

# *President's Message*

Greetings from the Florida Academy of Pediatric Dentistry!! I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of the FAPD for their continued support. Over the last two years, I have had the pleasure of personally speaking with many of you, and I have enjoyed the feedback that you have given. Based on your input, we are once again taking big steps in the right direction, as we look to continue the resurgence of the FAPD! As we prepare for the annual meeting, being held in conjunction with the FNDC, I wanted to take a moment to update you on a few of our accomplishments.

If you are looking for relevant pediatric continuing education, we are offering a great selection of CE in two different formats. This year marked the return of the Annual FAPD CE Course. It was a great success, and those that attended were treated to a variety of lecture topics including: esthetic crowns for kids, myofunctional appliances, pediatric sedation, protecting your practice, and a whole lot more. Plans are already in the works to make 2012's course even more amazing. If you prefer to get your CE in the convenience of your own home or office, then log onto our website at [www.FAPD4Kids.org](http://www.FAPD4Kids.org) and check out our CE tab. Working in conjunction with the CSPD allows you to have access to a plethora of online CE right at your fingertips.

Financial stability has also been a focus of the FAPD this year. While you may not notice what's been going on behind the scenes, (increased sponsorships, restructuring financial obligations, controlling spending, etc), you will notice a change in the dues structure. As we have mentioned over the past year, the AAPD will be collecting dues for our organization starting this summer. Active members of the AAPD will also be required to be a part of FAPD in order to maintain active AAPD status. This did require a bylaws change to make our membership categories coincide with the AAPD's. You will see a copy of the bylaws change along with this mailing.

In addition, the FAPD has been the voice of pediatric dentistry (and oftentimes the voice of reason) when dealing with both the state Legislature and the Board of Dentistry. Specialty licensure, the use of Ketamine in the office, and the ability of MD anesthesiologists to provide IV sedation in your office were among the topics that were up for discussion.

Finally, I would encourage all of you to attend our annual meeting during the FNDC. Our meeting will be held on Friday June 15, from 11:30am - 1:30pm in St. George 104. It is a great way to connect with your colleagues, enjoy a nice meal and see what the FAPD has planned for the future. Come to the meeting and help shape the future of your organization and pediatric dentistry! See you in Orlando!!

Respectfully,

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FAPD President