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FAPD Executive Board Meeting
June 15, 2012
Gaylord Palms – St. George 104
Presiding: Dr. Ardalan (President)

Meeting was called to order and the 2011 Annual Meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Items of discussion:

2012-2013 Executive Board

A discussion was had as to how to proceed since Dr. Bonnin declined Presidency. Nominating Committee has recommended that Dr. Gary Myers moves up two spots to President. Dr. Nick White was nominated to assume the position of Vice President, and Dr. Julie Russo was nominated as Sec./Treasurer. Slate of officers that were proposed was approved unanimously.

Specialty Forum

A recap of the Specialty Forum was given. Dr. Ardalan represented the FAPD at the Specialty Forum and discussed the Medicaid trial, the problems with the managed care rollout in Area 9, and our many concerns with the new anesthesia rules by the BOD. The Anesthesia group at the meeting stated that they will be providing more sedation courses utilizing simulators. There was also a lot of discussion involving the use of anesthesia in the office and Dr. Gesek stated the BOD's opinion on the issue. It appears that the BOD is making this a main topic of discussion at the next meeting in August and there will be a workshop the day before.

Financial Report

A summary of the ED Report was given. Membership numbers are roughly the same as last year, but we expect a spike with the AAPD dues collection. In addition, the following checking account balances were noted:

- 6/2008 - \$30,988.44
- 6/2009 - \$25,935.69
- 6/2010 - \$25,742.93
- 6/2011 - \$38,695.39
- 6/2012 - \$29,012.33
 - If full dues would have been collected instead of half year, the 2012 balance would have been \$48,362.33

We are in a strong financial position as we have not touched our money market account while we have steadily increased our income over the past two years. In addition, the annual CE course turned a profit of roughly \$4000. It is the hope that we will be able to decrease the dues if we see an increase in membership from the new dues collection process.

John Grant

After last year's annual meeting, Dr. Ardalan discussed a new financial proposal with Sen. Grant. Sen. Grant agreed to decrease his fee for the next two years to allow the FAPD to reduce expenses. Once the two year contract is completed, we will re-evaluate and discuss the FAPD's needs vs. cost. Sen. Grant also provided the FAPD with a Legislative Report that was passed out at the meeting.

By-Laws Change

Changes were made in the bylaws to make our membership structure in line with that of the AAPD as we will be having the AAPD begin dues collection. Changes were discussed at the annual meeting and approved.

Dues Collection

A decision was made last year to switch to the AAPD for dues collection for 2012-2013. The new dues cycle will begin this July. We are hopeful that this change will 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.

FAPD Committees

It was noted that many of the committee positions of the FAPD have been filled, but that there is always room for more volunteers. Interested members were encouraged to contact the Board.

Medicaid Discussion

It was noted that testimony in the trial has completed. Dr. Werner was in attendance for the closing statements and discussed the general mood. We are hopeful for a ruling sometime in August. Drs. Tom Floyd and Eli White spoke at length regarding the rollout of managed care for Medicaid in Area 9. It was reported that there were many problems with the rollout that will need to be addressed. Dr. Floyd commended Rep. Alan Hays for helping get one of the largest increases in Medicaid funding since 1985. In addition, Dr. Floyd believes that our State Legislature is behind the rest of the country when it comes to Medicaid dental services. It was suggested that the goal for 2014 should be to stop Medicaid managed care in 2014. Noting that we are a smaller organization, it may be difficult to have significant lobbying impact. It was suggested that we attempt to get members on a strong advisory board. Dr. White noted that the new Medicaid managed care rollout has caused many problems for providers. Sadly the contracts with the managed care providers were written without any input from dental organizations. Luckily, the Legislature has allowed dentists to continue and contract directly with the State, but that will end June 30, 2013. The Governor has made it clear that at that time, he will proceed with the managed care rollout. Dr. White urged the membership to be prepared to go to meetings and volunteer to help when appropriate.

BOD Anesthesia Review

A discussion was had regarding the changes that have been made by the BOD and how the FAPD can become involved in the process as we continue. The summary is that the BOD has recently made several anesthesia related rulings including that dentists with only a pediatric conscious sedation permit can have a physician anesthesiologist in the office. Consideration has not been given to pediatric dentists that have had a conscious sedation permit prior to the development of the pediatric conscious sedation permit. It appears that on many of the issues, we are getting lumped in with the GPs and getting caught in the crossfire. Our representatives on the anesthesia committee have been working tirelessly to communicate our concerns with the BOD. There is also concern regarding new equipment including EKGs that may need to be purchased if performing deep sedations in your office, regardless of whether or not an anesthesiologist brings their own. Also, the topic of having another dentist work on your patient during a sedation is also being discussed. For example, if the MD anesthesiologist is

performing the sedation and the pediatric dentist remains in the room, should an endodontist be allowed to perform a root canal and then have the pediatric dentist restore it at the same time? We are asking for clarification as it appears the BOD will not allow this unless the endodontist also has a sedation permit. There are a lot of potential issues that will be coming up, and the BOD has stated that it is their goal to have resolution of this matter at the next meeting in August. There will be a workshop on anesthesia the day before the BOD meeting in Orlando. It was recommended that FAPD has a strong voice in this matter. In addition, it was recommended that the FAPD contact the AAPD for a letter of support. The Council on Clinical Affairs subcommittee on Sedation would be the point of contact.

CE Course

Tentative date for the Annual FAPD CE Course is Saturday, September 29, 2012. Dr. Leigh Ann McIlwain has agreed to present on lasers and pediatric dentistry for a portion of the day. In addition, Dr. Mike Roseff from Boynton Beach has been tabbed to be the next CE Chair.

Healthy Smiles Healthy Children Grant

There was discussion at the AAPD Annual Session about having a volunteer service project occur at next year's AAPD meeting in Orlando. The AAPD is interested in working with Orlando pediatric dentists to establish a dental home for 100 children that will be seen. In addition, there is grant money available through HSHC. As we get closer to next year's session, we will likely hear more of this.

Annual Session

Dr. Ardalan suggested moving next year's FAPD business luncheon from the FNDC to the AAPD Annual Session that will be a few weeks earlier in Orlando. We expect the turnout for the AAPD meeting by Florida pediatric dentists to be high and that attendance would be much better. A luncheon, happy hour or CE course can also be sponsored.

Social Media

A review of our updated website and Facebook page was given. It was recommended that next year's officers continue to update the website, post on our Facebook page and send the monthly email blast.

Miscellaneous

Incoming President Dr. Gary Myers presented Dr. Ardalan with a plaque and gift certificate as a show of appreciation for his term as President. Dr. Myers discussed his progressive vision for the FAPD and was open to any suggestions or comments that the membership had. Dr. Ardalan has agreed to stay on as the Newsletter Editor, and thanked everyone for their participation and wished the new Board good luck as they take over duties.

Meeting was adjourned.