

FAPD NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now that the summer months are winding down, I'm sure many of you are adjusting to changes in work and school schedules. Every year we all experience these adjustments and our organization is no different. This will be my final president's message before I am forcefully removed from my position by our current vice president Dr. Julie Russo. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve our organization and listen to the many voices we have across our state. I have enjoyed my time in this position. I believe over the past four years we have significantly strengthened our organization with both membership numbers, financial solvency, and more importantly a voice for Florida's children. I have no doubt that Dr. Russo will continue this great success. I would like to extend a huge thank you to our executive board for donating their time and efforts to our cause. I would also like to thank Dr. Eli White for his dedication and time to fighting for Florida's children through his efforts at both the state and national level. Although our results may be hard to measure and at times may not seem to be evident, I think we have earned some respect for our organization with both the FDA and the Florida Board of Dentistry. Thank you all!



Nick White
FAPD President

SOCIAL MEDIA

The FAPD is constantly looking for ways to engage with its members. While our Annual CE Course and Business Meeting are great ways for us to interact, it is not the best way to get out critical information that may be time sensitive. There are several other ways that the FAPD uses to contact our members:

Website: Visit www.fapd4kids.org to get information on upcoming events, continuing education and membership benefits.

Email: Email blasts are often used to disseminate important material. Please make sure that the AAPD office has your correct email address on file.

Facebook: Please "Like" our Facebook page as this is the easiest way to get information about the FAPD and it's activities.

QUICK BITES

- ◆ Interested in the proposed BOD rules changes? Learn more - page 2
- ◆ What's going on with membership and dues? Find out - page 3
- ◆ Learn about the Annual FAPD CE Course and Business Meeting. Check it out - page 3

2013-2014 FAPD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

- **President -**
Dr. Nick White
- **Vice President -**
Dr. Julie Russo
- **Sec./Treas. -**
Dr. Eric Berry

BOARD OF DENTISTRY RULES UPDATE

Many of you may be unaware, but the BOD has proposed a change to the current language on record keeping to make it much broader and more detailed. The changes to rule 64B5-17.002, Florida Administrative Code are based on the recommendations made at the Rules Task Force Committee Meetings held on October 22, 2013; January 16, 2014; and May 13, 2014. The final version was approved on May 13, 2014 by the Rules Committee.

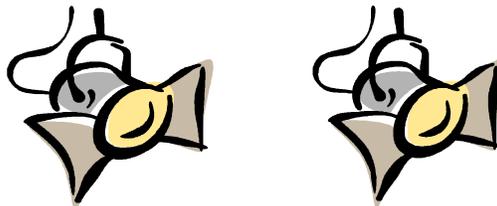
The initial rationale for developing a new rule was to assist the BOD in the prosecution of disciplinary cases involving potential record violations. The BOD felt that the addition of more specific and detailed requirements was needed in order to more effectively discipline dentists with poor or substandard records.

While the intent of the rule change is admirable, the FAPD is concerned about the unintentional challenges it may present for the dentists that are not among the "bad apples" that the BOD is targeting. There is concern that getting too specific with the rules may have unintentional consequences for the practicing dentist and give more fodder for attorneys that may be looking to take advantage of conscientious practitioners. In addition, initial drafts of the rules contained documentation for procedures that are not commonplace in pediatric dentistry.

The FAPD is joining with the FDA and several other specialty organizations to recommend appropriate changes to the rules to avoid unwanted side effects. We have represented pediatric dentistry at the Specialty Forum during the FNDC and at the House of Delegates. We will continue to be a presence for you at the BOD and monitor this situation closely.

MALPRACTICE INSURANCE NOTICE

Just a bit of information for pediatric dentists that are performing sedations in their office or have a sedation service come in and perform the sedation. Oftentimes when you sign up for your malpractice insurance, the agent may neglect to mention that you may need a special rider if you are sedating patients. While this rider may have an additional cost, you want to be sure to be covered should someone try to sue you with a sedation related issue. It is recommended that you check your policy or contact your insurance agent. If you or an associate are performing sedation dentistry in your office, make sure to check your policy!



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Julie Russo

The FAPD would like to introduce your next President, Dr. Julie Russo! Dr. Russo was born and raised in Coral Springs, Florida and attended Auburn University where she completed her Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology. She then attended Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine. Dr. Russo then completed two years at the University of Florida College of Dentistry, where she obtained her training in Pediatric Dentistry. She currently lives in Clermont with her husband James and sons Christopher and Nathaniel. Please congratulate Dr. Julie Russo!

If you know of another deserving FAPD member who has made a valuable contribution to pediatric dentistry, send that information to our newsletter editor, Reza Ardalan, at RezaHeel@aol.com.



Just a reminder that for your convenience, FAPD dues are now collected along with AAPD dues.



FAPD ANNUAL CE COURSE

We are thrilled to have Julie Weir and Brenda McNulty as the presenters for this year's CE Course! The Julie Weir Team has a successful track record of increasing the profitability and organization of pediatric dental practices throughout the United States. They have over 120 years' experience in dentistry and have built an outstanding reputation specializing in working with the pediatric dental practice. The team brings together a unique blend of the business, leadership, systems, team-building and marketing information that motivates dental teams with practical information they can relate to. The Julie Weir Team is dedicated to working closely with doctors and staff to improve their lives—professionally, financially and personally.

The Julie Weir Team will be presenting two topics, "Stop the Insanity! Scheduling for the Pediatric Dental Patient That Works" and "Building Referral Relationships Through Marketing & Customer Service." We hope to see you at the Annual CE Course for this amazing meeting!

FAPD ANNUAL MEETING

The Executive Board of the FAPD has made a decision involving the FAPD Annual Business Meeting. Generally, we have held the annual meeting during the FNDC, however, attendance has decreased over the years as fewer pediatric dentists have been making the trip to Orlando for that meeting. The Board has elected to hold the Annual Business Meeting during the Annual FAPD CE Course. Attendance at the meeting has been great which will allow for more members to participate in the meeting. Also, this will help with costs for both our members and the organization. As has been tradition, a catered lunch is included with your Annual CE Course registration. We look forward to seeing everyone at the 2014 FAPD CE Course and Business Meeting!

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES UPDATE

Dues statements for the 2014-2015 membership year have gone out to members. Membership has steadily increased over the past few years, and we would like to continue that trend. You are encouraged to pay your dues in a timely manner so that the FAPD can continue to represent you as a pediatric dentist and continue to offer you great member benefits. In related good news, since membership levels have increased and the FAPD Executive Board had been wise in its spending, dues will once again **decrease** for the 2014-2015 cycle! In this era of increasing prices, it's a pleasant surprise when an organization can actually reduce membership fees while still providing you outstanding member benefits. The new dues rate will be \$200 for the year and will be collected along with your AAPD dues. In the past few years, the FAPD has managed to decrease dues by \$100 and continue to increase member benefits. It's good to be a part of the FAPD!

Save the Date!!

2014 FAPD CE Course

Saturday, October 25, 2014

Caribe Royale Hotel

Orlando, Florida

"Stop the Insanity! Scheduling for the Pediatric Dental Patient That Works"

"Building Referral Relationships Through Marketing & Customer Service"

Julie Weir & Brenda McNulty

Additional Dates to remember:

March 20, 2015 PedoGator CE Course -
From Contemporary Minimally Invasive to Traditional
Pediatric Restorative Dentistry with Dr. Kevin Donly
Gainesville, FL

April 10-12, 2015 SSPD Resort Meeting
Charleston, SC

March 5-6, 7-8, 2015 Sedation/ACLS Recertification
Gainesville, FL

We are on the web!!

www.FAPD4Kids.org

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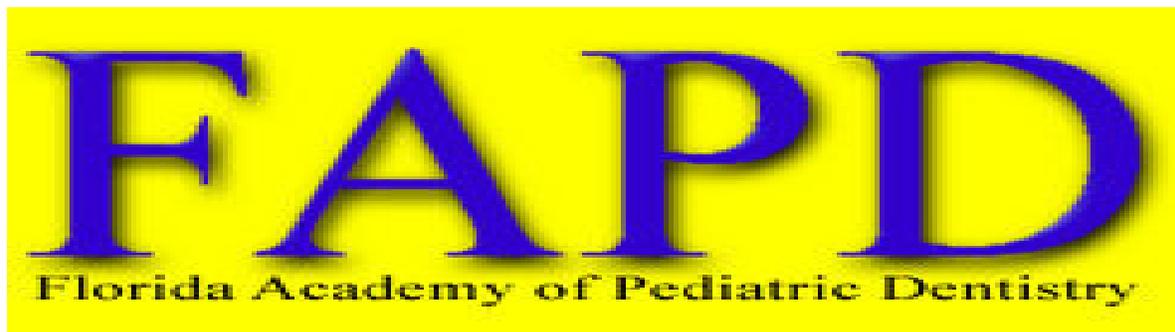
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NEXT BOD MEETING

November 21, 2014
Bonaventure Resort & Spa
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The mission of the FAPD is to practice the art and science of Pediatric Dentistry and promote optimal health care for infants, children, and persons with special health care needs. The FAPD advocates professional development and continued education of the health professions and remains a liaison to other health caregivers and the public.



Editor's Corner - Reza Ardalan, DMD

As some of you know, I am a big mixed martial arts fan, and before the main event of a UFC fight, the announcer comes out and yells into the microphone, "IT'S TIME!" Well, it's also time for the FAPD to take the next step. The Executive Board of the FAPD has done an amazing job organizing our group and increasing membership. Now, IT'S TIME for the membership to step up to the plate and help take the FAPD to the next level. There are constant battles going on with the legislature, the BOD and others so that we can maintain a successful practice without interference. However, if we are not diligent, pediatric dentistry as we know it will be a thing of the past. Volunteers are needed to help keep our organization and our profession strong. Many volunteer opportunities are available within the FAPD to help meet your time requirements. IT'S TIME to get involved. Tell me what you're interested in....the FAPD has a spot for you!