

**5th District Dental Society  
President's Report 2017**

It is my pleasure to welcome all of you to the joint 5<sup>th</sup> District/ Harrisburg Area Dental Society meeting. I would like to thank HADS for graciously allowing us to join their meeting. The hope is that by combining the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting with one of our locals, we can try to recapture more of the cross local relationships that are too infrequent. Our locals are our strong foundation and we hope to build upon that basis.

These past 12 months have been a bit topsy turvy at times but with the help of our great officers and volunteers, I feel we have had an overall successful year. That said, volunteers are always welcome and wanted to help further our plans for our district as well as, our locals as well. Please take a moment to review the list of 5<sup>th</sup> district committee members who served this past year. I, along with hopefully all of you, appreciate their support and willingness to serve our profession.

The Executive committee has discussed several ways in which we might try to create a new district social event instead of just another CE meeting. While we were unable to get that finalized and scheduled in time this year, it is something that is still being considered. Dr. John Grimes, who will be the next 5<sup>th</sup> President in a few minutes, has some great ideas for next year's annual meeting and CE offerings. It will be a challenging task but if he is able to bring his vision to fruition, it will be great so keep an eye out for further information as it develops.

You will be voting on some district bylaw changes which are posted on line for your review. Our district only meets once per year and there have been significant changes within PDA governance structure which we will mirror in our bylaws. The Executive committee has been considering if our district should maintain the office of VP. Our district used to have its largest task with duties at the PDA House of Delegates. The House was dissolved 3 years ago and now our tasks have become much less. As such, our VP no longer carries any defined duties. A barrier to volunteerism is multiple year commitments. Currently, our officer track is 3 years. Removing the VP would make it a 2 year track and may encourage some to consider serving the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Our district duties currently are to hold an annual meeting (it is not required to be a CE event), elects a new Trustee to PDA every 3 years and nominate members who wish to run for ADA Delegate at large. Our previous main task for serving in the PDA House of delegates is gone. It now feels minimal to me. We have many great district members who I am sure would welcome more district events to meet their colleagues and build/enhance relationships. I am not sure the best way for the district to meet that opportunity. If you have any ideas, please let me know. I appreciate the honor of serving this past year and wish all of you a joyous holiday season and a prosperous future.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Dave Larson, DDS