

**MINUTES OF THE 5TH DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY  
ANNUAL MEETING**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

The 5th District Dental Society Annual Session was called to order at 9:20 by President Jason Phillips.

Secretary Gary Davis reported that the total active, life, and retired membership as of August 31st, 2015 was 813 and the number of members present at the business meeting was 20. Dr. Davis reported that the bylaws require 20 members to be present to constitute a quorum and thus a quorum was present.

President Phillips moved to suspend the meeting definitely until approximately 11:30 when the speaker was finished. Dr. Dave Larson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The 5th District Dental Society Annual Session was called back to order at 11:21 by President Jason Phillips.

Secretary Davis presented the Necrology Report (attached). A minute of silence was observed in honor of our deceased members.

Secretary Davis presented the Minutes of the 2014 Meeting. Whereas the minutes were made available to all members present, Dr. G. L. Hamm made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. This motion was seconded by several members and carried without any dissenting votes. Dr. Grimes made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2014 meeting as written and Dr. Greenberg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Davis also reported on the approved minutes of the January 2015 Board meeting. Topics included the nomination of ADA delegates, the rewriting of our bylaws and the planning of a "Pre-Expo Forum" for 5<sup>th</sup> District members.

Dr. Andy Gould presented the Treasurer's Report and the proposed budget for 2015-16. Treasurer Gould reported that no dues increase was recommended. Dr. Mike Cerveris seconded the budget motion and the budget was approved without any dissenting votes. A copy of the approved budget is included with this report.

Dr. James Boyle then gave the Trustee Report. Trustee Boyle reported on efforts to make the Council of Presidents more active, the Aptify association management software, and the evolving Pennsylvania Dental Meeting (PDM). Dr. Boyle also spoke about the importance of locals and asked for volunteers to serve on the PDM Planning Committee. Dr. Boyle's report is included with this report. Dr. Boyle asked for questions and a brief discussion took place about the purpose of the 5<sup>th</sup> District following the termination of the House of Delegates as well as several member's feelings of a disconnection with the PDA since the cessation of the House

Dr. Boyle then introduced PDA President Wade Neuman. Dr. Neuman thanked all of the 5th District volunteers for their service to the PDA. Dr. Neuman also discussed the importance of banding together to help our members succeed. Dr. Neuman reported that he has been meeting 2 days per week since becoming President with legislators all over the state concerning many issues. The priorities at this time are the Assignment of Benefits Bill (HB-843, SB-973) and the Retroactive Review Bill (SB-554) which

would protect dentists from unfair penalties from insurance companies. Dr. Neuman thanked President Phillips for his leadership, especially his work on the PDA Council of Presidents and presented Dr. Phillips with a Presidential Plaque.

President Phillips then introduced PDA CEO Camille Kostelac-Cherry. CEO Camille discussed efforts to increase communication with members, important dates (including Day on the Hill- April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and the Pennsylvania Dental Meeting - May 19-21), our social network, the opening for the Associate editor position, openings in the PDM steering committee and a survey which will be sent to members soon to learn about their wants and needs. CEO Kostelac-Cherry finished her presentation saying that PDA staff can be a conduit and please call and invite the staff to local and district meetings to speak and that many presentations include CE credits.

A discussion took place with PDA President Neuman, CEO Kostelac-Cherry and the membership about a sense of "disconnection" between many members and the PDA since the vote to end the PDA House of Delegates. Dr. Phillips stated that the discussion about the purpose of the 5<sup>th</sup> District and how to connect members to the 5<sup>th</sup> District, the PDA and the ADA should continue.

Vice-President Josh Greenberg gave a brief report of his goals for 2016-17 and stated two of his goals will be to be active in the Council of Presidents and to try to get the House of Delegates back.

President-Elect Steven Parrett reported on plans for next year's meeting on September 16, 2016. The main speaker will be Dr. Cynthia Slack, Program Director of the Pediatric Residency Program at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville and the program will be on contemporary, evidenced-based pediatric concepts and treatment. Dr. Parrett also stated they are working on a concurrent session for staff.

President Jason Phillips thanked all the volunteers which assisted him this year. He stated he has great hope in the future of the 5<sup>th</sup> District and he challenged the leadership to clearly define the purpose and goals of the 5<sup>th</sup> District during this time of transition.

President Phillips asked if there was any old business. Dr. Davis responded that last year the membership passed a resolution to have new bylaws written and presented at least 30 days prior to this meeting in order for our 5<sup>th</sup> District Bylaws to reflect the changing PDA Bylaws. Dr. Davis reported that Dr. Phillips appointed Dr. Dave Larson to chair this committee and that the membership was indeed sent these updated bylaws 30 days prior to the meeting. Dr. Davis moved the proposed Bylaws and Dr. Andrew Gould seconded the motion. After a brief explanation of the changes by Dr. Larson, the motion passed unanimously.

President Phillips asked again if there was any further unfinished old business. Hearing none, he asked for new business. No new business was proposed.

Dr. Davis presented the Nominating Committee Report and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Dr. Davis Nominated Dr. Sam Selcher as Treasurer of the PDA and various members nominated Sam Selcher, Mike Cerveris, G.L. Hamm and Gary Davis as nominees for ADA Delegates At-Large. President Phillips made a motion to approve the nominations and Dr. Ronald Schultz seconded the

motion. The motion was approved unanimously and the newly elected officers were sworn-in by Dr. Wade Neuman. A copy of this report is included in this report.

Newly elected President Steven Parrett congratulated Dr. Phillips and all volunteers for their service and pledged to serve the 5th District to the best of his ability.

President Parrett asked for any further business. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Berstecher made the motion to adjourn, Dr. Spruill seconded the motion and the motion carried without any dissenting votes.

Respectfully Submitted,

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