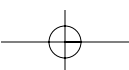
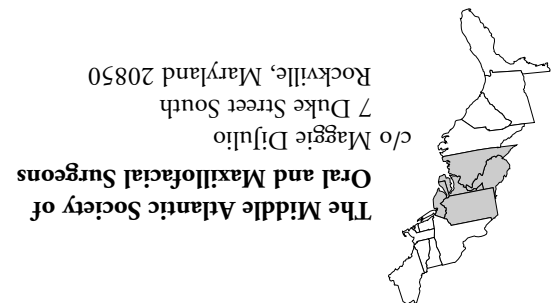




**The MASOMS Spring Meeting  
will be held on  
Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at the  
Turf Valley Resort in  
Ellicott City, Maryland.**

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





# MASOMS News

Fall 2007

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

The busy summer is drawing to an end. Summer vacations are behind, kids are going back to school. Our children are gearing up for sports activities and there never seems to be enough time in the day. In light of our practices and our families, and all the other things we have to do, I sometimes feel overwhelmed, and then take note of the people around us who volunteer their efforts for the greater good, and I am most thankful for these individuals.

Many of us are planning to go to the AAOMS National Meeting in Hawaii. As we are enjoying the weather and scenery or taking in the continuing education courses, our delegates, alternates, and committee members are hard at work spending their days indoors discussing matters that will have an influence or improvement in the way we practice. Our officers and trustees will spend non-stop time in meetings ultimately for our benefit. These colleagues of ours work diligently so that we may continue to practice, prosper, and progress in our specialty. Take a moment, if you can, to thank them.

We receive periodic requests for donations to OMSPAC and the Foundation. Their efforts, as well, continue to have a current and future impact on our practices. Support them, if not with your time, at least with financial support.

The MASOMS has another great meeting planned for the fall, and

### Editor's Corner

After weeks of writers block, I finally realized that my editorial topic had been begging for attention the entire time. A few thoughts will follow about the multiheaded monster that is insurance. Insurance is defined by Wikipedia as the equitable transfer of the risk of a loss, from one entity to another, in exchange for a premium. In oral and maxillofacial surgery and life, it takes on many more meanings.

Some of my more frustrating insurance experiences of late include the following scenarios:

The government insured drug seekers calling at all hours are fairly common in the profession.

sincere thanks to our educational program chairman, Tom Yingling, for helping to arrange it. I look forward to seeing all of you there for an excellent educational experience, as well as lively conversation.

**Howard R. Strauss, DDS**  
President

I recently treated a patient with a mandible fracture who assumed that the check he received for services was really for his day to day expenses.

Finally, I had a medicaid patient that shared his card with a friend but failed to realize that he had already been to the practice for extraction of the same tooth.

My staff views insurance differently as well. Some are pleased that quotes and finances are "taken care of" with some insurance patients. The same staff members realize that some companies will not cover certain procedures but must interact

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**AAOMS District II Trustee Report**

Dear MASOMS Colleagues:  
I hope that your summer has been busy and fun. It has been very busy at AAOMS:

At this writing, the AAOMS building is near completion with the opening ceremonies tentatively scheduled for September 14th. The building has been revamped, modernized and updated with respect to appearance and function. The design is modern, stylish, and very open, taking advantage of the building's all glass construction. The infrastructure has been modernized to cope with today's energy and electronic requirements necessary for a progressive organization. I hope everyone will have an opportunity to visit.

For those of you who did not participate with the BRONJ webinar, this webinar is now available on the AAOMS website. Medical and dental continuing education is available.

The Board of Trustees accepted and approved the report of the Task Force on Evidence-based Third Molars Study. Shortly, a usable 'white paper' will be published by AAOMS for distribution to AAOMS membership. Additionally, an insert will be placed in *USA Today* at the time of the ADA meeting to officially report those findings.

I will be attending the ADA annual meeting along with all the AAOMS Board of Trustees.

As usual, we will attend various meetings regarding issues pertaining to AAOMS. If you have any questions regarding ADA and AAOMS, please contact me accordingly.

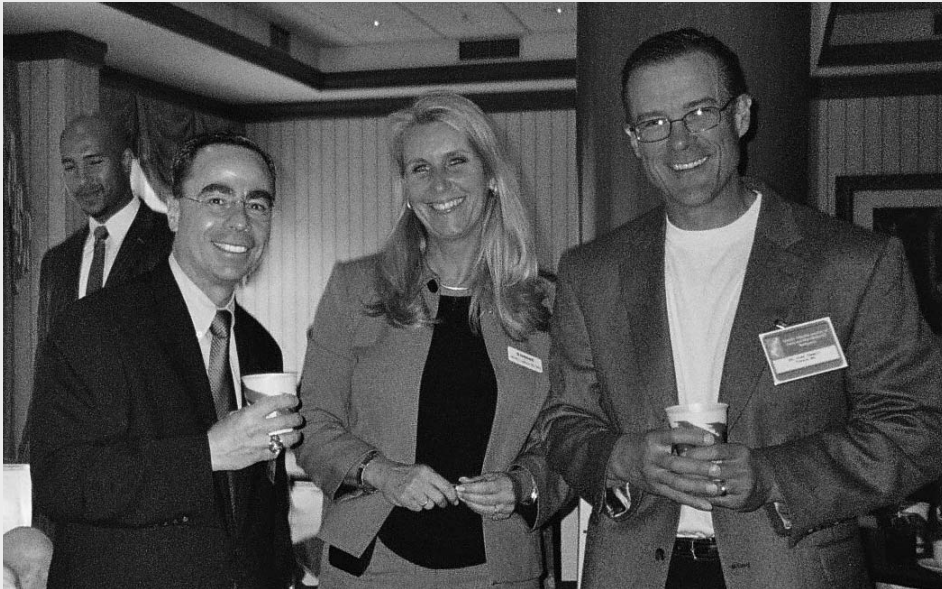
This year's AAOMS annual meeting is in Honolulu, Hawaii at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. The governance section will begin on Monday, October 8, with session 1 of the House of Delegates. The academic portions will officially begin on Wednesday, October 10. However, there will also be pre-meeting offerings of anesthesia review courses, etc. Please consult the Annual Meeting brochures. I look forward to seeing you there!

I would be remiss without reminding everyone to support our Foundation and OMSPAC. The Foundation is indeed that — our foundation. Supporting the Foundation is supporting our past, present and future!

OMSPAC is our access to those that govern our practices. Without OMSPAC we would have no voice, no influence to those that create the laws and rules that we all must practice. These two organizations are indeed 'life-lines' for our ability to practice oral maxillofacial surgery.

As always, please contact me if you have questions or concerns.

**Arthur C. Jee, DMD**  
**AAOMS District II Trustee**



***Drs. John Emmett and Pat Palumbo  
with Ms. Michele Limbach  
at the Synthes exhibit table***



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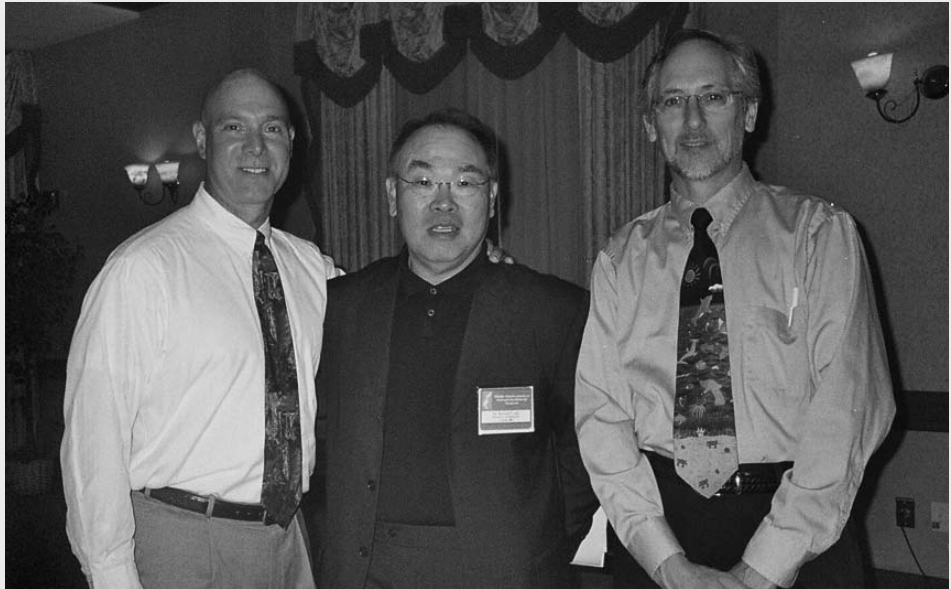


***Drs. Michael Bianco and  
Joseph Fine with Mr. Phil Myers,  
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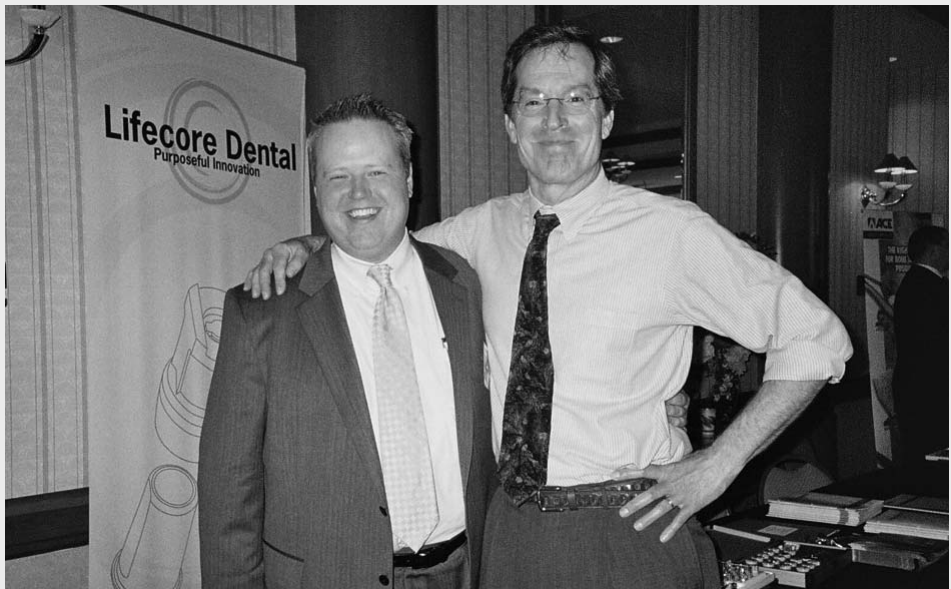


## Highlights from the Spring 2007 Meeting at the Turf Valley Resort ...

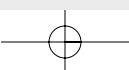
*Drs. Howard Strauss, President,  
Art Jee, District II Trustee  
and Jeffrey Dembo, Speaker*



*Dr. Hal Canter visits with Mr. Brien Kelly  
at the Lifecore Dental exhibit table*



*Drs. Michael Will and Daniel Theberge  
visit the Nobel Biocare exhibit table*



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

The oral and maxillofacial training program at Christiana Care is going strong. Dr. Ed Granite has been appointed by the ADA to be a site visitor for evaluating OMS residency programs. We are very pleased to announce that Dr. Lou Rafetto has been named committeeman of the year by AAOMS. The State of Delaware now has six seats at Temple Dental School for Delaware residents who wish to attend dental school. We will be interviewing for our OMS residency position through the match in November and early December.

**Eugene M. D'Amico, DDS**  
Newark, DE

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

Membership in the DCSOMS has continued to exhibit positive growth. We have recently welcomed Dr. Andrea Bonnick, Chief OMS at Howard University Hospital and Dr. Renee Mc Coy-Collins who is in private practice.

The District of Columbia Board of Dental Examiners published updated regulations recently. Of interest to us were the regulations regarding General Anesthesia.

Despite lengthy qualification requirements for dentists other than Oral Surgeons, the current qualifications for OMS are: Board certified oral surgeons, members of AAOMS and graduation from an OMS program approved by the ADA.

All aspects of General Anesthesia, sedation and nitrous oxide administration continue to be fully

certified by the board based upon our training.

We are pleased to have one of our members, Dr. Daniel Howard serving on the Board of Dental Examiners.

**Milton D. Bernard, DDS**  
President, DCSOMS

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

At the moment, things are relatively quiet here in the Old Line State. The new anesthesia regulations were postponed due to a full frontal assault on the Maryland Dental Board by a small but influential group of state representatives in Annapolis. Our house and senate passed a bill which would have dissolved the existing board and held the board members legally liable for their actions and decisions. Had this become law, it would have placed dentistry in our state in a precarious position. However, due to the concerted efforts of the leaders of dentistry in the State of Maryland, clearer minds prevailed and this law was vetoed by our Governor. The reasons for this "almost fiasco" are too convoluted and sensitive to discuss in this publication. I am happy to report the Dental Board was preserved and continues to function as intended. The anesthesia regulations are still on tract for final approval before the end of the year.

The OMS program at the University of Maryland continues to prosper. Dr. Robert Ord, chairman of the department, with the help of Dr. Brian Keegan, chief of OMS at Sinai, created a new position for the OMS program. This

position was appointed to Dr. Gary Warburton. In addition to his other academic responsibilities, Dr. Warburton will be responsible for organizing the facial trauma service at Sinai Medical Center. This new alliance will provide a University OMS presence at Sinai. The program now has six full time faculty. The department published twelve papers and six book chapters in the last year and has presented nationally and internationally in Japan, Scotland, Hong Kong and China.

The MSOMS fall membership meeting will be on October 3rd at the BWI Airport Marriott. Considering the political climate in our state, I encourage all MSOMS members to attend and become more involved. Organized OMS needs you!

**J. Alexander Smith, DMD**  
Vice-President, MSOMS

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

This year the officers of the New Jersey Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons are Dr. Kathy Banks—President, Dr. Lawrence Gorzelnik—President-Elect, Dr. Kayvon Haghghi—Vice President, and Dr. Manaf Saker, who will be very busy as Secretary-Treasurer-Editor.

For the 2007-2008 year, the New Jersey Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons will hold the general business meetings scheduled for October 22, December 10, February 4, and April 11. The meetings are held at the Woodbridge Hilton at 6:00 PM.

Each meeting will be preceded by an OMS resident case presentation.

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

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This is part of NJSOMS's ongoing effort to involve young surgeons in the society. Recently, Dr. Vincent Ziccardi and Dr. Hillel Ephros, the program directors from UMDNJ and St. Joseph's OMS residency training programs, have shown renewed interest in getting their residents involved in both NJSOMS and RAOMS. Liaisons for both training programs have been recruited to keep the partnership going. Look for updates on the OMS residency training programs in the upcoming newsletters.

The NJSOMS winter continuing education program will be held on Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at the Woodbridge Hilton. The featured speaker is Dr. Michael Pikos, who will be discussing bone grafting techniques. For further information, call NJSOMS at (973) 812-9606.

**Kathy A. Banks, DMD**  
**President, NJSOMS**

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

The VSOMS continues its mission to have as many Virginia oral and maxillofacial surgeons evaluated for anesthesia as possible. Since our last update with MASOMS, we have once again increased our percentage of evaluated offices and continue to near our goal of 100% of member offices in the Commonwealth.

Currently, the VSOMS is beginning to prepare for the 2008 Annual Meeting coming up next February. The meeting will be held in-state in Williamsburg on February 8-10 at the new Great Wolf Lodge. Instead of a speaker

this year, the Society has chosen to incorporate its bi-annual ACLS course into the Annual Meeting. The always well-attended course is usually a separate seminar from the Annual Meeting, but this year we're trying something new. We believe participants will really enjoy the combined meeting, as well as everything Williamsburg has to offer.

We continue to work on creating our website, and hope to have it complete by the Fall. You can look for us then at [www.vsoms.org](http://www.vsoms.org).

For questions about the VSOMS or our upcoming meetings and

seminars, please contact Morgan Bailey at the VSOMS Central Office — (804) 261-1610 or via email [bailey@vadental.org](mailto:bailey@vadental.org).

**Morgan Bailey**  
**Executive Secretary, VSOMS**

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

Greetings from the Mountain State of West Virginia. Fortunately, the WVSOMS has done a good job keeping the peace and there is not much noteworthy activity to report.

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## **Editor's Corner**

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with the insured that have "the best coverage." To those on the billing front, insurance is a constant and ever changing struggle.

I certainly enjoy the peace of mind that I get from my life insurance and disability policies. Our family health insurance seems to keep rising, but again offers the protection against costs that I cannot risk expending on my own. Our practice has an overhead protection plan and disability coverage for our employees. My auto and boat policies also fit rather neatly with the previously mentioned definition of insurance.

The glass factory that employs my parents is closing soon and health insurance is their main concern. They have planned financially to have the opportunity to retire, but are concerned with the possibility of increasing premiums as they approach sixty five. Many retiring oral and maxillofacial surgeons have had to weigh the same decisions. This has weighed heavily on my mind lately as they discuss their plans and I'm surprised at the power this equitable transfer of risk holds.

Insurance frustrates and confuses us. It helps my practice finances and increases my practice overhead. I don't have any new formulas for how much you need or whether you should accept insurance for payment. I simply have some examples of how important it is in our lives and how we take it for granted in many ways.

However, I am pleased to know that despite it's problems, it sometimes works! Yesterday, I had a patient that was able to schedule his pre radiation extractions and visit his oncologist without financial concern. He was able to focus on fighting his cancer and that was more than equitable.

**T. Dean Bobbitt, DDS**

## MASOMS Hosts 2007 Fall Meeting

The Society will hold its fall educational program on Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at the Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City, Maryland.

We are excited to welcome Dr. Salvatore Ruggiero who will present an all day lecture on "Bisphosphonate Related Jaw Necrosis and a Review of the Management of Osteoradionecrosis and Trigeminal Nerve Injuries."

Dr. Ruggiero received his DMD degree from Harvard Dental School and his MD degree from Harvard Medical School. He completed his Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery residency at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. He received his Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery board certification in 1994 and has served as a board examiner for the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

After completion of his surgical training, Dr. Ruggiero joined the full time faculty of the Division of OMS at Long Island Jewish Medical Center and the University Hospital at Stony Brook. During his 14-year tenure at LIJ he served as Chief of Oral Surgery and Associate Chairman of the Department of Dental Medicine. Dr. Ruggiero is now in private practice as a member of the New York Center for Orthognathic and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Dr. Ruggiero practices the full scope of pediatric and adult oral and maxillofacial surgery that includes dental implant reconstruction, jaw reconstruction and the treatment of patients with facial cleft deformities. Dr. Ruggiero has a special interest and expertise in the management and surgical treatment of traumatic trigeminal nerve injuries and bisphosphonate related osteonecrosis.

Program information was mailed in 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.

MASOMS would like to extend a special thank you to the following companies who exhibited at the 2007 Spring Meeting. Your continued support of our organization is appreciated.

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

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Our annual meeting with the WVDA was productive and laid the groundwork for the coming months. The Greenbrier resort has undergone

an exceptional upgrade and will be the home of an upcoming ASDA meeting. I am sad to report the deaths of Drs. Frank Oliverio and John Welch. Both contributed to the education and care of many dental students, residents, and patients.

The WVSOMS is looking forward to promoting the profession at the upcoming AAOMS Annual Session and the 2008 State Legislative Session.

**T. Dean Bobbitt, DDS**  
**Secretary/Treasurer, WVSOMS**