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

Change—it is the one constant in our lives. Some of us embrace it, some of us abhor it. However, it is the one thing, along with death and taxes, that we can count on. We are deeply into the election cycle and no matter what your politics may be, we are due for a new president. Housing is down, Internet use is up, and most of us are starting to see changes, both large and small, which are affecting the way we practice.

We are a technological specialty and to continue at a level of excellence in our practices, we must evaluate these new changes in technology, embrace some, discard others, and move on as we have in our professional lives. New technologies, new drugs, new treatments, and new complications have all arisen over the last couple of years, which impact us greatly. Bisphosphonates have helped stabilize osteoporosis, as well as debilitating advanced cancers, but there have obviously been negative consequences. New technologies in implants, implant stabilization, bone grafting materials, and diagnostic imaging are all progressing rapidly.

Some of us remember when panorex machines were relatively new and innovative. Along with that came controversy—what is the standard of care and

what is the standard of excellence? This is something we all have to decide for ourselves, certainly the latter. We need to look at new computer systems, electronic billing, and on-line websites and determine if any or all of these have a place in our practices and determine if we want or need to embrace these new technologies. If so, when? These controversies have many solutions and we need help and guidance from not only our national and state organizations, but also from our friends and colleagues on a more local level. Indeed, some of the best information that we can assemble with regard to new technologies is obtained by simply talking to our colleagues who have practical knowledge in working with these and can give us further insight.

Change brings controversy and we hope to, in the next several years, bring discussion of these controversies and new technologies to the forefront of our continuing education in the Middle Atlantic Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. We encourage the membership to guide us and to bring us new ideas for further courses, which will be of great interest to all of us.

Howard R. Strauss, DDS
President

Editor's Corner

Preparing this part of the newsletter has been enjoyable in the unpredictability of when and what will evolve into an inspiration for a topic. I knew that the time was approaching and considered how to bring it all together when I stumbled upon a summary in a golf magazine (I'm starting to get spring fever). The author claimed that "the best ideas are usually stolen from someone else." He happened to take them from a boating magazine article he was reading to get through the winter.

It really struck me that so much of our education and training are borrowed from others and tweaked to be our own. Once during an academic session during my residency another resident was very proud of his presentation on a particular medical subject. We began discussing references and which book would provide the best insight for future presentations when our attending remarked that "there weren't any original ideas in the whole book." That comment has stuck with me for a long time. While the authors have tried to research and reference all their chapters to the best of their ability, they really just organized and compiled the ideas of others into a different form.

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AAOMS District II Trustee Report

Dear MASOMS Colleagues:

Before I begin my report, I would like to thank District II for re-electing me to my second term as the District II Trustee. I am thankful, humbled and appreciative of this honor.

My report begins with the Dental Implant Conference. This conference has grown in success every year that it has been presented. I believe that its success is culmination of its very narrow and specific focus, its same place same time venue, and its quality of speakers regardless of specialty or geography. Here are some statistics on the December 2007 meeting: 534 OMS's attended; 347 dentists of varying specialties, and 63 residents, our largest DIC meeting ever.

By now, most of you should have received communications from AAOMS. The first item would be the 2008 Membership Survey. This survey is important for getting an up-to-date 'pulse' of our members. AAOMS is very specific and protective regarding the privacy of this information. With this data, AAOMS will be able to better understand our membership demographics, provide information to members, and access membership needs. It will also help immensely our Strategic Plan. [Note: not all members received this survey.]

The second item is the 'White Paper on Third Molar Data'. This is a compilation and summary of all the current data derived from the ongoing AAOMS Third Molar Study. It is in publishable usable Surgical Update format. More are available via AAOMS for dissemination to colleagues (dental or medical) and as patient information.

AAOMS will continue with the BRONJ Task Force for 2008. Because this is an ongoing and developing issue, this Task Force will continue to monitor and provide the membership with the most current and up-to-date data. Additionally, a special supplement in the *JOMS* on BRONJ is in the works this year.

The AAOMS Day on the Hill is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16. This is AAOMS's 'up close and personal' political activity in Washington, D.C. This is a time where AAOMS has direct contact with legislatures. This program is open to all AAOMS members to participate. AAOMS encourages any and every member to be involved.

The first half of the year is always a busy time for AAOMS. The Board of Trustees will have had four face-to-face meetings as well as innumerable telephone conferences. Our AAOMS Leadership Conference in Rosemont will be June 6-7, with a Strategic Planning Session to follow. We will meet with our colleagues of the Foundation, ABOMS, and ADSA. We will have attended the Academy of Osteointegration meeting in Boston (AAOMS is co-sponsor), as well as attending many regional meetings. Most of the Board of Trustees will attend these meetings:

Some additional meeting dates include: SESOMS April 9-12 New Orleans, SWSOMS April 24-27 Houston, ADSA April 30-May 3 Puerto Rico, Middle Atlantic April 30 Turf Valley, Canadian Osteointegration Conference May 8-10 Toronto, Midwestern SOMS May 21-24 Bramson.

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The State of the Delaware...

Dr. Ed Granite is pleased to announce that the OMS residency program at Christiana Care has successfully matched our one position. Additionally, we did secure an OMS intern as well. The general dental residency has been increased from six to ten residency positions. Dr. Lou Rafetto and I are looking forward to hosting the District II caucus at Wilmington Country Club in August.

Eugene M. D'Amico, DDS
Newark, DE

The State of Maryland...

Last year we made a few baby steps toward improving the climate for private practitioners in Maryland. Unfortunately, we were one vote shy of strengthening the certificate of merit laws. The apology law was a great win but now it is back for repeal. Insurance legislation has toned down some HMO bully tactics but more needs to be done.

The tragic death of Deamonte Driver due to an extremely rare infection, has legislators looking for a quick fix and without any spending. Though efforts are being made to educate them, some state heads aren't listening. Statewide mandatory pro bono dental care will have no impact on dental emergency care and will ultimately worsen access to care issues. Managing these cases would grow the government by yet another department. Our new Governor O'Malley created a task force to study the effect of low reimbursement in Maryland and make recommendations. Our Medicaid rate is in the lower 10th percentile of our nation and it needs to

be in at least the 50th percentile to balance the increased cost of living and practicing in Maryland.

The Maryland Dental Board continues in its mission to protect the public. Dr. King Smith is completing his last year on the board in August 2008. Thank you Dr. Smith for your tireless hours of dedication and commitment over the last 8 years. Hopefully, the Governor selects Dr. Rick Williams to a seat on the board soon. MSOMS anesthesia committee members are working with the board to implement the new anesthesia license requirements to comply with the AAOMS requirements so that there will be one process to satisfy both bodies.

The MSOMS recently sponsored its spring educational meeting on March 12th at the BWI Airport Marriott. This joint meeting, held in conjunction with the Maryland Dental Society of Anesthesiology, featured Dr. Morton Rosenberg who presented an interesting lecture on "Anesthesia Potpourri".

Neal A. Zabiegalski, DDS
Vice-President, MSOMS

The State of New Jersey...

With 2007 now behind us, the New Jersey Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons is looking forward to an equally busy year.

Our spring continuing education program will be held Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at the Woodbridge Hilton in Iselin, New Jersey. Registration and breakfast begin at 7:30 am. The course will commence at 8:00 and conclude at 4:00 p.m.

We are proud to announce that Dr. G. E. Ghali will be traveling from

Shreveport to be our guest speaker. He will be presenting various topics including complications of dentoalveolar surgery, contemporary management of nerve injuries, diagnosis and management of oral, facial and lip cancer, current advances in complex craniomaxillofacial reconstruction, and craniomaxillofacial deformities: distraction osteogenesis vs. orthognathic surgery. Dr. Ghali will also update the attendees on the ABOMS examination and recertification process, as well as the new testing facility.

In addition to his remarkable career as an educator, researcher and practitioner of oral and maxillofacial surgery, the 2007 AAOMS House of Delegates elected Dr Ghali to serve on the ABOMS Board of Directors for a seven year term.

Our spring meeting will also feature Dr. Kohn and Mr. Kurtz from the OMS Foundation, who will be updating us on the Foundation, the REAP program and OMS Foundation research and fellowship awards. The New Jersey OMSPAC Chairman, Dr. Huberman will be addressing the important role of OMSPAC in our professional future, and will review the results of the April 16, 2008 Day on the Hill. NJSOMS has invited all the New Jersey Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Post Graduate Residents to attend this exciting continuing education program. For more information and to register, please contact Mrs. Rhoda Wachsstock at 973-812-9606 or njsoms@juno.com.

The next NJSOMS business meeting will be held Monday, April 7, 2008 at 6:00 at the Woodbridge Hilton.

Kathy A. Banks, DMD
President, NJSOMS

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The State of Virginia...

The VSOMS just completed our 2008 Annual Meeting. This year, the annual meeting was held at the Great Wolf Lodge in Williamsburg, Virginia February 9-10. This two and a half day conference involved breakfast business meetings, where members were able to discuss current issues in the Virginia field. This includes a presentation on Law and Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons and completion of the ACLS continuing education course.

Jerry Canaan, II, Esq. from Richmond, presented on Laws Governing Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery. The ACLS course was taught over two 4 hour morning sessions and was administered by Emergency Management Services, Inc. Each participant was required to demonstrate the procedures as protocols and as team leaders. This was an overall success and a great opportunity for attendees to become recertified.

Prior to the annual meeting, the VSOMS executive council conducted their quarterly meeting. Executive Council Members include President Dr. L. Warren West, Past President A. Omar Abubaker, Secretary/Treasurer Dr. Tom Padgett, AAOMS Delegates Dr. Jack Mrazik & Dr. Robert Strauss, and Councilors at Large Dr. Kimberly Silloway, Dr. Brad Trotter, Dr. Glenn Fritz, Dr. Todd Brandt and Dr. Brian McAndrew.

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As always, I close with the appeal to be involved - participate in AAOMS, be it committee person, educator, advocate or donor - and, if not AAOMS, then the AAOMS Foundation or OMSPAC.

One of the main focuses for VSOMS is to have all anesthesia examinations completed by the end of 2010. In addition to completing anesthesia examinations, VSOMS has many goals for 2008. We are continuing to follow important bills relating to OMS in the legislature, expanding our executive council and membership involvement, and planning for another successful annual meeting in 2009.

Laura Givens
Executive Secretary, VSOMS

The State of West Virginia...

In the Mountain State we have survived another legislative session without any changes that would impact our scope of practice. The only two bills to emerge affecting dentistry involve general supervision of hygienists and volunteer licensure for retired dentists. The lobbyist representing the WVSOMS has done a great job keeping the anesthesia issues from getting out of committee as we expect them to continue regularly. We are hoping to update and expand our membership and look forward to a summer meeting at the Greenbrier in conjunction with the WVDA. Of course we need to make sure to enjoy the spring first.

T. Dean Bobbitt, DDS
Vice President, WVSOMS

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions, issues, or clarifications.

Arthur C. Jee, DMD
AAOMS District II Trustee

Editor's Corner

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I think that we have all done this when applying our training and education into clinical practice. I like to use certain techniques that I name for the surgeons that taught them to me. My nurses may not appreciate my D'Amico procedure, but I always get a smile when I credit him for knowledge he shared with me a long time ago. Crediting those who helped in my training is one way I like to remember them, but that is really what the whole educational process involves. We gather for meetings to see what we can "borrow" from our speakers and apply to our patient care and practices. Occasionally we get to hear a truly new concept from the inventor, but will quickly share that information as our own.

A few weeks ago I anesthetized a patient, went to a neighboring room, performed an extraction that went very well (quickly) and returned to perform a laser frenectomy. The patient's husband commented that I was "really slick and this is so much better than it used to be." I thanked him for the compliment but felt the need (out of the blue) to explain that I simply used what I had been given. I didn't invent the local anesthetic, design the elevator and forcep, or figure out how to apply laser physics to the oral cavity.

We've all been given gifts and have borrowed from many teachers. We owe them our gratitude for all they have given. Hopefully this will remind you of some of the better ideas you've "stolen" from others and made your own.

T. Dean Bobbitt, DDS

MASOMS Hosts 2008 Spring Meeting

The Society will hold its spring educational program on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at the Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City, Maryland.

We are excited to welcome Dr. Stuart Lieblich who will present an all day lecture on "Common and Uncommon Problems of Ambulatory Anesthesia."

Dr. Lieblich graduated from Rutgers University (Highest Honors, 1977) and the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine (1981). He completed his residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Kings County/ Downstate Medical Center in New York. In 1984 he assumed a full-time position on the faculty of the University of Connecticut until 1988. Currently, he is in private practice in Avon, CT and maintains a part-time teaching appointment at the university as an associate clinical professor. He is on the medical staff at Hartford Hospital, Connecticut Children's Medical Center, St. Francis Hospital, John Dempsey Hospital (University of Connecticut Health Center) and Charlotte Hungerford Hospital (head, section of oral and maxillofacial surgery).

Dr. Lieblich has been a contributor to over 15 textbooks and published over 75 peer reviewed papers and abstracts. He is an invited speaker at conferences throughout the United States and has presented his research at international scientific meetings with focuses on ambulatory anesthesia, dental implants and periapical surgery. Previously he has served as president of the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology and following a 6-year term as a member of the examination committee of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (chair of the medicine and anesthesia sections) he was elected to a seven year term of the ABOMS board of directors. Dr. Lieblich is on the editorial boards of the journals *Anesthesia Progress* and the *International Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* and regularly reviews articles for the *Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*, *General Dentistry* and *Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology Oral Radiology and Endontology*.

Program information was mailed in February. 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 would like to extend a special thank you to the following companies who exhibited at the 2007 Fall Meeting.

Your continued support of our organization is appreciated.

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**The MASOMS Fall Meeting
will be held on
Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at the
Turf Valley Resort in
Ellicott City, Maryland.**

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

