society of OMS. Dr. Reedy was president-elect of the MASOMS.

Dr. Reedy was an integral part of the MASOMS Executive Board, where he readily shared his knowledge of all aspects of oral and maxillofacial surgery practice. His dedication to the profession, leadership and above all, his friendship will be missed. The MASOMS extends its deepest sympathies to the Reedy family.

In honor of Dr. Reedy, a memorial contribution has been made to the AAOMS Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Foundation.

Highlights from the Spring 2001 Meeting at the Turf Valley Resort ...

*Collagenex sales representative,
Ms. Joyce Kirshenbaum and
meeting attendee, Dr. David Bastacky*



*Dr. Larry Peterson, Speaker and
Dr. Robert Emery, MASOMS President*



*Sulzer Dental sales representatives visit
with meeting attendees. From left to right,
Mr. Todd Colvin, Dr. Tom Williams,
Dr. Gary Funari and Mr. Steve Beardmore*





Dr. Brad Porter, MASOMS Vice President and Columbia Scientific sales representatives, Ms. Barbara Sterner and Ms. Erin Shannon



CeraMed Dental sales representative, Mr. Joe Pawlowski visits with a MASOMS meeting attendee



Meeting attendees, Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Barrett with Implant Innovations sales representative, Ms. Marcy Silbert

MASOMS Hosts 2001 Fall Meeting

The Society will hold its Fall Meeting on Thursday, November 15, 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, Dr. Louis Clarizio will present an all day program on "Implant Dentistry: Surgical and Prosthetic." Program topics include: ideal implant placement, minor bone grafting, single stage surgery, atraumatic tooth extraction, temporization, templates, early and immediate loading, distraction osteogenesis and much more.



Dr. Clarizio is a specialist in oral and maxillofacial surgery with a particular interest in implant, orthognathic and TMJ surgery. He earned his biomedical engineering and dental degrees at Northwestern University and his certificate in oral and maxillofacial surgery from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine.

This program is being co-sponsored by CeraMed Dental, KLS Martin, L.P. and Sulzer Dental. The Society thanks these companies for their support of our educational programs.

In addition to Dr. Clarizio's program, this meeting will showcase twenty tabletop exhibits. A variety of vendors will be on hand to discuss and demonstrate the latest in equipment, materials and services available to the oral and maxillofacial surgeon.

Program information was mailed in August. If you have not already registered for this meeting, please do so soon as space is limited. For a meeting brochure, please visit the MASOMS website at www.masoms.org or contact Maggie DiJulio, Executive Director at 301-217-0864. We look forward to having you join us for this special event.

MASOMS and ADSA Host Joint Meeting in Spring 2002

The American Dental Society of Anesthesiology (ADSA) will hold its 49th Annual Session and Office Assistants Course April 11-14, 2002 at the Omni Richmond Hotel in Richmond, Virginia. More than three hundred attendees are expected to participate in this innovative and interactive three-day conference, held in conjunction with the MASOMS 2002 Spring Meeting. The ADSA will mail a meeting brochure to all MASOMS members in November 2001. Registrations will be handled by the ADSA staff. For hotel reservations, please call 1-800-843-6664 and remember to mention the ADSA for special room rates.

MASOMS Updates Website

In a continuing effort to communicate with MASOMS members, vendors and affiliates, the Society has recently modified the design of its website. The site address has been changed to www.masoms.org.

For organizational news, special events, membership information and more, visit www.masoms.org. The website will be updated regularly as information becomes available. Please feel free to e-mail any comments or suggestions to the Society's Executive Director, Ms. Maggie DiJulio at masomsdir@msn.com.

MASOMS would like to extend a special thank you to the following companies who exhibited at the Spring 2001 Meeting in Ellicott City, Maryland. Your continued support of our organization is appreciated.

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Implant Innovations, Inc.
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KLS Martin, L.P.
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Nectech, Inc.
OsteoMed Corporation
Paul Banditt, Inc.
Regeneration Technologies
Sulzer Dental
Synthes Maxillofacial
Treloar & Heisel, Inc.
Walter Lorenz Surgical, Inc.

The State of Delaware...

The state of oral and maxillofacial surgery in Delaware remains relatively unchanged. While there have been some issues related to the recent opening of the state Practice Act for other reasons, it is not expected to affect our scope of practice. The DCOMS maintains an open communication with state legislatures and will continue to do so.

In Delaware, we continue to experience the same types of difficulties with individual insurance carriers that seem common across the country. These include poorly qualified "experts" rendering opinions, low reimbursement rates, different and changing "indications" for treatment by different carriers and the like. We continue to handle these issues as they arise, albeit with mixed results. It seems that open and hopefully constructive dialog with the various carriers has worked the best.

Louis K. Rafetto, D.M.D.
President, DSOMS

The State of the District of Columbia...

Once again Washington, DC has been calm and collected. We await the protesters at the upcoming meeting of the IMF and World Bank. Our local constituent Society completed its Summer Meeting on

August 23rd. The majority of the discussion centered around developing new anesthesia evaluation guidelines to reflect the new AAOMS manual and parameters of care. There are no other pressing issues at hand and our local members look forward to the upcoming AAOMS and MASOMS meetings.

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

The State of Maryland...

The summer was uneventful in the state of Maryland and all is quiet on the oral surgery front. On behalf of our Society, we look forward to seeing all of our colleagues at the Turf Valley Resort in November.

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

The State of Pennsylvania...

The primary issue confronting the members of the Pennsylvania Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (PSOMS) is the recent proposal of new anesthesia regulations by the State Board of Dentistry. These regulations were prompted in part by the proposal in the State Legislature of several laws concerned with regulating anesthesia in dental offices. While none of these became law, the State Board of Dentistry has decided to incorporate new anesthesia regulations into the dental law.

Fortunately, the newly proposed regulations follow closely the guidelines put forth in the *AAOMS Office Anesthesia Evaluation Manual and Parameters and Pathways*. The major point of concern for the PSOMS is the "agent of the Board" who will actually conduct the office inspections and evaluations. Despite the fact that the PSOMS has been the organization responsible for such inspections and evaluations in the past, the Board has yet to even request the input of the PSOMS in this matter. There is the real possibility that lay inspectors may be called upon to evaluate the clinical skills of dentists performing anesthesia in the office setting.

Members of the Executive Board of PSOMS have written letters to the Board offering suggestions, but again, there has been no response. We are actively using

the public affairs services of our legislative consultants, Capital Associates, Inc., who will help us participate in the process of writing these regulations. I will keep you updated on our progress.

The PSOMS Annual Spring Scientific Program will be held at the Harrisburg Marriott Hotel in May, 2002. The program is not yet finalized and details will be forthcoming. We hope to see you there.

Roger P. Spampata, D.M.D.
President, PSOMS

The State of Virginia...

The Virginia Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (VSOMS) has just completed quite a year! SB806, a bill which updates the Definition of Dentistry in Virginia consistent with the current Virginia Dental Association's (VDA) Definition, has been successfully passed in our state legislature after a hard fought battle with the Medical Society of Virginia. This bill also details a process for establishing credentials for oral and maxillofacial surgeons to perform facial cosmetic surgery and for each surgeon to submit an annual profiling process with the Virginia Board of Dentistry. A key accomplishment of the bill was to leave the credentialing and monitoring of dentists and their scope of practice in control of dentists, i.e., the Board of Dentistry.

The VDA's lobbyist, Chuck Duvall, coordinated our effort. Last Summer and Fall, many of our VDA and VSOMS colleagues assisted in making numerous personal and written contacts as well as phone calls and faxes to each of our 130 state Senators and Representatives, in order to explain the relevance of an updated Definition of Dentistry. For three days of each of the eight legislative weeks in January and February, two dentists, one representing the VDA and the other the VSOMS, represented our cause by attending the state legislature. These days were spent conversing with the legislators and their legislative aides in their offices at the State Capitol Building. The legislators recognized our collective determination — with so many of us missing several days from our practices to meet with them in their offices and attend the committee hearings during the legislative process of this bill.

VSOMS members, Drs. Charles Cuttino, Robert Strauss and Ron Tankersley

performed key roles in providing testimony before the legislative committees. They coordinated the details of SB806 and developed the details of cosmetic credentialing with the Medical Society of Virginia representatives (as specified in SB806).

This effort certainly represented grassroots politics at its best. The emphasis was on dentists meeting as constituents with their respective legislators to discuss the validity of the definition update. Many thanks to all the individuals who helped with the successful passage of this bill.

During the Society's annual meeting, a motion was passed to assess each active VSOMS member \$500.00. These additional funds are intended to help reimburse the VDA for legal and lobbying expenses incurred during the passage of SB806 and to serve as a future legal fund. Dr. Jim Pell, of Alexandria, Virginia was elected as our next President. We will all need to support him as the VSOMS pursues its next challenge, to update state anesthesia regulations to be consistent with those recommended by AAOMS.

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

The State of West Virginia...

During this year's legislative session, the Dental Practice Act was opened and updated. The new definitions now in place were approved by AAOMS. This should insure our ability to continue to practice the full scope of oral and maxillofacial surgery.

The discriminatory and punitive broad-based tax is also going to be repealed over the next few years. This tax on health care providers is used to help fund Medicaid coverage. It is based on a percentage of your gross receipts and does not provide for any consideration of your overhead expenses.

Active lobbying efforts to bring about significant tort reform are ongoing. The malpractice insurance rates for oral and maxillofacial surgeons remain competitive with surrounding states. Medical practitioners' rates are not as competitive and a large turnout of practitioners in Charleston on White Coat Day certainly stressed the urgency of this problem to the legislators.

Dean Russell, D.D.S.
Martinsburg, West Virginia
