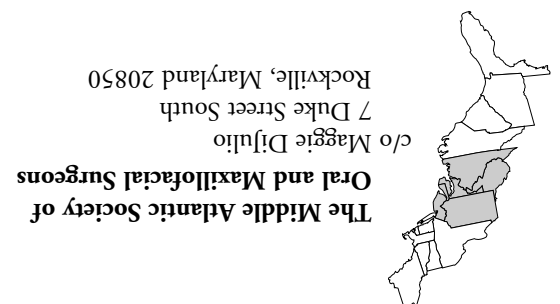


**The MASOMS Spring Meeting
will be held on
Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at the
Turf Valley Resort in
Ellicott City, Maryland.**

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





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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

It seems like only months since I wrote my first message to you as president of MASOMS. I find it amazing that in reality two years have passed. Much has happened in the interim; in the world, in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and in my life.

One of the things that I find comforting is that MASOMS has remained consistent in its mission to provide useful, timely and high quality continuing education at an affordable price in convenient venues close to home (within our region).

In keeping with that mission, our next meeting will feature Dr. Kenji Higuchi speaking on "Contemporary Topics on Osseointegration for the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon." This program will be held at the Turf Valley Resort. I hope to see you there.

This meeting has special meaning for me this year as my own atten-

dance may be in question. I was diagnosed with prostate cancer this spring and have been undergoing hormone therapy. I have a procedure tentatively scheduled for late October. If all goes well, I should be in attendance for our meeting on November 8th.

I share this information with you with some reluctance but I have found it quite awkward to bring up in casual conversation and more importantly I think it's an object lesson regarding early diagnosis and predicted outcomes. My cancer was found early with annual P.S.A. tests leading to a biopsy and detection of a small single focus within the prostate. In its current state, there is a 95% cure rate with either radiation or surgery. For this, I am grateful. I urge all of you men, 50 or older to have your P.S.A. tested annually. The good news in all of this is that it has truly made me a more empathetic surgeon. I have finally come to the realization that

being a patient is often intimidating and simply just no fun.

Most of you who know me, know that I am neither sappy nor overly sentimental but I want to convey to you all that I consider it a real honor to have served as your president. It has been a wonderful experience working with and on the executive committee for the past ten years. I have met many people from all over our region and have developed many friendships which I sincerely value. In short, the organization has given me more than I gave it.

At our meeting in November, Dr. Howard Strauss will take over as your new president. I know that MASOMS is in very capable hands. Please join me in welcoming him to his new position and in wishing him well. Hope to see you there.

**James W. Adams, DDS
President**



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AAOMS District II Trustee Report

Dear MASOMS Colleagues:

As you all know, I am now just completing my first year as District II Trustee. The AAOMS meeting in San Diego will be my first House of Delegates meeting serving as the District II Trustee. I want to thank all those in MASOMS for their support and confidence.

What I have learned as Trustee, is that AAOMS is an organization that truly promotes, enhances, defends, and represents the "oral and maxillofacial surgeon". The scope of AAOMS is local, regional, national and international. AAOMS monitors anything and everything that involves *oral and maxillofacial surgery* and will act on behalf of its membership.

Because AAOMS is an association of such wide scope, some important issues (as needed by some of the membership) are lost or not prioritized. If this were to occur in District II, as your representative, please notify me so that I can bring this directly to the attention of AAOMS. I am your voice!

The main areas to report are issues that affect all of us in our daily practice. These ongoing issues are education and scope of practice. This includes recruitment of faculty and maintaining the quality of resident programs. The Council on Dental Accreditation is changing its structure on how resident programs are being evaluated. In the past, the evaluators were composed of specialist in the field under evaluation, eg. OMS's for OMS residency programs. It seems that CODA is

now determining that more lay persons and non-speciality members can and will evaluate programs, including OMS programs. AAOMS is closely monitoring this change. AAOMS feels that the quality of OMS residency programs must continue.

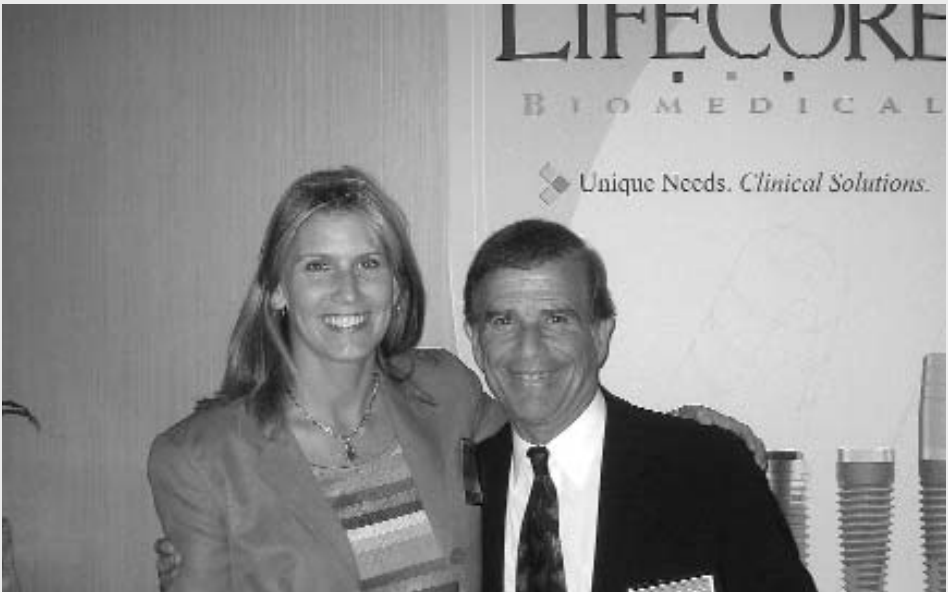
The issue of bisphosphonate treated patients and associated osteonecrosis of the jaw as seen in some of our patients is alarming. AAOMS has initiated a Task Force of multidiscipline experts to study this issue. They will be preparing a "Position Paper" addressing this issue shortly.

At the last AAOMS Annual Meeting, the House of Delegates voted against the sale of the AAOMS building. A Special Committee of HOD and BOT has recommended renovations to the AAOMS building. These renovations will proceed in the very near future.

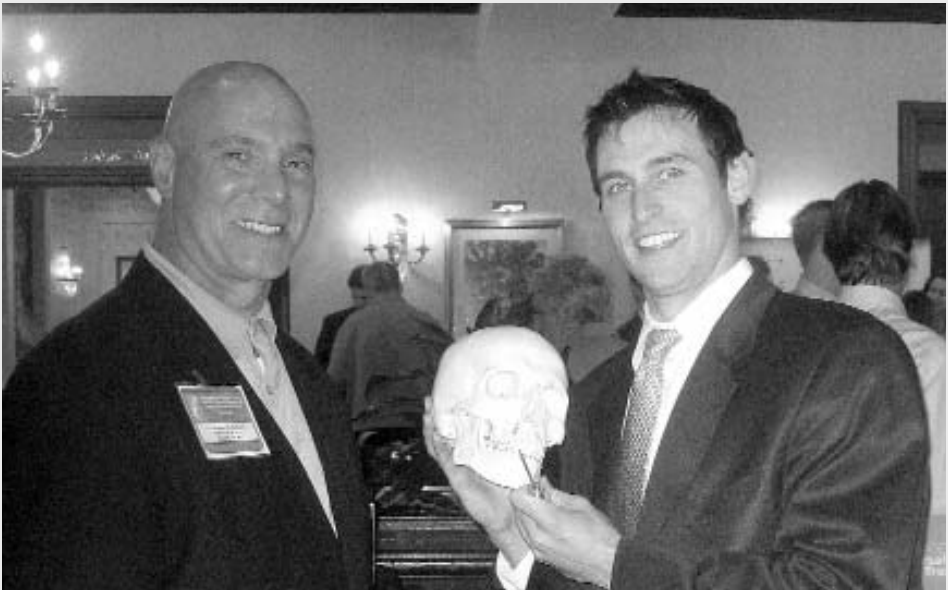
These are a few of the on-goings of the Board of Trustees. Although, District II is the smallest district in AAOMS (by membership), it is one of the most active, if not the most active of all the Districts. The life blood of this activity is involvement in the committee structure of AAOMS. To further this involvement, as Trustee, I will solicit, promote, and encourage anyone who is interested in participating.

Please feel free to contact me on this or any other issues.

Arthur C. Jee, DMD
AAOMS District II, Trustee



**MASOMS
Meeting Attendees
Enjoy time with
the Vendors**



Highlights from the Spring 2006 Meeting at the Turf Valley Resort



MASOMS Hosts 2006 Fall Meeting

The Society will hold its fall educational program on Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at the Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City, Maryland.

Our featured speaker, Dr. Kenji Higuchi will present an all day lecture on "Contemporary Topics on Osseointegration for the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon." Dr. Higuchi will present an extensive program on implant treatments using the principles of osseointegration. This type of treatment has become the standard of care for oral rehabilitation. This presentation will focus on selected areas of implant practice that favor the unique surgical training and experience offered by oral and maxillofacial surgeons. Program highlights include:

- Implant Applications in Orthodontics
- Comprehensive Management of the Patient with Hypodontia
- Management of the Severly Resorbed Edentulous Mandible and Maxilla
- Surgical Techniques in the Compromised Cleft and Craniofacial Patient.

Dr. Kenji Higuchi received his dental degree from Marquette School of Dentistry and completed his residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at University Hospital, University of Iowa with a Master of Science. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and in private practice emphasizing reconstructive oral and maxillofacial 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 2006 Spring Meeting. Your continued support of our organization is appreciated.

Dynasplint Systems, Inc.

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The State of the Delaware...

Dr. Ed Granite is pleased to announce that Dr. Larry Giordano has accepted the position of assistant program director in oral and maxillofacial surgery. Larry will be a great asset in training our residents at Christiana Care. Dr. Granite has accepted a position on the board of the Delaware Academy of Medicine. Dr. Lou Rafetto has risen to chairman of the AAOMS committee on continuing education and professional development. Finally, I am proud to be the alternate delegate to AAOMS from Delaware and am honored to have been appointed to the OMSPAC board of directors.

Eugene M. D'Amico, DDS
Newark, DE

The State of the District of Columbia...

September 14, 2006 was my first meeting as President of the DCSOMS. Following are a few key discussions from our meeting:

The DCSOMS was fortunate to have both the Washington Hospital Center and Howard University's Program Directors present to give reports on the residency training programs.

Our Society will be hosting the 2007 District Caucus this August.

DCSOMS Anesthesia evaluation: Dr. Steven A. Guttenberg is the Chairman of the Anesthesia Evaluation Committee. We are well on our way with AAOMS standards.

We are all looking forward to the AAOMS meeting in San Diego. These meetings continue to be a valuable tool to increase our knowledge and the Society's cohesiveness as OMSs.

George Obeid, DDS
DCSOMS

The State of Maryland...

The MSOMS held its General Membership Meeting on September 13 at the BWI Airport Marriott. This meeting was preceded by a Coding Workshop presented by our own Dr. Vince DiFabio.

The MSOMS is pleased to welcome new members, Drs. Andrew Salama, I-Ling Chen and Jennifer Forshey.

As part of our five year pledge, the society recently donated \$1,500 to the AAOMS Foundation.

A number of MSOMS members have voiced their concerns regarding the verbiage of the AAOMS bylaw changes

pertaining to the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (ABOMS) certification. Our members have also voiced interest in obtaining a compilation of the "Third Molar Study" which AAOMS will distribute to all its members along with a position paper by AAOMS regarding bisphosphonates. We have asked our delegates to bring these issues to the attention of AAOMS.

The MSOMS Anesthesia Task Force continues to work diligently with the Maryland Board of Dental Examiners to establish new guidelines for the state certification process.

Lastly, our spring 2007 educational program will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at the BWI Airport Marriott. This meeting will feature Dr. Norman Betts who will speak on "Physical Diagnosis, Lab Studies and Management of the Medically Compromised Patient".

Jay I. Chason, DDS
President-Elect, MSOMS

The State of New Jersey...

The NJSOMS has invited Dr. Craig Misch to lecture at its next general meeting. This program will be held

Editor's Corner

As oral and maxillofacial surgeons, we enjoy a wonderful profession, lifestyle and respect in the community. However, it has recently come to my attention that very few of us contribute to OMSPAC and the OMS Foundation. In light of the climate that exists today, I find this quite surprising.

Less than thirty-three percent of oral and maxillofacial surgeons contributed to OMSPAC this year. This is far fewer than the nurse anesthetists, anesthesiologists or trial lawyers who contribute to their

PACS both at a higher percentage and with more dollars.

I believe that it is more important now than ever to support OMSPAC in an effort to prevent outside forces from changing the way we practice. Also, when contributing, please keep in mind that corporate checks and credit cards (soft money) can only be used to cover OMSPAC administrative costs. Personal contributions (hard money) can be used to support candidates favorable to oral and maxillofacial surgery.

The OMS Foundation supports research necessary to advance our specialty and helps to recruit and maintain qualified educators to train the next generation of oral and maxillofacial surgeons, our future partners. The human genome project is just one exciting area of research that will advance the practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery. It seems to me that supporting these two organizations is a small price to pay to help assure the position of our specialty in years to come.

Eugene M. D'Amico, D.D.S.

on Wednesday, December 6 at the Woodbridge Hilton Hotel.

**Kayvon Haghighi, DDS, MD
Middletown, NJ**

The State of Pennsylvania...

The past five years have been a very exciting and challenging time for the Pennsylvania Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. The PSOMS has made tremendous strides in initiating, developing and completing in office anesthesia guidelines and inspections for all doctors who have anesthesia permits I or II for the state of Pennsylvania. This was a monumental effort by many people including multiple past presidents such as Marty Eichner, Jim Adams, Ron Sicilia and Mark Ochs. Others such as Capital Associates, especially Beth Zampogna and Jay Layman, key PSOMS members such as Anthony Checchio, and Robert Lindner and all of the devoted members who acted as inspectors, all contributed greatly to this cause. This has also been a chance for PSOMS to partner with key members of the pediatric and periodontal community as we worked together to facilitate inspections for some of their members. Throughout this time of transition, PSOMS officers have teamed with state dental board members and state legislators to ultimately accomplish this task.

Now that the first phase of inspections has been completed, PSOMS continues to partner with these individuals to coordinate and clarify the recertification process. As inspections were mandated to be completed every six years, and nearly everyone was inspected within the past two to three years, we are trying to develop an equitable means to recertify doctors on a staggered schedule to help establish a six year renewal cycle. We strongly request members of the PSOMS to, once again, have patience with the renewal process and, if asked, agree to an early inspection. Again, this will help setup a staggered inspection schedule.

The PSOMS has sponsored many inspector courses throughout the state to allow any doctor who holds an anesthesia permit, to become an inspector for the PSOMS and the state board of dentistry. We encourage participation in this process as it not only helps even the demand on those who do the inspections, but it is a unique and worthwhile learning experience for you as an inspector as well.

Many years ago, the PSOMS commissioned the help of Capital Associates. Their help has been invaluable for many legal issues that arise. PSOMS will continue to retain their services.

The PSOMS continues to provide a spring scientific session each May. Next years meeting will more than likely include an anesthesia related topic to help its members obtain the necessary fifteen hours of anesthesia credits for each two year renewal of their anesthesia permits. I look forward to helping my society members and oral and maxillofacial surgeons within the state by acting as president this upcoming year. I am particularly committed to continuing the excellent work that my predecessors have done in establishing the office anesthesia inspection program.

**Cynthia Trentacosti, D.D.S. MS.
President-elect, PSOMS**

The State of Virginia...

This year the Virginia Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons made it a mission to get as many Virginia oral surgeons evaluated for anesthesia as possible. In this year alone, the VSOMS went from having only 4% of oral surgeons evaluated to 56%. As the year continues to progress, we hope to have closer to 75% of offices evaluated by the end of the year.

In addition to our anesthesia evaluation goals, the VSOMS Executive Council has made strides to have a website up and running that will allow for OMS members to find updates and

news for the Society, and also be a source of information and assistance to the general public. We hope to have this site in place by the end of the year.

Lastly, the VSOMS is working hard to have a successful Annual Meeting in March of 2007 in Orlando, FL. The 2007 meeting speaker will be renowned oral surgeon, Dr. Bob Marx, who will be speaking on bisphosphonates and various aspects of jaw reconstruction. The Virginia Society has invited all OMS members from nearby coastal states to join the VSOMS at the luxurios Portofino Bay Hotel in Orlando. The Portofino is located on-site at Universal Orlando. Guests will enjoy a whole host of area attractions including express passes into Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure.

If you are interested in joining the VSOMS in Florida on March 2-4, 2007, or simply have questions regarding our Society, please contact Morgan Bailey at the VSOMS Central Office – (804) 261-1610 or via email bailey@vadental.org.

**Morgan Bailey
Executive Secretary, VSOMS**

The State of West Virginia...

The state of West Virginia is entering the fall season full of optimism. The summer months were quiet politically and productive professionally. Our hope is that the coming months will continue this pattern! The WVSOMS held its summer meeting at the Greenbrier in conjunction with the WVDA's 100th anniversary annual session. Attendance was good for the meeting and the overall weekend was a great experience. Longtime WVU Department of OMS Chairman Dr. Robert Graves retired this summer. His former students and residents are greatly appreciative for his many years of teaching. We wish him health and happiness in his retirement and hope he can finally find his golf game.

**T. Dean Bobbitt, DDS
Parkersburg, WV**
