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

As I write this message, the result of the AAOMS election for vice president has yet to be decided. Dr. Art Jee has met the challenges of a difficult and grueling campaign. His proven record of accomplishment, combined with the broad understanding of the issues facing oral and maxillofacial surgery, make him best prepared to continue our proud tradition of outstanding leadership at the national level. Whatever the outcome, we are proud of Art and wish him well.

It is with much relief that Congress took their summer recess without completing health care reform legislation. How dangerous and mindless it is to rush a massive new medical care scheme through Congress without giving our legislators the opportunity to read and debate it. Our country is faced with major conflicts between the practice of medicine, bureaucratic cost containment, and providing healthcare to those in need. The reconciliation

of these issues will have profound effects on both our professional and personal lives. AAOMS has been successful in securing the inclusion of one of the association's top legislative priorities, the Cares Act, into the Energy and Commerce version of health care reform legislation. The AAOMS Member Alert emails have been an extremely effective and informative way to learn how our association is protecting the future of oral and maxillofacial surgery. To take advantage of this valuable resource, go to www.aaoms.org.

Our society continues to meet the challenge of delivering excellent value in our continuing education offerings. Dr. Hank Zussman, our program chair and president-elect, has secured Dr. Myron Tucker for our fall meeting. Dr. Tucker will present an extensive program on the latest advances in orthognathic surgery including surgical complications, segmental surgery in the

maxilla and mandible, and the management of insurance coverage, and other issues related to financing orthognathic surgery. An outstanding meeting is anticipated.

With regard to our upcoming fall meeting, I would like to extend special thanks to our vendors. It is not only their financial support of our meetings but also their state-of-the-art innovative technologies that enrich our practices and improve patient care. Please take the time to visit their exhibits at our meetings.

As a final thought, with our nation facing difficult economic times and high levels of unemployment, please consider helping those in need.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our November 4 meeting at the Turf Valley Resort.

**Thomas H. Yingling, DDS
President**



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AAOMS District II Trustee Report

Dear MASOMS Colleagues:

As I related in my summer District II Trustee's report, AAOMS is now primarily focused on the Annual meeting October 12 -17 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto, Canada. The program is a comprehensive blend of education, exhibition and events. This year the Annual Meeting is dedicated to the Oral Maxillofacial Surgery Foundation (OMSF). It is the OMSF fiftieth year. The Foundation is the future of oral and maxillofacial surgery, and substantiates who we are and what we do. Please contribute to the OMSF!

I can report that through the editorship of Leon Assael, the *Journal of Oral Maxillofacial Surgery* has continued to increase its 'impact factor' among all healthcare journals. In 2009 there will be two 'special' editions specifically dedicated to bis-phosphonate related osteonecrosis of the jaw (BRONJ) and dental implants. A third special edition on orthognathic surgery is also planned for the near future.

There is a new informational CD/DVD available through AAOMS. This is the third molar DVD for patient information and fellow healthcare providers. AAOMS is in the process of preparing a DVD on office based anesthesia. AAOMS is also providing an Office Anesthesia Evaluation Manual CD/DVD to educational programs.

The Summer Caucus for District II occurred on Saturday, August 15 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. There are approximately 10 resolutions that will go before the AAOMS House of Delegates ranging from election reform to budget. The governance portion of the Annual meeting will be held Monday through Thursday. The House of Delegates actions are open to all who are interested. I encourage all to attend and witness the actions of the AAOMS House of Delegates, actions that dictate how we all practice.

This year is my final year as the Trustee of District II. I am truly honored and humbled by the support of District II and the members of the Middle Atlantic Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. Thank you and as always, if you have any questions, issues, concerns, please do not hesitate to call. I encourage everyone to be involved, engaged, and participate.

Arthur C. Jee, DMD
AAOMS District II Trustee

The State of Delaware...

The Christiana Care Hospital Oral and Maxillofacial Department is searching for a full time Associate Program Director. Dr. Lou Rafetto, a Board examiner in 2009, has been appointed Chair of the new third molar task force for AAOMS. Dr. Ed Granite, also a Board examiner in 2009, has been reappointed to the ABOMS examination committee for 2010. We would all like to join in congratulating Dr. Granite on his award for increasing access to care in Delaware. Most importantly, as this is the 50th Anniversary of the OMS Foundation, Delaware is hoping to obtain 100% participation in the REAP campaign.

Eugene M. D'Amico, DDS
Newark, DE

The State of Maryland...

Kudos to Dr. King Smith and Dr. Kevin Schwartz for working so diligently over the past two years to finally steer the new anesthesia guidelines into law. The new anesthesia regulations go into effect as of January 4, 2010. All Maryland OMFS anesthesia administration permits issued after the first of the year will be issued new Class III anesthesia permits.

The Maryland Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (MSOMS) will begin anesthesia evaluations this fall. This will bring Maryland into compliance with the AAOMS anesthesia evaluation requirements in time for the AAOMS delegate meeting in the fall of 2011. For anyone interested in an ACLS course, the MSOMS is co sponsoring a course with the Washington Metro ACLS at Providence Hospital on 10/24/09. Contact Leo Kelly (202-269-7664) to register for the ACLS course in October. It should be noted

that all anesthesia administration permit evaluation candidates need to be ACLS certified prior to the completion of their anesthesia evaluation.

Project Healthy Smile was officially launched as of July 01, 2009. Project Healthy Smile is Maryland's attempt to provide dental coverage for the Maryland Medicaid Population. This plan is being administered by Doral Dental. We will keep you posted on its success here in Maryland.

Our spring meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at the BWI Airport Marriott. This full day program will feature Dr. Daniel Spagnoli who will present "The Application of rhBMP2/ACS in Reconstruction of Localized and Large Maxillofacial Bone Defects. Registration information will be available in January so please mark your calendars.

David C. Bastacky, DMD
President-Elect, MSOMS

The State of Pennsylvania...

We had a very successful Spring Scientific Program on May 4-5 2009 at Bedford Springs Resort with Stuart E. Lieblich, DMD who spoke on Ambulatory Anesthesia. Complementing his program was Lewis N. Estabrooks, DMD who spoke on Anesthetic Morbidity and Mortality. In spite of the somewhat inclement weather, some attendees were able to get some green time in on the golf course.

We are ever so vigilant in our Anesthesia Evaluation Program, fine tuning the process to more than satisfy our State Board of Dentistry so that all dentists, be they OMFS, Pediatric Dentists, Periodontists or General Dentists, can be evaluated fairly in order to receive their office anesthesia permit. Our plan is to offer an anesthesia program every

other year to satisfy the anesthesia continuing education requirements for the Anesthesia Permit in the State of Pennsylvania.

Currently all dentists have on the horizon, insurance issues that are now beginning to surface. Rhode Island's state Dental Association successfully lobbied their state legislature for a state law prohibiting the insurance company from implementing their fee schedule for services and procedures not covered by them. We as oral surgeons have to stand up with our dental brothers and sisters in our respective states to follow the Rhode Island Dental Association's lead in preventing this travesty from happening to us. So, once again we have to enter the legislative theater to make our point. We are planning our spring 2010 scientific program, which we hope will be in the Harrisburg region. Keep your eyes open for the news on who, what, when and where this will take place. See you in Toronto for the AAOMS 2009 Annual Meeting.

Stanton M. Braid, DMD
President-Elect PSOMS

The State of Virginia...

We have been busy here in Virginia with numerous requests to change guidelines, improve definitions regarding anesthesia and who can administer it and establish appropriate training criteria for those who administer any form of anesthesia. Though most of this falls into the hands of the Virginia Board of Dentistry, you certainly can appreciate how this could affect the Oral Surgery Community. With a request to adopt the ADA guidelines for anesthesia over our existing guidelines, the Board voted to keep the existing guidelines. The CRNA's are trying to change all guidelines to prevent RN's and LPN's from administering

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Editor's Corner

Health care affects all of us individually and professionally. As professional healthcare givers, we are concerned with our ability to deliver quality care. As individuals, we are concerned with our own care. The big question, "how will 'healthcare reform' affect oral maxillofacial surgery?" is unknown. What we do know is that some form of healthcare reform will occur. It is my belief that we, individually, and as AAOMS members, must be pro-actively involved in this process. But how?

We must be involved individually and through AAOMS. Individually, we must meet and acquaint ourselves with local congresspersons. We must be local advocates

of our profession. And when opportunity occurs, lobby neighbors, patients, and friends on the issues of health care givers, specifically what we do as oral and maxillofacial surgeons.

At the Association level, we must be more engaging and aggressive with matter of our profession. We need to increase our 'On-the-Hill' activities. Instead of once a year, we must have a continual presence. We need to focus and utilize our lobbyists not only as 'watch-dogs' but involved pro-active advocates. We need to consider engaging healthcare law firms to press not only legislative but also legal issues. We need to develop coalitions with other healthcare groups who have similar issues. As a small association, we need to

liaison with allied organizations such as ADA, AMA, ACS and ASA so that we have better access and visibility to congress. This also helps to develop effective working relationships with other professional organizations. We need to directly interact with government agencies, like CMS who will interpret and define all the 'new' rules and regulations – and position ourselves to be consultants, panel members, or expert references.

So, it is my opinion, regardless of the outcome of healthcare changes; we need to be involved directly for the future welfare of oral and maxillofacial surgery. We can not be passive!

Arthur C. Jee, DMD

The State of Virginia...

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any anesthesia medications even under direct supervision from a certified Doctor. This is under further review by our Board and the Board of Nursing. In addition they are opposed to any operator assisted anesthesia which is what we have been doing for many years. Finally, the Board is reviewing the need for educational and certifying guidelines for all providers using any type of anesthesia. We, as oral and maxillofacial surgeons, already have this in place but are keeping a close eye to prevent being caught up in additional requirements.

We will have our annual meeting at the Williamsburg Lodge February 26-28, 2010. ACLS recertification will be the goal of this meeting. The course is

intended for Virginia providers but is available to anyone else based on space availability. For more information, please contact Laura Givens at the VDA (804) 261-1610.

Thomas B. Padgett, DDS
President, VSOMS

The State of West Virginia...

We have had a very fulfilling summer in the mountain state and hope that you did as well. The WVSOMS met in conjunction with the WVDA at the Greenbrier resort July 17 and 18. The WVDA arranged specialty relevant CE and the WVSOMS was able to conduct a productive business meeting. We will continue our presence at the

WVDA's Annual Session with next year's meeting being the weekend before the PGA makes it's return to the Greenbrier!

West Virginia hosted two very successful Mission of Mercy Clinics over the summer. The Martinsburg Clinic treated over 1000 people for the second year and Parkersburg saw over 1300 people during its first event (drawing over 89 dentists from 5 states). The oral and maxillofacial surgeons were kept very busy and well represented at both sites. I am sure that there will be many more chances to participate in these endeavors in the future and urge your continued support.

T. Dean Bobbitt, DDS
President, VSOMS

MASOMS Hosts 2009 Fall Meeting

The Society will hold its fall educational program on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at the Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City, Maryland.

We are excited to welcome Dr. Myron Tucker who will present an all day lecture on "Assessment and Management of Orthognathic Surgery." Dr. Tucker obtained his undergraduate degree from Arizona State University and received his dental degree from Baylor College of Dentistry in 1976. He completed his oral and maxillofacial surgery residency at the Medical University of South Carolina. He served as a full time faculty member at the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry and UNC Hospitals from 1982-1992 where he was the director of graduate education in oral and maxillofacial surgery. He is currently in private practice in Charlotte, NC and maintains academic affiliations as Adjunct Clinical Professor of OMS at the Louisiana State University Medical Center and at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is a diplomate of the ABOMS and has served as an examiner and section chairman for the ABOMS board examinations.

Dr. Tucker is an editor and co-author of six textbooks on oral and maxillofacial surgery. These textbooks have been widely used throughout the US and other countries with the book translated into Portuguese, Korean, Chinese and Italian. He has been very active in clinical and basic science research and has written over 50 publications in scientific journals. Dr. Tucker lectures extensively both nationally and internationally on many subjects with a primary focus on orthognathic surgery.

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 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 2009 Spring Meeting. Your continued support of our organization is appreciated.

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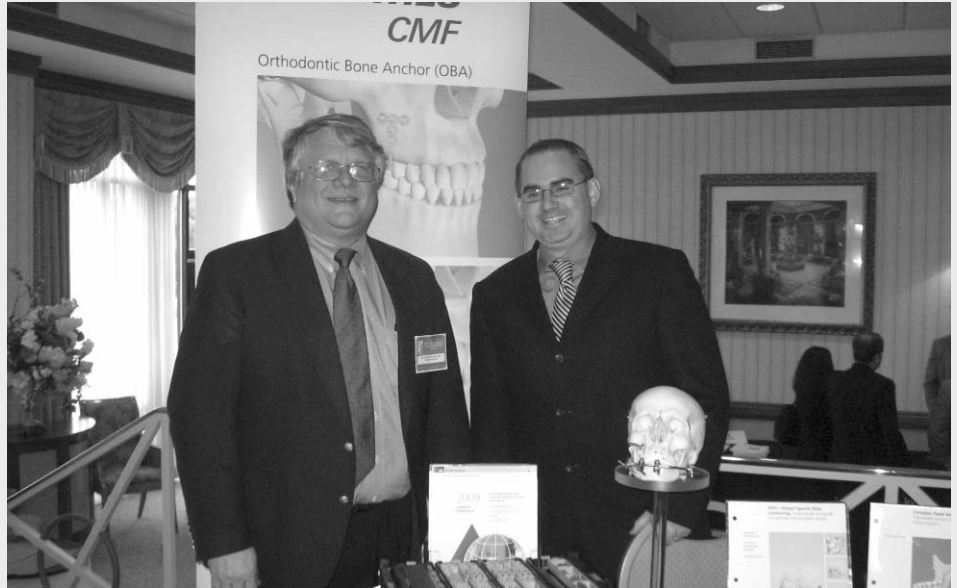
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Highlights from the Spring 2009 Meeting at the Turf Valley Resort ...

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with Mr. Jack Maginn at
the Synthes CMF table*



*Meeting attendee, Dr. Ahmad Amin
and Mr. Andrew Myers, KLS Martin*

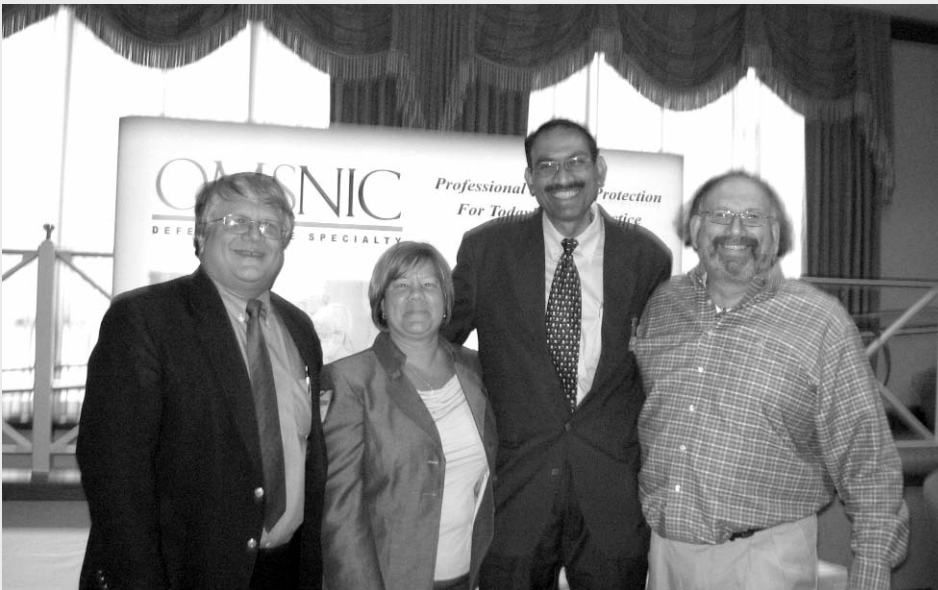


*Dr. Neal Zabiegalski visits with
Mr. Phil Myers at the EMT table*





***Mr. Chuck Malcomson,
Ace Surgical Supply and
Dr. Robert Mermer***



***Ms. Laurie Victor, OMSNIC
with Drs. Rick Williams,
Sivakumar Sreenivasan
and Barry Berman***



***Dr. Mark Hoffrichter visits
with Mr. Brien Kelly at the
Keystone Dental Table***

**The MASOMS Spring Meeting
will be held on
Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at the
Turf Valley Resort in
Ellicott City, Maryland.**

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

