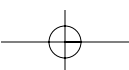
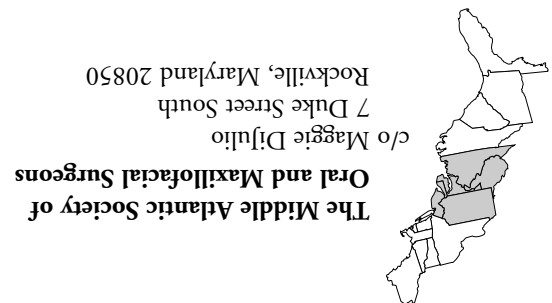




**The MASOMS Fall Meeting  
will be held on  
Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at the  
Turf Valley Resort in  
Ellicott City, Maryland.**

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





# MASOMS News

Spring 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

I hope the New Year finds you and your families well and your practices prospering. The Middle Atlantic Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons has continued to grow in membership, in financial security, and, as well, in reputation around the country. The speakers whom we have contacted for our upcoming meetings always seem to be delighted to come and I have heard wonderful things about their reception here and the attention of the audience. Although we are always happy to entertain comments, suggestions, and new ideas about meetings and new venues, we feel that Turf Valley Resort is centrally located with great parking and the travel is easy. In addition, we have been fortunate to have excellent attendance at our meetings at Turf Valley. Therefore, the next few meetings are scheduled to be held at this same locale.

In the spring, Dr. Jeff Dembo will discuss several anesthesia topics, including office emergencies and pediatric anesthesia, and he is, of course, always an excellent speaker. If anyone hears an interesting speaker whom they feel might be appropriate for our group, please

feel free to contact any of us on the Board, especially Tom Yingling or myself. Tom is currently our program chair. At our last Executive Board Meeting, Jim Adams recommended that perhaps we should invite the three most recent MASOMS past presidents to our Executive Board meetings. These individuals have a wealth of information about past meetings and speakers and they represent a wonderful resource for our association. We hope they can attend not only the Executive Meeting but also the educational seminar.

As many of you probably know, Dr. Ira Cheifetz is running for the

position of AAOMS Vice President. Dr. Cheifetz has served his state, as well as AAOMS, admirably for many years and we hope that our membership will join the Board in our unanimous support of his efforts. Those of us who have known Ira as a friend and colleague for many years have great appreciation for his work and the donation of his time as a volunteer on our behalf.

We look forward to a "sold out" Spring Meeting in May and hope to see you there—register early!

**Howard R. Strauss, DDS**  
President

### Editor's Corner

It snowed today. Again. As I was clearing away another round of snow, I started to consider options for my initial submission as Secretary of the MASOMS. It has been a pleasure to serve over the past several years with such a dedicated group of surgeons that comprise the Executive Committee.

Now that I have assumed an officer position in the Society, I can only hope to serve as diligently as my predecessors. Which brings me back to the

snow. More than likely, as you read this, my winter clothes will be packed and my yard will be green instead of white. The transition of officers in this organization seems to flow as smoothly as the change of seasons. Certainly the camaraderie developed over the years of meetings and the chance to observe the business functions of the Society aid in this process. However, the theme that seems to always surface during these business meetings is the desire to best serve the MASOMS membership.

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## AAOMS District II Trustee Report

Dear MASOMS Colleagues:

With the beginning of 2007, AAOMS is off to a running start. Already this year (February 2007), I have been to Chicago five times for various AAOMS meetings.

As previously reported to the membership, AAOMS headquarters is undergoing major renovations. Since the House of Delegates' vote to keep our headquarters building, the Board of Trustees and a committee of the House have engaged in a thorough scrutiny of the building - structurally and functionally. The conclusions have been to significantly renovate the twenty-nine (29) year old building especially upgrading dated infrastructure (HVAC, electrical panels, flooring, bathrooms to ADA grade, handicap accessibility, etc.) Additionally, with the growth of AAOMS, reconfiguring the floor plans to accommodate additional office space and sectionalizing departments are planned. Lastly, because AAOMS headquarters is the 'face' of AAOMS, cosmetic changes to upgrade very dated and worn entry and common space was included in the renovations.

As I write my report, AAOMS staff and all of the facilities are vacated from the first floor and moved into to temporary space on the second floor. As demolition is occurring and as new developments occur with various construction issues or 'surprises', the BOT's will follow the events closely, including fly-ins for inspection. I can tell you that already (as with most constructions), cost over runs are anticipated. I will keep everyone updated.

Another early project is preparation for the "Day on the Hill", scheduled for Wednesday, April 18th. The Committee on Governmental Affairs has met and discussed extensively strategies on all the known issues pertaining to AAOMS. Because of the 'shift' in this years political elections, there are definitely some unknowns. If any of our membership is familiar or have working relationships with any congresspersons, please let the CGA committee or our lobbyist, Bill Applegate, know. Participation in "Day on the Hill" is open to all AAOMS membership. Please do so! (FYI: Bill Applegate has moved his lobbying group from Armstrong Teasdale to Brian Cave).

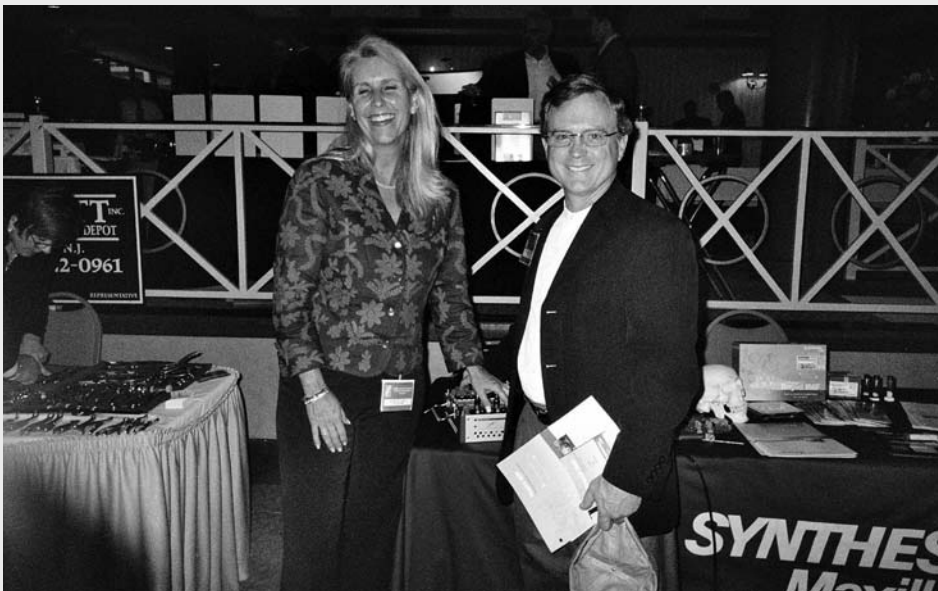
AAOMS is continuing the lead on the 'bisphosphonate related osteonecrosis of the jaw' (BRONJ) issues. However, AAOMS's Webinar for this topic is currently on hold due to more information gathering. I will let you know as to the rescheduling date(s).

As your representative to AAOMS, please do not hesitate to contact me directly with concerns, issues, or thoughts. I will try to visit all the state societies this year so that you can address me personally. As always, I urge all of you to participate in AAOMS — via committees, political involvement, governance representation or volunteering. Please contact me directly for any and all assistance.

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



***Dr. Jim Adams visits with John Martin at the Zimmer Dental exhibit table***



***Michele Limbach from Synthes CMF with Dr. Lawrence Barrett***



***Dr. Jay Nokkeo and Neil Ross at the KLS Martin exhibit table***

## Highlights from the Fall 2006 Meeting at the Turf Valley Resort ...

***Incoming President, Dr. Howard Strauss  
presents the Presidents Plaque  
to Dr. Jim Adams***



***Drs. Paul Allen and Larry Pepper  
with 3i representatives, Gordon Evans,  
Matt Goff and Hillary Harrington***



***Dr. Barry Berman and Ed Carroll, sales  
representative, Innova/SDS Corporation***



## MASOMS Hosts 2007 Spring Meeting

The Society will hold its spring educational program on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at the Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City, Maryland.

We are fortunate to welcome back Dr. Jeffrey Dembo who will present an all day lecture on "Ambulatory Anesthesia for the Oral and Maxillo-facial Surgeon." Dr. Dembo's program will include discussions on the anesthetic management of children, anesthetic pre-op visits with common and uncommon patient considerations, anesthetic agents for use in ambulatory anesthesia and the management of anesthetic emergencies.

Dr. Dembo received his Bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of Pennsylvania in 1976. He is a graduate of Northwestern University Dental School where he earned his DDS in 1981. He received his oral and maxillofacial surgery residency training and Master's Degree from the University of Iowa in 1984. Dr. Dembo participated in a fellowship in anesthesiology following residency and since 1987, he has held joint appointments at the University of Kentucky as Professor in the College of Dentistry and in the Departments of Surgery and Anesthesia in the College of Medicine. Dr. Dembo currently serves as an elected faculty trustee on the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees.

Program information was mailed in late 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](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 2006 Fall Meeting.

Your continued support of our organization is appreciated.

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### Editor's Corner

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The major focus has been to provide quality continuing education that is affordable and accessible to the membership. The profession's broad scope will continue to challenge its members to keep pace with an ever increasing amount of information. Every time I use an osteotome to remove a torus I wonder how our current state of the art practices will be viewed in fifty years. Will this be looked upon as a period of technological and informa-

tional growth? Will future residents wonder how we ever managed to do any good at all? And ultimately doing well for our patients is how we will be measured. After a difficult day I will frequently remind my nurses that we made a difference in someone's life today. Sometimes we lose focus on the big picture.

Continuing education, meetings and interactions with colleagues help to bring our current practices into perspective and I can think of no better example of this than the MASOMS.

While state licensing requirements and new topics emerge, the leadership has been able to change direction to embrace these needs. Different venues have also been sought that might appeal to the broad geographic distribution and interests of the membership. The Society's needs will continue to change over the years and without hesitation, I can assure you the the leadership will be prepared to meet those needs. Just as surely as the snow balls will soon be replaced with golf balls - in the woods.

**T. Dean Bobbitt, DDS**

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

The residency program at Christiana Care is going strong. We received 85 applications for our one position and have successfully matched again. Additionally, for a third year in a row, we have secured an OMS intern for a one year position.

Our residents will again be presenting at the poster session for the ACOMS meeting this year. We are proud to say that last year they presented the winning poster.

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

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

The officers of the MSOMS wish to thank our immediate past president, Dr. Lynn Ascher, for his leadership and hard work this past year. Dr. Bryan Keegan is now at the helm and all is well. The society also thanks Dr. W. King Smith, Dr. Kevin Schwartz and Dr. Ralph Alman for the many hours of toil and turbulence they have endured on the Maryland Dental Board Anesthesia Committee. Their leadership and good judgment has served Dentistry and Oral Surgery well in our state. The new state Dental Anesthesia and Sedation Regulations are imminent. The "final revisions" are in process and the committee report is forthcoming for presentation to the State Dental Board. Once the Maryland State Dental Board approves the new regulations, the legislative process to revise the existing law will begin.

On October 24, 2006, the University of Maryland Dental School celebrated the official grand opening of its new facility in Baltimore. The 375,000 square foot, \$142 million dollar facility is a state-of-the-art dental school. The OMS department includes space for an ambulatory surgery center, which is presently in the development stage.

Dr. Robert Ord, Chair of the OMS department, has announced Dr. John Caccamese as the new OMS Residency Program Director and Dr. Andy Salama was appointed to the OMS faculty. Two of the Maryland faculty have been recipients of the AAOMS Faculty Educator Development Award. Congratulations to Dr. John Caccamese and Dr. Domenick Coletti and thank you for bringing this recognition to Maryland.

The MSOMS recently sponsored its spring educational meeting on March 7th at the BWI Airport Marriott. This year's program featured Dr. Norman Betts who presented an interesting lecture on "Management of the Medically Compromised Patient: Modifying Contemporary Oral Surgical Care While Avoiding Medical Emergencies".

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

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

The NJSOMS is proud to have one of its members, Dr. Ira Cheifetz, running for the office of AAOMS Vice President. Dr. Cheifetz has been an active member and leader of the NJSOMS since 1978. Ira has a distinguished record of participation in AAOMS, having served as a representative of New Jersey, District II and nationally. Currently, he is completing his second, highly productive, term as AAOMS Treasurer. The NJSOMS enthusiastically pledges its well earned support for Dr. Cheifetz candidacy and asks that all its fellow OMS State Societies and members provide, in whatever manner possible, their endorsement and well deserved support for this cause.

The NJSOMS has two upcoming meetings scheduled. On March 21, 2007, an OMSNIC Risk Management Seminar will be held at the Woodbridge Hilton. The Society's spring educational meeting will be

held on May 16, 2007 and will feature Dr. Edward Ellis. This program will also be held at the Woodbridge Hilton.

**Gene J. Martin, DDS, MD**  
President, NJSOMS

## **The State of Pennsylvania...**

The discussions around the table of the PSOMS board meetings for the last five to six years could be described as daunting yet dynamic, exhausting yet exciting, difficult yet decisive. The PSOMS has fulfilled its charge to organize and orchestrate the state wide anesthesia guidelines with tenacity and steadfastness. This has been a monumental task that was deftly guided by a long list of oral and maxillofacial surgeons throughout the state. Our past presidents, dating back to Roger Spampata and including Marty Eichner, James Adams, Ronald Sicilia and Mark Ochs have devoted an enormous amount of time and effort to this charge before, during and after their tenures as president. Many other surgeons have contributed greatly to the formalization of the office anesthesia inspections including Anthony Checchio. Many of our members have volunteered to act as inspectors and we thank you for this invaluable service. Currently, we have concluded the first round of inspections for those doctors who requested inspections. This included nearly 600 doctors and their offices for restricted and unrestricted permits.

During this initial process, PSOMS has responded to audits by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for our records and protocols. We have been successful in proving ourselves to this date, but constant vigilance will be necessary to maintain the privilege of being the organization that carries out these inspections. Our society has learned an enormous amount from this process and certainly could be of help if other states find themselves facing a similar situation.

My efforts this year have been to establish our society as more electronic based. We will be commissioning professional services to develop a website. This will help disseminate information, announce meetings, provide member lists, contact lists and facilitate dues renewals. We also need to electronically maintain anesthesia inspection forms to help us respond to any further state audits. We will begin to archive minutes and bylaws and provide our members with more access to the benefits of PSOMS membership.

The PSOMS will sponsor a continuing education course on anesthesia for our annual spring scientific session. The dates are Wednesday and Thursday May 9th and 10th in Harrisburg at the Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel. The speaker will be Dr. Robert Campbell for a full day presentation on Wednesday. This will help members obtain the necessary anesthesia credits for license renewal. On Thursday we will offer a half day session and members will be able to choose from ACLS or simulated anesthesia emergencies.

PSOMS also has a new executive secretary. Her name is Christine Corrigan. Christine is a very energetic individual with many new ideas. We welcome her and look forward to a long and fruitful association. Christine may be contacted by e-mail at [mctine@gowebway.com](mailto:mctine@gowebway.com)

PSOMS will continue to commission the services of Capital Associates to provide advocacy for legislative issues that involve oral and maxillofacial surgery. Capital Associates provided invaluable assistance during the development of the state-office inspections. They will continue to help our society and thus the oral and maxillofacial surgeons throughout the state with such issues.

I welcome any of your comments or suggestions throughout the year. It is truly an honor to be asked to lead

PSOMS for this year. Please contact me at any time at [ct.oms@verizon.net](mailto:ct.oms@verizon.net). I wish you all a very successful year.

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

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

With the beginning of a new year the VSOMS continues its mission to have as many Virginia oral surgeons evaluated for anesthesia as possible. Since our last update with MASOMS, we have increased our percentage of evaluated offices from 56% to 66% overall in the Commonwealth. It is our goal to reach 100% of evaluated offices by the end of 2007.

Recently, the Virginia Board of Dentistry passed a regulation requiring all dentists, hygienists and assistants that administer or monitor patients under general anesthesia, deep sedation or conscious sedation to complete four hours of continuing education every two years that is directly related to the administration or monitoring of such anesthesia or sedation. This is in addition to maintaining ACLS certification every two years. This new requirement came as a surprise to the field of oral and maxillofacial surgery, as this was a course typically taken by general dentists who wanted to administer anesthesia. Nevertheless, the VSOMS has embraced this new regulation and hope to host a combined course seminar of anesthesia CE and ACLS recertification in 2008.

The VSOMS held its annual meeting in Orlando Florida, March 2-4, 2007. This meeting featured renowned oral surgeon, Dr. Bob Marx, who spoke on bisphosphonates and various aspects of jaw reconstruction. The VSOMS invited all OMS members from nearby coastal states to join the organization at the luxurious Portofino Bay Hotel in Orlando. The Portofino is located on site at Universal Orlando and guests enjoyed a whole host of area

attractions including express passes into Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure. We were excited to meet everyone at our annual meeting.

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**

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

Greetings to you all from the state of West Virginia. I am pleased to report that things are relatively quiet for the surgeons of the Mountain State. The annual legislative session is under way and bills challenging anesthesia and dental hygiene practices have been introduced again. The WVSOMS has made good progress with our legislators the past few years and hopefully these bills will be recognized as being sensationalistic and not in the best interest of the public. However, we will continue to closely monitor the events and attempt to prevent any last minute surprises.

The spring meeting of the WVSOMS is being planned and a summer meeting will coincide with the WVDA annual session at the newly renovated Greenbrier.

I would like to thank the members of the WVSOMS who are working with the Board of Dental Examiners to continue to provide re certification inspections and integral assistance with the anesthesia subcommittee. Have a great spring!

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