

Our 5th District Trustee, Gary Davis, has provided a very thorough report as to the state of the PDA. As far as the PHDHP situation and the SBOD approval of independent practice in additional sites the PDA BOT will be very active. Our Government Relations Committee and our Access Advisory Group have been assigned the task of developing language for the pending legislation which will outline the specifics of the PHDHP. The goal of the PDA will be to create a win/win situation with the PHDHP as far as direct dentist referrals and patient screenings in the rural and other dentally underserved areas.

The PDA will continue to work with key legislators regarding the Assignment of Benefits Bill. Our previous Government Relations Advisory Group and Dental Benefits Committee have already given their opinions. The BOT realizes some current aspects of the developing language are not ideal but in order to continue working the bill through the PDA is concentrating on the Senate side of the legislature. I will be meeting with Jake Corman (PA Senate Banking and Insurance Committee) later this week to continue discussing PDA's position.

The BOT is excited about our recent hiring of a local law firm to handle PDA legal issues and opinions. Our PDA President Bruce Terry was personally involved in the interviewing process of 4 firms.

The BOT going forward in reinvigorating its Committees and Advisory Groups. Leadership feels the work of the PDA needs to be vetted and handled through these groups with Trustee liaisons taking a more active role. Any member wishing to be a part of any committee please contact Gary Davis. Currently our Dental Benefits and Access groups are chaired by 5th District members.

The ADA annual session will be held in Atlanta the end of this month. PDA's own Andy Kwasny is running for President Elect!!! Andy has done an incredible job campaigning personally across the country. PDA formally endorsed Andy well over a year ago and earmarked \$50,000 for his campaign. Many locals and districts including our own 5th have also contributed to Andy's campaign. Thus we are all in as far as support for this upcoming election. If any of you know any ADA member in other states serving as an ADA delegate this month please reach out personally to talk up Andy's candidacy. Some of Andy's ideas include increased use of social media outlets to keep members informed and receive member concerns. Andy wants to see more of a personalization of the ADA.

As always please do not hesitate to reach out to me personally with questions or ideas regarding our PDA.

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