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FAPD Annual Business Meeting
May 25, 2013
Dolphin Hotel Orlando, FL
Presiding: Dr. Gary Myers (President)

Meeting was called to order and the 2012 Annual Meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted. Dr. Myers thanked everyone for attending and emphasized the importance of membership. He also stated that this meeting normally takes place at the FNDC in June, but since the AAPD meeting was in Orlando this year we moved it up with hopes of having more members attend.

Items of discussion:

Specialty Forum

A recap of last years Specialty Forum was given. Sedation protocols were discussed. Dr. Myers emphasized that we must be more active in dealing with the Board of Dentistry because some of our privileges were removed such as administering Ketamine. Dr. Nicholas White has played a major role in handling some of these recent sedation issues that we have had. We have stayed on top of issues involving the use of Physician Anesthesiologists / IV Sedation in office. One victory we have had is that we are able to use these services without having to purchase additional expensive medical equipment such as EKG's etc.

Another topic is the Medicaid Reform. Dr. Myers feels that this is not getting any better and that this will be a major topic of discussion in the years to come.

The next Specialty Forum meeting will be in 3 weeks at FNDC and Dr. Gary Myers plans to attend.

Executive Director

We currently have 195 dues paying members in the FAPD. 80 additional people are members of the AAPD but not the FAPD.

Financial Report / Dues Reduction

We are in a great financial position since we have had a large increase in dues paying members since collection has been through the AAPD.

-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
-6/2013 - \$70,288.98

Since we are now in a better financial position we plan to increase our services but also decrease our yearly dues. We will decrease the dues from \$300/year to \$250/year. We also will now be adding a color newsletter.

Continuing Education

Dr. Myers stated that he feels that the FAPD should be the leader in the State of Florida for continuing education in Pediatric Dentistry. The FNDC offers very few courses for Pediatric Dentistry. It was stated that our annual CE course will be Saturday October 26, 2013 in Orlando Florida and that we should save the date for this. The course will be presented by Dr. Catherine Flaitz and will be on Pediatric Oral Pathology.

Legislative

Our lobbyist John Grant spoke and mentioned that there are some important issues that are now occurring in the State of Florida. First, is the Medicaid Law Suit that was challenging the current reimbursement rates. This ended 12 months ago and we are still waiting on a verdict. He said that it is unlikely that a special session will occur to resolve this and that most likely this issue will not be resolved any time soon. The court wanted to dismiss this case 2 months ago, but fortunately that motion was denied. He stressed the importance of knowing our legislators and that we should speak with them about our issues, as pediatric dentists.

The FAPD did support the non covered service bill with the FDA but unfortunately this did not make it through. Fortunately, the bill for hygienists to bill Medicaid directly for each patient encounter did not pass either.

The State of Florida is the last to second to last when it comes to Medicaid statistics.

Committees

FAPD committees such as Legislative, CE, Sedation/BOD all need more volunteers. Sign up sheets are in the back of the room for anyone who would be interested in participating.

Sedation

Dr. Nicholas White, who is on the Board of Dentistry's Sedation Committee, spoke. He mentioned that the Board has now ok'ed the use of Physician Anesthesiologists, but we are still "fine tuning" the actual working of the laws. The issue of Ketamine may be brought up again at future meetings since our right to administer it has been taken away. Dr. Barry Setzer and Dr. Frank Sierra have been very helpful in being in contact with the Board. However, Dr. White stressed the importance of FAPD member participation at Board meetings when these issues are being discussed. Overall, Dr. Sierra feels that the Board wants us to be able to practice as we like, but that we have to stay on top of things because sometimes laws are changed unintentionally "behind closed doors" without us knowing.

Medicaid and Managed Care

Dr. Eli White spoke on this topic. Medicaid has now changed and is managed by MCNA and Dentequest. He feels that this will affect all of our private practices in the future even if we do not currently participate in the programs. He also feels that Dentequest "is a mess" and they deny and lose many claims and payments. He also stressed the importance of member participation, in that we should tell our legislators that we are trying to get money to help the children of Florida. He also recommended bringing photos of children with caries to give the "lay people" a better idea of what we are dealing with.

2013-2014 Installation of Executive Board

Dr. Nicholas White who was past Vice President, will now be President. Dr. Julie Russo, who was past Secretary, will now be Vice President. Dr. Eric Berry was nominated for Secretary / Treasurer.

Miscellaneous

Incoming President Dr. Nicholas White presented Dr. Myers with a plaque as a show of appreciation for his term as President.

Meeting was adjourned.