

# Florida Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

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FAPD Annual Board Meeting  
June 10, 2011  
Gaylord Palms – St. George 106  
Dr. Reza Ardalan

Meeting was called to order and the 2010 Annual Meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Prior to the start of the Business Meeting, Dr. Cesar Sabates, the incoming President of the FDA was invited to speak. Dr. Sabates discussed his vision for the upcoming year and part of that was to establish better relationships with the specialty groups. He also discussed establishing a committee to delve into the “access to care” issue from a dental stand point. Dr. Sabates’s remarks were very well received and his visit was appreciated.

## Installation of Executive Board for 2011-2012

It was explained to the members that Dr. McDonnell has declined to continue on the Executive ladder. Nominating Committee has recommended that Dr. Ardalan serve a second term while Dr. Bonnin moves up to VP. Dr. Gary Myers was nominated to join the Executive Board as Secretary/Treasurer. The recommendation for next year’s Board: Reza Ardalan, Stu Bonin and Gary Myers was voted on and passed without opposition.

## Specialty Forum Report

Dr. Werner noted that the FDA would like members that come for specialty meetings to also register for the FNDC as well. The FDA attorney stated that they would look into the advertising issues of the past again. Dr. Werner updated the forum regarding the Medicaid lawsuit and FAPD activities.

## Executive Director Report

Copies of Dr. Primosch’s report were given to every member in attendance and reviewed. It was noted that while there was an increase in membership, there are still a lot of non-members that are part of the AAPD but not the FAPD.

## Financial Report

Dr. Ardalan reported that total assets are up \$13,000 from last year and we did not touch our money market account. It was explained that one of the goals for the upcoming year is to build-up the reserve funds again.

## Legislative Report

Dr. McIlwain discussed some of the items that had come up over the past year. A brief review of the lawsuit was had, but due to the gag order no specifics were discussed. There was discussion as to where the increase to Medicaid fees is to likely to go. While the GAO and the legislature claim that the extra money will go towards higher fees, most feel that the \$56 Million is likely not going to increase

procedure fees but cover the additional enrollees. Senator Grant was commended on the efforts he has put in on a legislative level.

### **Continuing Education**

The various CE courses that the FAPD sponsors were reviewed. It was noted that this year, we sponsored Dr. Gregory Psaltis as the pedo speaker at FNDC. Those that attended the lecture stated that the lectures were informative and entertaining.

The members were also informed about the upcoming AOS ortho seminar in Orlando August 5-6 presented by Dr. Ed Gonzalez. FAPD members will receive \$100 off of registration if they call in to register for the course.

Members were also told about our collaboration with the CSPD and that we now have online CE present on the website.

The SSPD/FAPD meeting in Amelia Island was discussed as well. The meeting was a great event and those that were able to attend had a great time.

There was good discussion regarding the upcoming annual FAPD CE course. The FAPD will once again host a CE course in the fall. The date has been set for November 19<sup>th</sup> and the location will be in Orlando. Dr. Julie Russo has agreed to help with local arrangements and the search for hotels. Several locations and venues were discussed, but it seems that the best and most central location for a small course will be in Orlando. Members were asked to comment on whether we should have a bigger “name” speaker or have more “Pearls” from our members. While no definitive course topic was selected, it was recommended that we do a combination of a speaker along with “Pearls”. The goal of the CE course is to make it an annual event and gradually have it get larger and more involved. Dr. Ardalán talked about how he envisions a time where many of the Florida pediatric dentists get together at this meeting and that we may eventually have our annual meeting during the CE course. Dr. Ardalán also talked about how the Florida Association of Orthodontists has an annual CE in Tampa and they get well over 100 orthodontists to attend the meeting and group dinner.

### **Senator John Grant**

There was a fairly thorough conversation regarding our lobbyist Sen. John Grant. We reviewed his accomplishments and the members agreed that we would like to continue to utilize his services. It was noted that we have accomplished a lot on the legislative front because of our relationship with John. Dr. Ardalán also mentioned that over the years, Senator Grant never increased his rates. However, it was also noted that based on our current dues, close to 90% of our dues goes towards his fees. It was recognized that he charges a reasonable fee for his services, but that it is too much of a burden on the finances of the organization. The membership was informed about our plans to try and re-work our contract with John to accommodate his needs as well as those of the membership. We will attempt to work with the FDA to see if they can utilize his services as well. It should be stated that the membership was agreed in its desire to continue working with Senator Grant. Dr. Ardalán will talk with Sen. Grant after the conference to see if we can work a new arrangement until membership and finances improve. There was also debate during this discussion as to what we would do with any additional money that was gained by altering our contract with Sen. Grant. Dr. Ardalán mentioned that we could have an improved CE course, increase our reserves and maybe get involved with donating money to other organizations that promote oral health care for children. There was also a suggestion of requesting separate funding from members to help offset the costs involved with Senator Grant.

### **Dues Collection**

A decision was made to switch to the AAPD for dues collection for 2012-2013. It was noted that the AAPD dues cycle goes from July 1 – June 30, therefore, there will be a gap where members may get a few “free” months. One of the goals for doing this is that this change will hopefully lead to more members. The AAPD will send a dues statement that includes the AAPD and FAPD dues along with a letter that states that in order to be a member of the AAPD you have to also be a member of the State

unit. Although we are hopeful to pick up new members, we do recognize that we will not be able to ask for additional contributions when collecting dues through the AAPD. There is a \$250 one-time setup fee followed by a fee for the services each year.

### **Social Media**

The membership was informed that our website has been updated and that we now have a facebook page as well. Members were encouraged to check out the website for new information.

### **Committees**

Dr. Ardalan noted that many of the committee spots have been filled up recently. However, there are still spots available on the following committees: Constitution/By-laws, CE, Membership and Board of Censors. A request was made at the luncheon for volunteers. Dr. Ardalan also commented that there would be a review of the By-Laws once the committee was filled.

### **KidCare Council**

The FDA has requested that we make another recommendation to the KidCare Council. Dr. McIlwain and Dr. Carr discussed the responsibilities of the council and a request was made for a volunteer. Dr. Carr is currently serving on the committee and we need to have another pediatric dentist on the committee. The committee meets 3-4 times a year in Tallahassee and the FDA will pick up the travel expenses.

### **BOD**

A review of our dealings with the Board of Dentistry was had. It was discussed that the Ketamine issue is temporarily on hold as the Governor has a policy freeze in place. Once the freeze is lifted; the issue will be discussed in the Anesthesia Committee where we have two pediatric dental members. Also, it was mentioned that applications for appointment to the BOD have been given out. Finally, the BOD will be establishing a new council on pediatrics, special needs, elderly, etc. and we will be able to make a recommendation for a council member when the time comes. A request was made at the luncheon for volunteers.

### **Miscellaneous**

Dr. Werner motioned that a “Hero to Kids” Award be given to Senator Joe Negron. The motion passed and it was decided that we would get a plaque for Senator Negron and either invite him to the annual meeting or that Dr. Ardalan who lives in his district can deliver it to his office.

Dr. Carr elicited feedback on a motion in the HOD regarding children being required to have a dental examination prior to starting school. The members present were in support of the statement as long as the examination was done by a licensed dentist.

Dr. Bonnin discussed a situation with the health department in his area where the health department is basically hiring private companies to see the Medicaid children and getting paid a portion of the fees from Medicaid. Instead of getting paid per procedure the way a private practice pediatric dentist would, they get a fee per visit.

Meeting was adjourned.