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AAPD CEO

Pediatric Dentistry at the 2018 ADA Annual Session

During the American Dental Association (ADA) 2018 Annual Session in Honolulu, Hawaii this past October, the AAPD hosted a reception for members serving as delegates or alternates in the ADA House of Delegates, pediatric dentistry speakers, representatives from other dental partner organizations, and corporate sponsors. The AAPD Executive Committee met with the Dental Specialties Group (which consists of the nine ADA-recognized dental specialties), as well as officers and executive staff of the Academy of General Dentistry (see photo below) and the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.



Caption: (l-r) AAPD immediate past president James Nickman, AAPD Secretary-Treasurer K. Jean Beauchamp, AAPD Senior Meetings and Continuing Education Director Kristi Casale, AGD past president Maria Smith, AGD Associate Executive Director Dan Buksa, AGD immediate past president Manuel A. Cordero, AGD president-elect Connie L. White, AAPD president Joe Castellano, AGD president Neil J. Gajjar, AAPD COO and General Counsel C. Scott Litch, AAPD vice president Jessica Y. Lee, and AAPD CEO John S. Rutkauskas.

As is done every year, we reviewed resolutions of interest to pediatric dentistry being considered by the ADA House of Delegates.

Resolution 55

CULTURE OF SAFETY

Submitted by Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention (CAAP)

Resolved, that the American Dental Association commit to establishment of a “Culture of Safety” in all aspects of dental practice and be it further

Resolved, that the appropriate ADA agency or agencies be tasked with a comprehensive review of patient and provider safety in dentistry and be it further

Resolved, that a report be submitted to the 2019 ADA House of Delegates detailing the incidence and severity of patient and provider safety issues in dentistry, and recommendations for development of a plan to address the identified issues of concern.

The AAPD supported this resolution, which was approved by the House of Delegates. It tracks very nicely with activities of the AAPD’s Committee on Safety (see the research and policy center section of *PDT* for an update on their work).

Resolution 8

STATE DENTAL BOARD RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL COMMISSION ON RECOGNITION OF DENTAL SPECIALTIES AND CERTIFYING BOARDS

Submitted by Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL)

Resolved, that the American Dental Association urges all state dental boards to recognize the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards as the agency responsible for the recognition of dental specialties and dental specialty certifying boards.

The AAPD supported this resolution, which was approved by the House of Delegates. The AAPD's representative on this new commission is past president Dr. Robert Delarosa (Baton Rouge, La.).

Resolution 69

MEDICAID DENTAL PEER REVIEW COMMITTEES

Submitted by Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention (CAAP)

Resolved, that the American Dental Association encourages all state dental associations to work with their respective state Medicaid agency to create a dental peer review committee, made up of licensed current Medicaid providers who provide expert consultation on issues brought to them by the state Medicaid agency and/or third party payers.

The AAPD supported this resolution, which was approved by the House of Delegates. It is consistent with AAPD's joint efforts with ADA to improve Medicaid dental programs, with one critical tenet being promotion of appropriate peer-to-peer review in provider audits and other oversight activities.

Resolution 81

DENTAL BENEFITS IN A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER

Submitted by Fifteenth Trustee District

Resolved, that the American Dental Association pursue federal legislative or regulatory efforts to require dental support in child custody orders as a child support obligation, like medical support, and be it further

Resolved, that constituent societies of the American Dental Association be urged to pursue individual state legislative or regulatory efforts to require dental support in child custody orders as a child support obligation.

The AAPD supported this resolution, which was approved by the House of Delegates.

AAPD Members Speakers

The following AAPD members made CE presentations during the ADA Annual Session:

- **Dr. Joel Berg** presented the AAPD sponsored course on *Medical Management of Dental Caries*.
- **Dr. Charles S. Czerepak** co-presented on *Being a Medicaid Provider in the Era of Accountability*.
- **Dr. Martha Ann Keels** presented on *Management and Prevention of Dental Erosion*.
- **Dr. Greg Psaltis** presented on *Stainless Steel Crowns are a Snap and Behavior Management of Children, Parents and Self*.
- **Dr. Rebecca L. Slayton** presented on *Be a Nonsurgical Caries Risk Management Matchmaker*.
- **Dr. Sidney A. Whitman** co-presented on *Being a Medicaid Provider in the Era of Accountability*.

AAPD Member Delegates and Alternates

We thank those AAPD members who served in the **2018 ADA House of Delegates**:

ASDA

Alternate

David O. Danesh (predoctoral student member) (Boston, Mass.)

1ST DISTRICT (CONN., MAINE, MASS., N.H., R.I., VT.)

Delegate

Jonathan D. Shenkin (Augusta, Maine)

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Minerva Patel (White Plains, N.Y.)

3RD DISTRICT (PA.)

Alternates

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Brett H. Henson (Army, McLean, Va.)

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Delegate

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Alternates

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Ryan M. Vaughn (Flowery Branch, Ga.)

Erik H. Wells (Athens, Ga.)

6TH DISTRICT (KY., MO., TENN., W. VA.)

Alternate

K. Jean Beauchamp (Clarksville, Tenn.)

7TH DISTRICT (IND., OHIO)

Alternate

James A. Shupe, Jr. (Fort Wayne, Ind.)

8TH DISTRICT (ILL.)

Delegates

Susan Bordenave-Bishop (affiliate member) (Peoria, Ill.)

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Alternate

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9TH DISTRICT (MICH., WISC.)

Alternates

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Delegates

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Alternates

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Delegates

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Linda Edgar (affiliate member) (Federal Way, Wash.)

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Bernard J. Larson (Mount Vernon, Wash.)

Hai T. Pham (Hillsboro, Ore.)

Alternates

Austin Baruffi (affiliate member) (Tukwila, Wash.)

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Alternates

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13TH DISTRICT (CALIF.)

Delegates

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Andrew P. Soderstrom (Modesto, Calif.)

Sharine Thenard (Alameda, Calif.)

Alternates

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Alternate

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Delegate

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Alternates

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Lindsey A. Robinson (Grass Valley, Calif.)