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

New Jersey Legislators Strike Back

Last year, many New Jersey physicians closed their offices, except for emergencies. The work slow down was coordinated with a visit to the state capitol in Trenton. These actions were taken to heighten awareness to the growing medical malpractice crisis in the state. Governor James McGreevey and the legislators failed to meet with the physicians and failed to make any serious effort to address the problem. Consequently, during the last election cycle, many physicians lobbied against the Democratic Party in the state. They had hoped that a change of the political landscape to the Republican Party would improve the chances of effective tort reform. Despite their efforts, they had little impact on the outcome of the election.

In a seemingly separate issue, the New Jersey Hospital Association testified in favor of a bill before the State Senate and Assembly Budget Committees. This bill was to provide increased compensation to the hospitals for expenditures related to

charity care. The current state budget has allocated 219 million dollars more for the hospitals, but nothing for the physicians. An ambulatory care facilities (ACF) tax was passed to generate revenue for the state's expenditures for charity care. Many physicians with hospital privileges also hold ownership in ACF's. This tax is a 3.5% tax on ACF gross revenues. Obviously, many of these physicians provide coverage for indigent care. Essentially, they will assume the increased tax burden to help reimburse the hospitals for care that they have already provided for free. This bill appears to be open ended. Apparently, the Commissioner of Health will have the ability to add new categories of medical and/or dental practices to increase revenues through this tax.

New Jersey legislators have also passed a new 6% tax on cosmetic surgery. Initially, several dental procedures including crown and bridgework, veneers, bonding and bleaching were to be taxed at 6%. The New Jersey

Dental Association was able to reduce this to apply to bleaching only. However, the State Treasurer is the final arbiter of this new tax. Consequently, new procedures may be added in the future. It is interesting that tattooing, piercing and beauty parlors are not taxed. Governor McGreevey's malpractice relief was to tax medical, dental, chiropractic, pediatric and attorneys \$75 per year to create a fund to help offset high-risk specialists.

New Jersey's Governor and legislators continue to foster an environment that is unfriendly towards healthcare providers. By further burdening the physicians, we will continue to see an exodus of many fine practitioners from our state. It seems more than coincidental that these new bills followed the physicians attempt to influence the election. It is paramount that we support our PAC's and to make every effort to get to know your legislators personally.

**Bradford J. Porter, DDS
President**



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AAOMS District II Trustee Report

Dear MASOMS Colleagues:

I hope you found some time to kick back and relax during this very busy summer. You know that summer is winding down when your conversations with colleagues turn to the AAOMS annual meeting. This year's meeting, the association's 86th, will be held September 29-October 2, in San Francisco's Moscone West Convention Center. The scientific sessions are powerful, with symposia, lectures and clinics addressing every relevant area of current OMS practice. Clearly many of you agree that this annual meeting is something special. Judging from our early registrations, we are anticipating a record attendance.

And speaking of anticipation, many of you have been asking about the special dental implant projects AAOMS plans to release in conjunction with the annual meeting. AAOMS' promotion of the OMS as the dental implant specialist launched early this year with the publication of a two-part surgical update entitled *Dental Implants – Treatment Options for Compromised Clinical Situations*. The campaign will culminate this fall with the publication of a four-page supplement on dental implants, which will accompany the October 1 issue of *USA Today*, a special dental implant supplement to the September issue of *JOMS*; and a video news presentation on dental implants that will run on United Airlines' in-flight television throughout the month of October. We think you will be pleased with the results of this campaign. Personally, I would like to note that we were fortunate to have an abundance of excellent articles submitted for inclusion in the *JOMS* supplement.

While we could not print all of these in the fall supplement, others will appear throughout the coming year in the new dental implant section of *JOMS*.

ROAAOMS, our resident organization, will celebrate its 10th anniversary while we are in San Francisco. At a recent Board of Trustees meeting, ROAAOMS Chair, Dr. Michael Doherty reported that ROAAOMS has accomplished many of its goals for 2004, including visits to 13 dental schools where they presented to more than 1800 students. A master plan has been developed to ensure resident visits to all US dental schools. The AAOMS Board has voted to provide complimentary copies of the *Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* to all OMS residents, beginning in January 2005. We are very proud of this group of professionals. There are presently 904 OMS residents.

If you have been reading the Advocacy Newsletter that is sent electronically by AAOMS twice a month, you know that scope of practice issues are heating up in various areas of the country. On July 26, a Connecticut Superior Court granted an Application for Temporary Injunction brought by the Connecticut Society of OMS, the Connecticut State Dental Association and AAOMS, following a Connecticut dental board ruling that prohibits OMSs from performing any procedure outside the mouth. The three organizations filed the injunction action and an Administrative Appeal in response to a controversial Connecticut State Dental Commission 4-3 decision that constrained OMSs from performing procedures outside the mouth based on a narrow interpretation of the state dental practice act. The Commission's Declaratory Ruling

potentially jeopardizes OMS trauma services in the state as well as sleep apnea and other OMS procedures.

In granting the injunction, the court expressed strong concern that the dental board ruling would adversely affect patient access to trauma care. The court's action effectively stays the implementation of the Declaratory Ruling until August 30 when a full evidentiary hearing will be held to determine whether the injunction should remain in effect pending the court's hearing of the appeal. The CSOMS and CSDA are working to introduce legislation to update the Connecticut definition of dentistry in 2005, when the Connecticut Dental Practice Act sunsets.

If you have been thinking about applying for the National Dental Board of Anesthesia Fellowship, be advised that the requirements for this ADSA program will change next year. Currently applicants must pass a three-hour, 150-question, multiple choice written examination to qualify for fellowship. The examination covers all aspects of dental anesthesiology, with emphasis on medical evaluation, pharmacology, perioperative care, anesthetic technique, anesthetic pharmacology, and recognition and management of anesthetic emergencies and complications. Beginning in 2005, NDBA will require BOTH a written and oral exam. OMSs considering applying for fellowship are encouraged to do so before 2005.

Finally, I would like to say a few words in support of those OMSs who have left their homes and practices to save the faces and lives of our soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. We have recently heard the story of Dr. John Caulfield, a 70-year-old fellow of AAOMS from Satellite Beach, FL. Dr. Caulfield has been recalled to duty in Iraq and will be leaving for the Middle East next

MASOMS Hosts 2004 Fall Meeting

The Society will hold its Fall meeting on Wednesday, November 3, 2004 at the Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center in Ellicott City, Maryland.

The featured speaker, Dr. Craig Misch will present an all day program on "Prosthetic Guided Bone Augmentation." Dr. Misch will provide an extensive program on alveolar reconstruction with a prosthetic driven approach to managing patients with ridge deficiencies. Treatment strategies, including diagnosis and planning, prosthesis design, surgical options and provisionalization will be discussed. Integrating immediate implant loading into reconstructive procedures will also be addressed.

Dr. Misch received certificates in prosthodontics and oral implantology and a Master of Dental Science Degree from the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Misch then completed specialty training in oral and maxillofacial Surgery in Pittsburgh and is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. He currently practices as a dual specialist in Sarasota, Florida.

Dr. Misch is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of

Surgical Services at the University of Pittsburgh and previously served as Co-Director of the University's Oral Implantology Center. He is also a Clinical Associate Professor at New York University in the Department of Implant Dentistry. Dr. Misch is a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Oral Implantology and Implant Dentistry*. He has published and lectures extensively on the topics of reconstructive surgery, bone grafting, implant surgery and prosthodontics.

In addition to Dr. Misch'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 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.

month. His situation illustrates the important role performed by OMSs in the field hospitals and other facilities in combat areas. To commemorate the efforts of our AAOMS colleagues serving on active duty in a military action, the Board of Trustees voted that their names would be read each year at the Annual

Meeting during the third session of the House of Delegates.

Best wishes for a busy and productive fall. I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

Edwin W. Slade, Jr., D.M.D., J.D.
AAOMS District II Trustee

The State of Delaware...

This summer, Dr. Ed Granite and the rest of the staff at the Christiana Care Medical Center were busy preparing for the ADA site visit, which took place on September 8 and 9. As part of the visit, presentations of recent TMJ, arthroscopic, open and total joint cases were made by the attending staff with resident assistance.

At the annual meeting of the Delaware Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, anesthesia recertification was discussed. An attempt will be made to change the bylaws of the DSOMS. We are working with the State Dental Board, to recertify every third licensee renewal cycle (every six years). The exact details of this process are still being considered.

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

The State of the District of Columbia...

The new academic year is upon us and we begin the cycle with new officers. We extend a hearty thank you to our outgoing president, Dr. Steven Guttenberg who did a great job. He leaves us financially sound and with a new administrator, Ms. Jeanne Perrotta. Our new officers are Dr. Robert Emery – President, Dr. Clarence Lindquist – Treasurer/Secretary and Dr. Rick Williams – Vice President. Our Delegate this year is Dr. Clarence Lindquist and our alternate was to be Dr. Robert Jones. However, Dr. Jones underwent emergency surgery this summer, from which he is recovering nicely, and has resigned from that position. Dr. Emery has filled this vacancy. Many thanks to Dr. Daniel Howard who stepped down as Delegate/Alternate. He has voluntarily served our society with distinction over the past 10 years. Dr Lindquist and

Emery attended the Caucus meeting in Cherry Hill, NJ. No resolutions have been put forward by the District this year.

Since our last writing, there have been no significant developments in the District of Columbia. The five-year review of anesthesia permits is nearly complete. Our fall meeting was held September 9th at Sam and Harry's Restaurant.

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

The State of Maryland...

Maryland Governor Robert Ehrlich created the Governor's Task Force on Medical Malpractice and Health Care Access. The task force was established to review the malpractice crisis in the state of Maryland and to make recommendations for solving this problem. Members of the task force include physicians, lawyers, legislators, administrators and a trial judge. Governor Ehrlich is deeply committed to resolving these issues and we optimistically await the report.

Dr. Robert Ord, Chairman of the Department of OMS at the University of Maryland Dental School, has announced the appointment of John Caccamese, Jr., DDS, MD. Dr. Caccamese will fill the final faculty position in the dental school, bringing the full time faculty to five. John completed his six-year OMS residency at Maryland and subsequently a Cranio-Facial/Cleft fellowship in Pittsburgh. He will be working towards the development of the craniofacial program at Maryland.

Along with Dr. Kevin Schwartz and Ms. Maggie DiJulio, I attended the AAOMS Leadership Conference in Rosemont, IL on the weekend of June 12-13. The scope of AAOMS involvement in a wide range of activities from political action to basic

research to publications is truly remarkable. All those in attendance were treated to a reception at the AAOMS headquarters. AAOMS has earned and deserves our wholehearted support.

University of Maryland alumni are encouraged to support the pledge program instituted by Drs. Donald Tilghman and Richard Nessif. If you would like to make a pledge, please contact Mr. Michael Andrews at the UMMS Foundation at 410-328-5770.

I hope everyone has had a safe, fun and productive summer.

Lynn F. Ascher, D.M.D.
Vice President, MSOMS

The State of New Jersey...

The NJSOMS is looking forward to a great year in New Jersey. On October 24, at the Woodbridge Hilton, Dr. Michael Block will be providing a full day educational seminar entitled "Aesthetic Management of Extraction Sites/Immediate and Delayed Loading of Implants and Provisional and Final Implant Restorations of the Edentulous Mandible." We encourage our MASOMS colleagues to attend. The combined spring program with UMDNJ has not yet been determined.

Kudos to Dr. Richard Tennenbaum, who has been appointed to chair the AAOMS committee on anesthesia (CAN). Dr. Tennenbaum has been an active NJSOMS member and past president of our society.

Have a great year!

Bruce A. Huberman, D.M.D.
President, NJSOMS

The State of Pennsylvania...

This past year, the focus of activity in Pennsylvania has been in the realm of anesthesia. We have been attempting to implement the provisions of an

anesthesia law without final regulations from our dental board. This has, at times, been a daunting task. Notably, we (the PSOMS) must now inspect the offices of all unrestricted anesthesia permit holders in our state within the next seven months. To this end, the society has been conducting training sessions (required by law) for office inspectors, and office inspections are proceeding at an accelerated pace.

The PSOMS had an excellent annual meeting in May at State College, PA, attended by almost one hundred OMS's and over one hundred fifty office staff. Of course, the topic of the day was Outpatient Anesthesia. Our next meeting will be on October 2 in San Francisco at the Hilton. I urge all PSOMS members who will be at the AAOMS meeting to attend.

James W. Adams, D.D.S.
President, PSOMS

The State of Virginia...

Greetings from the Virginia Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons! We are continuing on a positive note. Our 2004 Annual Meeting was held at the Cavalier Hotel in Virginia Beach, June 10-13. In keeping with this year's "anesthesia theme", our speaker was Dr. Jeffrey Dembo from the University of Kentucky. Jeff gave a wonderful presentation entitled "Successful Outpatient Anesthesia—the Art of Being Prepared". This was one of the more interesting, interactive, and thought-provoking courses that I have attended in quite some time. The audience was engaged and involved and some interesting discussion ensued. Dr. Dembo is an AAOMS recommended speaker on anesthesia topics, and I notice he will be presenting at the upcoming AAMOS Meeting. I highly recommend him! Our meeting attendance was higher than usual and all the comments have been positive.

The Virginia Board of dentistry has made several positive changes in regulations governing sedation and anesthesia. Hopefully, our Governor will sign, and they will become effective in the next few months. Essentially, the Board of Dentistry wants to regulate sedation by the depth of anesthesia, not the route of drug administration. This is positive for us, and the VSOMS had a great deal of input into these changes. Thanks and kudos to our Immediate Past President, Dr. Robert Strauss, for his tireless energy and input. The new regulations define levels of sedation and route of drug administration. They define qualifications, education, and CE requirements for practitioners for different levels of sedation. They define restrictions for sedating ASA III patients in the office, which is essentially restricted to the OMFS. Originally, this would have been prevented — thanks again Dr. Strauss! In addition, the regulations outline necessary emergency equipment and monitoring, and require ACLS Certification for individuals performing conscious or deep sedation. This is extremely positive for the OMFS. However, more importantly, these new guidelines protect our patients!

In addition to the positive changes in anesthesia regulations, we are updating and improving our Office Anesthesia Evaluation Program as mandated by AAOMS. The Executive Committee approved the plan at the Annual Meeting. The inspectors have been chosen and we will start the ball rolling. I would like to thank Dr. Kim Silloway, our Anesthesia Committee Chairman, for the incredible amount of thought, research, and effort in updating this program.

Kimberly S. Swanson, D.D.S.
President, VSOMS

The State of West Virginia...

The summer has been relatively quiet in West Virginia. The Executive Council met in July at the Greenbrier to address some routine business. The Board of Dental Examiners is attempting to establish a uniform specialty requirement that will satisfy all parties. We are considering different venues for the state's fall meeting and looking forward to the remainder of the year.

T. Dean Bobbitt, D.D.S.
Parkersburg, WV

MASOMS would like to extend a special thank you to the following companies who exhibited at the 2004 Spring Meeting.

Your continued support of our organization is appreciated.

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Highlights from the Spring 2004 Meeting at the Turf Valley Resort ...

*Dr. Jim Swift, guest lecturer and
Dr. Jim Adams, program chair*



*Drs. Matise, Kashyap and Sharafi
visit with Jeff Robins,
Surgitel/General Scientific Corp.*



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New members receive their membership certificates at the Business Meeting



Meeting attendees, Ms. Marcia Mitchell and Dr. Robert Whitley visit with Ms. Julie Riendeau, Windent



Dr. Ed Slade visits Mr. Todd Mydock at the Dentsply/Friadent/CeraMed table

**The MASOMS Spring Meeting
will be held on
Wednesday, April 27, 2005 at the
Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center
in Ellicott City, Maryland.**

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

