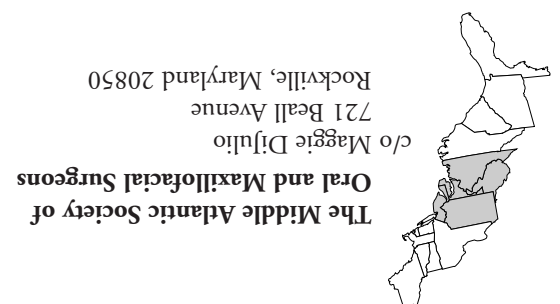


**The MASOMS Spring Meeting  
will be held on  
Wednesday, April 30, 2003 at the  
Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center  
in Ellicott City, Maryland.**

**Program information will be mailed in February.  
Please mark your calendars.**





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Fall 2002

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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**

This summer found our Society in excellent condition! The Spring Meeting was a great success. Dr. Nasr delivered an excellent program with his discussion of peri-implant esthetics and tissue management. Our next program is close at hand and will be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2002 at the Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center. This meeting features Dr. Anthony Pogrel, professor and chairman of the department of OMS at the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Pogrel will present a stimulating and thought-provoking program on the "Evaluation and Management of Nerve Injuries, the Management of Aggressive Jaw Lesions and Tooth Transplantation, Reimplantation and Surgical Uprighting." We are honored to have Dr. Pogrel speak at our meeting. For additional information on this lecture, please read the article on the "MASOMS Fall Meeting" in this issue of the newsletter. A copy of the brochure is available on our website at [www.masoms.org](http://www.masoms.org).

Meetings of this caliber have allowed our Society to grow and prosper. In a time of proliferating educational opportunities and a decline in the number of oral and maxillofacial surgeons, MASOMS continues to grow. Why has our membership increased? Because your organization has listened to you and adhered to our mission to:

"Provide excellent educational opportunities at a reasonable cost." How has your society improved? With continued maintenance of our web site, you can now download meeting information, past newsletters and membership applications. The ability to use email has made communication easier for many of our busy members. In addition, by holding the meetings at the Turf Valley Resort, the Society is attempting to standardize our meeting venue with a location that is central in our region. This venue is convenient and less expensive, which in turn has improved the bottom line for the organization. What does the future hold? The board is committed to providing the same excellent educational experiences on a regular basis.

In addition, the Society is supporting two of our local leaders in their quest to obtain national leadership positions. Dr. Thomas Soliday is running for Speaker of the House of Delegates for the American Dental Association and Dr. Dan Daley is running for Vice President of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. MASOMS has officially endorsed their nominations and is providing financial support as well. We wish them good luck with their campaigns!

Finally, we are active in the support of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Foundation. The foundation is the only national philanthropic organization with a mission that is dedicated to the financial support of research and education as a means of ensuring the future of our specialty. Since its inception, the Foundation's research awards have donated \$2.8 million in funding. The Fellowship Fund has provided \$560,000 in fellowship training awards and the Foundation has remained the primary resource to fund the Third Molar Study (\$1 million) and the Outcomes Assessment Project (\$500,000). Lastly, the Foundation has committed \$200,000 for the support of the Faculty and Education Development Awards. All of these programs are essential for the well being of our personal livelihood and that of our specialty. The Foundation has begun a fundraising campaign and we encourage the membership to contribute.

On another note, the Virginia Board of Dentistry has instituted a process of credentialing procedures in oral and maxillofacial surgery, specifically facial cosmetic surgery procedures. This process involves providing evidence of continuing education and proctored surgical training. After review of your credentials, the Board issues a "Cosmetic Procedures Certification." I wonder if the Board will be issuing other types of "Certification" any time

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## AAOMS District II Trustee Report

Dear MASOMS Colleagues:

It hardly seems like a year has passed since the tragedy of 9/11 and at this writing we are rapidly approaching our next annual meeting — this year in Chicago. I would like to keep you abreast of the many activities AAOMS has been involved in since my last newsletter article.

The Board of Trustees met June 7-11, as well as conducted business through

regular conference calls. Much of our focus has been on annual reports and resolutions being presented to this year's House of Delegates. Some of the major actions/issues are outlined below.

► The board reviewed proposed amendments to the Code of Professional Conduct and concurred that the complaint process be restricted to AAOMS fellows and members only and that non-member complaints be directed to dental/medical boards or to state or

## Editor's Corner

### \$37,000 BIG MAC

This last year, one of my partners was faced with a lawsuit following an uneventful mandibular advancement surgery. Internal fixation was utilized for stabilization. Within a week after the surgery, the patient experienced increased discomfort and inability to bring his teeth together. Radiographs demonstrated bilateral displacement of the osteotomy sites as compared to the immediate post-operative films. The patient was returned to the operating room where the internal fixation was replaced. The remainder of the post-operative course was uneventful with a satisfactory result being achieved.

The suit alleged the use of improper fixation techniques that resulted in a return to the operating room and prolonged pain and suffering. After months of fact-finding and preparation, depositions were finally taken. As the plaintiff was being deposed, his disregard of verbal and written post-operative dietary recommendations became apparent. Within a few weeks, the plaintiff's attorney dropped the suit. Unfortunately the defense attorney's fees amounted to over \$37,000.00, not to mention the

time out of the office and mental anguish my partner experienced.

Malpractice lawsuits are a fact of life in our society; they create a mechanism where incompetent doctors are forced to pay. However, our legal system encourage suits by placing the financial burden on the doctor, whether innocent or guilty. Tort reform remains critical to our future.

Within Pennsylvania, there has been some progress in the area of medical malpractice as well as a major set back. Recently introduced legislation would repeal joint and several liability. This will help to prevent plaintiff's attorneys from pursuing "deep-pocket" defendants for the full amount of a verdict regardless of the extent of liability. Hospitals tend to benefit most by this change. On the negative side, the state insurance department approved a fifty percent increase in malpractice premiums for the state's insurer of last resort. This will surely exacerbate the exodus of physicians from Pennsylvania and help guarantee that the doctor shortages in under served areas will worsen.

**Thomas H. Yingling, D.D.S.**

local dental/OMS societies. The board also agreed that the current due process procedures should be strengthened to require complainants to appear at the hearing during a review of their case.

▶ In response to a request from the American Dental Association that each of the dental specialties sponsor a full-day lecture at the 2003 ADA annual session in San Francisco, the board concurred that AAOMS conduct its one-day session on the topic of dental implants.

▶ The board reviewed and concurred with a number of recommendations from the Committee on Anesthesia, notably that AAOMS adopt the position that enteral sedation is equivalent to conscious sedation and that AAOMS purchase the Texas Dental Association's enteral sedation curriculum to serve as a model for an AAOMS enteral sedation curriculum. The board will review the proposed "AAOMS Position on Enteral (Oral Conscious) Sedation" at its September meeting.

▶ The board also noted the Committee on Anesthesia's resolution to be presented to this year's House of Delegates. The resolution requires enforcement of the Office Anesthesia Evaluation Program by the state OMS societies for their members to maintain their active AAOMS membership status. The program requires initial evaluation and re-evaluation every five years.

▶ The board approved production of the informational brochure geared to dental students developed by the Resident Organization of AAOMS (ROAAOMS).

▶ The board approved that the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery now administer the OMSITE examination and allocated funds to cover development and start-up costs. There will be no examination in 2003. AAOMS will be in charge of item writing and sponsoring the eight section members.

▶ The board concurred with the Committee on Continuing Education's recommendation for a name change to more accurately reflect its emphasis on

the continuum of professional education. The House will vote on a resolution to change the name to the Committee on Continuing Education and Professional Development.

▶ The House will also consider a resolution to increase the size of the House of Delegates to 101 members to allow for a voting delegate from the Resident Organization. The resident delegate would have the same rights and privileges as the other delegates, except that he/she could not serve as a caucus officer, vote in caucus, ABOMS or AAOMS officer elections, or serve on House committees.

▶ After review and amendment of the AAOMS strategic plan, the Board of Trustees will present a resolution to amend the purpose of the association as stated in the AAOMS Constitution to conform to the mission statement of the strategic plan. The proposed amendment reads as follows:

"The mission of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons is to provide a means of self-government relating to professional standards, ethical behavior and responsibilities of its fellows and members, to contribute to the public welfare, to advance the specialty and to support its fellows and members through education, research and advocacy."

A number of other important resolutions will be before the House of Delegates this year, and several of them have financial ramifications:

▶ The Board of Trustees concurred with its Task Force on Membership Outlook and will present a resolution proposing that life fellows/members who are in active practice be required to remit one-half of full membership dues until their retirement.

▶ The California Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons will submit a resolution to amend the AAOMS bylaws. This amendment eliminates the one-year "first-reading" notice for changes in dues, assessments and membership qualifications and allows such changes to be subject to vote of

the current year's House of Delegates, upon written notice to the House, at least 60 days prior to the annual meeting or special meeting.

▶ The Budget and Finance Committee will present a resolution to increase full dues for fellows/members by \$300 each, with pro-rata increases for all other dues categories.

▶ All resolutions for consideration by the 2002 House of Delegates are included in the 2002 Annual Reports and were made available in August. Mass distribution of the reports is typically limited; however, if you did not receive one and would like to, contact AAOMS headquarters for a copy.

▶ Our profession and our specialty need committed advocates, so please, get involved! Support OMSPAC in its efforts to ensure the election of legislators supportive of the specialty's cause. Please continue your support through your regular annual contribution.

▶ Note also that the 2003 AAOMS Day on the Hill will be held March 26.

▶ Our ongoing commitment to specialty research and education is as important to the future of oral and maxillofacial surgery as a favorable regulatory climate. The Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Foundation devotes itself to these critical endeavors. The Foundation also needs our financial support and has recently launched a new campaign to raise the funds necessary for its initiatives. I encourage you to also contribute to this important campaign.

▶ The 2002 Dental Implant Conference is scheduled for December 6-7. The conference is different this year — the focus is exclusively on OMSs and their office staff. In fact, a special registration fee structure has been designed to facilitate and encourage staff participation. Watch for your advance program on this dental implant, surgical techniques and marketing skills conference. As has become customary, the conference will be preceded by concurrent hands-on courses on soft and hard tissue techniques.

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# Highlights from the Spring 2002 Meeting at the Turf Valley Resort ...

*Guest speaker, Dr. Hisham Nasr  
addresses the meeting attendees*



*Dr. Dale Ellis visits with Ed Carroll,  
Schumacher Instrument Company*



*Imaging Sciences sales representative,  
Chris Scharff and Drs. Hoffrichter,  
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**Meeting attendee, Dr. Gene Kohler and OMSNIC Sales Representatives, Dawn Deal and Lauri Victor**



**MASOMS President-Elect, Dr. Brad Porter conducts the General Business Meeting**



**Dr. Ray Petrunich and KLS Martin sales representatives, Keith Flower and Dan Walulik**

## MASOMS Hosts 2002 Fall Meeting

The Society will hold its Fall Meeting on Wednesday, November 6, 2002 at the Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center in Ellicott City, Maryland. This elegant resort hotel, surrounded by three championship golf courses has proved to be a popular venue for MASOMS meeting attendees.

The featured speaker, Dr. Anthony Pogrel will present an all day program on "The Evaluation and Management of Nerve Injuries, The Management of Aggressive Jaw Lesions and Tooth Transplantation, Reimplantation and Surgical Uprighting." Program topics include: the etiology, prevention and evaluation of nerve injuries, micro-neurosurgery, the natural behavior of keratocysts, ameloblastomas and myxomas, use of marsupialization and liquid nitrogen cryotherapy, autotransplantation of teeth, reimplantation and surgical uprighting of impacted lower second molars.

Dr. Pogrel has been serving as professor and chairman of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of California, San Francisco since 1984. He holds both medical and dental licenses in California and is board certified.

His areas of expertise include: the management of patients with dento-facial deformities; the management of patients with oral pathological lesions and injuries to the trigeminal nerve, the management of patients with temporomandibular joint disorders and posttraumatic facial deformities. Dr. Pogrel has more than 150 publications centered on the above topics and is a frequent presenter at national and international meetings.

In addition to Dr. Pogrel's program, this meeting will feature a variety of tabletop exhibits. Vendors will be available to discuss and demonstrate the latest in equipment, materials and services available to the oral and maxillofacial surgeon.

Program information was mailed in early September. 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](http://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.

### A Message from the President

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soon. Who is more of a danger to the public - a dentist with no surgical training, placing implants or extracting impacted teeth, or an oral and maxillofacial surgeon with four to six years of extensive surgical training doing facial cosmetic surgery? This is an interesting development.

I look forward to seeing everyone on November 6th.

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

### Visit MASOMS.ORG

The Society continues to communicate with its members, vendors and affiliates, via the website. For organizational news, special events, membership information and more, please visit [www.masoms.org](http://www.masoms.org).

The site 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](mailto:masomsdir@msn.com).

### AAOMS District II Trustee Report

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I will look forward to seeing many of you at the MASOMS Fall Meeting in November. Personally, this has been a busy year campaigning for the office of AAOMS Vice President. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their encouragement and support in this effort. It has been an honor to serve as your Trustee over the last three years and I thank you for the privilege and hope that I will be serving as your next Vice-President.

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

### The State of Delaware...

After recently having the Dental Practice Act revised to include the ADA/AAOMS Definition of Dentistry, there is very little to report from a legislative perspective. The training program welcomes Dr. Edwin Granite as the new full time program director and welcomes several new practitioners in the community, including a pediatric craniofacial surgeon who will be working full-time at the Alfred I. DuPont Hospital for Children.

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

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

The DCOMS held its annual meeting this summer at Sam and Harry's, a wonderful steak house. Dr. Clarence Lindquist delivered the caucus report. Dr. Emery presented the Treasurer's report and the Society is in good financial condition. We have nearly completed the five-year anesthesia evaluations cycle and have had no major developments or legislation in the District.

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

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

The Maryland Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (MSOMS) has had an active and eventful year. Anesthesia regulations, as they relate to the practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery, continue to be a critical area of concern. This year, the Maryland State Board of Dentistry has undertaken a review of the state anesthesia guidelines with an eye toward rewriting and updating the regulations. The MSOMS anesthesia committee will be available to participate in an active manner by providing any assistance the Board may request.

Additionally, this year, the Society has benefited greatly under the direction of President, Tim Carrion. Dr. Carrion's leadership was consistent and insightful and brought us several key innovations. Perhaps chief among them, was the hiring of executive director, Ms. Maggie DiJulio. Ms. DiJulio has been an immediate asset to the Society with the implementation of many key organizational and communication improvements. The Society has also now achieved full automation in membership records and accounting systems. Communication within the Society will continue to be streamlined and enhanced via the implementation of an active website with e-communication capabilities.

With these innovations, MSOMS looks forward a successful 2003.

**Kevin G. Schwartz, D.M.D.**  
Vice President, MSOMS

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

The New Jersey State Board of Dentistry is developing a draft regulation regarding enteral sedation, "sleep dentistry." Dentists who are using enteral agents to induce a sleep like state will be required to possess a general anesthesia permit. The State Board is also expected to consider a regulation regarding the termination of the den-

tist-patient relationship. The State Board has ruled that a Dentist may dispense without charge, a limited number of narcotic pills to a patient in connection with dental treatment. The recommended number of pills is four or five.

The 2002-2003 NJSOMS officers are as follows:

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

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

Greetings from Pennsylvania. The PSOMS had a very well attended scientific meeting in May, where we heard Dr. Jeffrey Bennett lecture on anesthesia. Additionally, over thirty oral and maxillofacial surgeons took the Fellowship examination of the ADSA. Our next meeting will be a breakfast at the AAOMS meeting in Chicago. PSOMS is still engaged actively in helping the State Board of Dentistry establish new anesthesia guidelines. We endeavor to maintain the exemplary safety record of anesthesia in the dental office. Finally, we hope to have a District II member and Pennsylvanian Dr. Dan Daley, as the new AAOMS Vice President. I know that Dr. Daley would appreciate all of our support.

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

## **Executive Committee Amends Bylaws**

At the 2001 Fall Meeting, the Executive Committee revised the association's Constitution and Bylaws. Please see the insert enclosed in this newsletter. These amendments will also be posted on the Society's website.

MASOMS would like to extend a special thank you to the following companies who exhibited at the 2002 Spring Meeting. Your continued support of our organization is appreciated.

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