

## 154<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting Minutes (Hybrid)

Thursday, November 17, 2022

The Holiday Inn Binghamton Downtown  
2-8 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13901  
Southern Tier Room  
6:39PM – 8:38PM

### In-Person (10):

Dr. Cuomo (2022-2023 NYSDA President-Elect), Pam Bouton (Prior Immediate Past President), Louis Giordano (President), David Salomons (VP), Paul Weber (Treasurer), Timothy Smith (Executive Director), Kristin Clark-Lowell, Payam Goudarzi, Mario Silvestri, Jim DeSantis

### Virtual (3):

Luis Mauleon, Jr., Howard Warner, Scott Noren (Immediate Past President)

### Meeting called to order 6:39 PM

#### 2022-2023 NYSDA President-Elect, Dr. Anthony Cuomo addressed the council

Dr. Payam Goudarzi and Dr. Craig Ratner did a fabulous job dealing with COVID

They have started a Lessons Learned Committee if situation arises again

Mike Herman stepped in when NYSDA Executive Director, Mark Feldman passed away

Search committee hired Gregory Hill as NYSDA Executive Director

Dr. Cuomo wants to share his vision with VP, Treasurer and secretary so projects can be done over multiple years.

Committee searching for new lobbyist

Need to show value in organized Dentistry to attract members

ADA was excited with what happened in Massachusetts. Insurance companies must use 83% of premiums to pay for procedures. NYSDA donated \$50,000. Feeling is that NYSDA should wait and watch to see how it works in Massachusetts before trying to get enacted in NY.

17-18yrs ago PGY1 went into effect. Must do one year residency for licensure. NY is the only state that has this. Was supposed to be one of a few pathways but is now the only pathway. 49 states except one exam which is not on a live patient. The matter is under review and the feeling is that there needs to be another pathway and the issue is under review.

### Minutes from previous meeting were approved.

#### President's Report

Stay informed

Get involved

Honor to serve as President

## Treasurer's Report

### Income:

Altfest (Royalties from Personal Wealth Management)	\$372.13
Best Card Royalties	\$589
MLMIC	\$5130
Dues Income	\$27256.00
Semi-Annual Meeting Income	\$8975
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$50,793.42</b>

### Expenses

Payroll for Executive Director	\$14,693.72
Semi-Annual Meeting Expenses (net profit approx. \$5,000)	\$3,983.00
Central Office (\$8,123.52 total)	
Computer Repair	\$25.65
Computer and Computer Supplies	\$439.13
Insurance	\$2,059.24
Meetings Expenses (Banner and Zoom renewal)	\$510.15
Office Supplies (printer drum and toner)	\$155.50
Postage	\$18.26
Rent	\$3465
Telephone	\$304.45
Website (ADA Website hosting fee, Domain renewal (\$21.17))	\$501.17
Merchant Account (Credit Card Processor)	\$644.97
Council / Committees	\$187.98
State President Expense	\$15,051.04
Our share of 2022 HOD Reception (\$9,538.54)	
NYS Taxes	\$800
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$42,939.26</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$7,954.16</b>

### M&T Bank Accounts

Escrow Checking	\$2,500
Business Checking	\$117,242.65
President Checking	\$10,638.53
Business Savings	\$24,959.73
Disaster Relief CD (matures midyear)	\$10,064.81
President CD (matures end of the year)	\$27,930.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$193,341.86</b>
<b>Available Balance</b>	<b>\$154,473.03</b>

### Vanguard Account

Purchases and Withdrawals	\$94,195.00
Investment Returns	-\$13,562.19
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$80,632.85</b>

### Executive Director

Possible review of how Continuing Education Meeting revenues are distributed to components.

### NYSDA Council and Committee Reports

## **Dental Benefits (Vacant)**

## **Dental Education & Licensure (Sonny Spera)**

PGY1 Zoom meeting Nov 29th

With regards to the Education committee report, it's quite short and sweet. The meeting was 9/20/2022.

1. Lead apron use- NYSDOH is doing a full rewrite of the recommended usage or non-usage.
2. Licensure delays- still seems to be a problem, video will be created with step by step instructions helping residents fill out form 4 B correctly. (you can't make this up)
3. Workforce challenges- NYSDA has been asked to explore the possibility or encourage expansion of additional hygiene and or CDA programs and report back to 2023 NYSDA house of delegates. currently 30% more dentists are entering the workforce which will increase the shortage of hygienists.
4. PGY-1 task force to figure out how to make it more effective and keep residents in NYS we need to process of transferability to become easier. task force will be meeting with deans of the dental schools and dental directors and the state board to see how to make PGY-1 more successful.

## **Dental Health Planning & Hospital Dentistry (Scott Noren)**

Not sure reimbursements will be increased

## **Dental Practice (Mario Silvestri)**

Three key issues

Massachusetts Insurance law

Vaccine administration – up to providers if they want to start doing vaccinations

Pursuit of Silver Nitrate usage

## **Ethics (Pam Bouton)**

Zoom meetings. Member did not do Peer Review and was expelled, but appealed to ADA and overturned to a one year suspension.

## **Governmental Affairs (Howard Warner)**

\$125,000 for dental demonstrations

May 4, 2022

The meeting was conducted via Zoom. Chairperson Dr. Rubin reported on the April Advocacy meeting via Zoom and the Washington advocacy meeting.

A short overview of the legislative session for 2021-22 is as follows:

1. \$125K was approved for unrestricted Dental Demonstration Projects.
2. An increase of 2.3% in Medicaid fees was passed
3. \$750K was approved for training dental students to work with individuals with developmental disabilities.
4. There is some money allocated for COVID benefits related to costs.
5. The Excess Medical and Dental Malpractice Insurance Program remains.
6. In independent contractor will review Medicaid managed programs

7. Offices seeing at least 20% Medicaid patients are entitled to funds for staff.
8. New York No Surprises Act conforms to federal medical billing law.
9. A bill to allow dental hygienists to use nitrous oxide and local infiltration was passed
10. A bill to allow registered dental assistants to place and remove temporary restorations passed the assembly.
11. A bill to alter definitions to allow dental orofacial pain, medicine, and public health for dentists.

There are efforts to allow the Dental Demonstration Project to become part of the budget process. The scope of practice bill is still unlikely to get any action. There was also interest in providing telehealth visits at the same reimbursement rates. The next meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2022 via Zoom (which conflicts with the Sixth District meeting).

**Membership & Communications** (Comlan Missih)

Working on increasing your activism

**Nominations** (Louis Giordano)

NYSDA Officers. Mario Silvestri nominated for NYSDA Secretary/Treasurer.

**Peer Review & Quality Assurance** (Kristin Clark-Lowell)

Busier since COVID ended. All cases have been mediated but more cases expected.

**Professional Liability Insurance** (Paul Weber)

No update

**Substance Abuse & Well-Being** (Thomas Lucia)

**New Dentist** (Vacant)

**Dental Medicaid** (Mike Wilson)

No report. Paul Weber elected to be new chair for upcoming 2023 year. We thank Dr. Mike Wilson for his years of service.

**EDPAC Board of Directors** (Betsey Clark-Fortier)

No report

**Sixth District Committees**

**Auditing** (Vacant)

Needs to be done. Paul and Tim will review but agreed independent council should look at the books.

**CE Program** (Vacant)

Sonny helps to find speakers through Catapult Education

**National Children's Dental Health Month** (Vacant)

**Constitution & Bylaws** (Vacant)

**Malpractice Claims** (Vacant)

**Semi-Annual & Annual Meetings** (Vacant)

Dates being determined

**New Dentist** (Vacant)

Need 10yrs or less from school

**New Business**

Discussion to combine Sec and treasurer positions. Motion was withdrawn after discussion.

**Next Year's Spring Meeting**

April 21 or 28

**Need new Trustee to replace Luis in 2024**

**Adjournment at 8:38 PM**

Minutes submitted by Dr. David Salomons



**Sixth District**  
DENTAL SOCIETY