

SIXTH DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY

Semi-Annual Spring Executive Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 1, 2021, 6:30pm – 8:11pm
Zoom Meeting

Meeting Minutes

President Dr. Scott Noren called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Attendees: President Dr. Scott Noren, Vice President Dr. Louis Giordano, Treasurer Dr. David Salomons, Executive Director Tim Smith, Dr. Howard Warner, Dr. Mario Silvestri, Dr. Payam Goudarzi, Dr. Pam Bouton, Dr. Jim Orcutt, Dr. Luis Maelon, Dr. Nolan Robinson, Dr. Betsey Clark-Fortier, Dr. Jim DeSantis.

Excused: Dr. Paul Hart, Dr. Fred Lacey and Dr. Michelle Tunison

Absent: Secretary Dr. Marcus Spera

Reading of Last Meeting Minutes was waived. The **Executive Council Meeting Minutes** are available in the “**Members**” section of our website, under “**Document Library**”. The attendees had the opportunity to review the **09/23/2020 Executive Council Meeting Minutes** prior to attending this meeting. To access, visit the following link. https://www.6dds.org/docs/librariesprovider165/document-library/2020/09232020-executive-council-meeting-minutes.pdf?sfvrsn=38a3108a_8

Officer’s Reports

President’s Report:

Dr. Scott Noren initiated discussion to finalize our delegate representation for the August House Of Delegates (HOD) Meeting. It was determined the following four delegates will attend and represent us, Dr. James DeSantis, Dr. Howard Warner, Dr. Betsey Clark-Fortier and Dr. Mario Silvestri. In addition, Dr. Luis Mauleon will attend as NYSDA Board of Trustees and Dr. Payam Goudarzi as Immediate Past NYSDA President, NYSDA Board of Trustees.

It was decided we would hold an HOD Preparatory Dinner Meeting, Wednesday, 7/28/2021 at 6:30pm. Tim will invite the Executive Committee and reserve a venue in Owego.

In an effort to help increase volunteers, Scott will have Tim send the following letter to our membership:

Hi Members,

As we approach the summer months, it’s getting increasingly more difficult to reach people for events and updates.

With a smaller pool of dentists volunteering for committees and councils, it is very difficult to maintain our 153-year-old dental society. I completely understand what it is like to be busy, distressed and adjusting your practice to a worldwide pandemic. I actually had COVID-19 in March 2020 and have had

some ailments lingering since then. We also have a special needs adult daughter that requires 24/7 attention.

Nevertheless, if we are to maintain the proper and robust functionality of the Sixth District Dental Society, we need more volunteers for committees and councils. If you are interested, it's just a phone call or e-mail away to our Executive Director, Tim Smith (607) 724-1781 or 6dds@6dds.org.

The alternative is, the Sixth District Dental Society runs the risk of dissolving, leaving us with no representation at the New York State Dental Association (NYSDA) or the American Dental Association (ADA) levels. We could potentially be absorbed into another dental society, which would be terrible. The commitments for these positions are generally extremely minimal but when you put these positions together collectively, they become a well-oiled machine, providing support and benefits for all of us.

Please consider volunteering and call or e-mail Tim.

Thank you.

Scott Noren
President

Treasurer's Report:

Dr. David Salomons reported he met 5/26/2021 at 2:30pm with Tim recently. They conducted a Financial Review and found all is in order. At this review Tim gave David a hardcopy list of all the Sixth District accounts and login credentials. David also shared the current balances of our M&T accounts, as follows:

Escrow Checking \$2500

Business Checking \$109,203

Business Savings \$119,147

Disaster Relief CD \$10,062

President CD \$27,922

President Checking \$11,500

This account was established to collect donations for Payam Goudarzi, 2020 NYSDA President and not commingle these funds with our other accounts.

\$10,000 was donated by the Lourdes Hospital Foundation, which was targeted to be used for the Lourdes Oral Clinic Free Dental Day. At our 9/23/2020, the remaining \$1500 was suggested by Dr. DeSantis to be used as an AI Perna scholarship of \$100 per year for the next 15 years, until the money is gone. Dr. DeSantis made a motion to create this scholarship to the BCC Dental Hygiene Department, that will go to a student of utmost character that will remain in the Sixth District upon graduation, once a year for 15 years of \$100. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goudarzi. The motion was unanimously accepted. During this meeting (6/1/2021) there was further discussion on the use of the whole \$11,500. Scott Noren directed Tim Smith to refund the \$1500. Scott and Dr. Goudarzi will contact Lourdes and inquire about using their \$10K donation to fund a BCC Dental Hygiene Department Scholarship.

Executive Director's Report:

Tim reminded everyone we have relocated our office since our last meeting. Our new office address is 501 Plaza Drive, Vestal, NY, located at the office of Silvestri & Comfort Family Dentistry.

Tim also stated we now have a new accountant. We are now using S.J. Julian & Company, located in Endicott.

Tim stated he has been working to improve our website content and making the council and committee chair's reporting process much easier. Since NYSDA does not maintain a central repository for the NYSDA Council and Committee Meeting Minutes, Tim requested all such documents from NYSDA from 2015 to present and made them available on our website. Since these minutes are sent to Tim, after each meeting, there is no longer a need for the chairs to send them to him. Tim will add them to this repository as they become available. All **Council and Committee Meeting Minutes** are now available in the "**Members**" section of our website, under **NYSDA Council and Committee Meeting Minutes**. Tim conducted a virtual tour of our website for those in attendance. He also showed some of the other improvements he has made. **Note:** All documentation preceded with a padlock icon, are only viewable by current paid members of the Sixth District Dental Society and you must enter your ADA login credentials to access this information.

Miscellaneous: Dr. Mario Silvestri made the recommendation we send our NYSDA Alternate Delegate each year and have the Sixth District pay for it. There was a brief discussion and Mario stated he would like this tabled until our fall meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm

Minutes: Submitted by Executive Director Tim Smith

Action Items:

1. Tim will send Scott's letter (see above) to our membership.
2. Tim will refund the \$1500 donations to the 2020 HOD Meeting we were not able to host because of the COVID-19 Pandemic.
3. Scott and Dr. Goudarzi will contact Lourdes and inquire about using their \$10K donation to fund a BCC Dental Hygiene Department Scholarship.