



August 2019

Special Care
DENTISTRY
ASSOCIATION



I hope this message finds you well and you are enjoying the gift of summer!

I am pleased to share these recent highlights with you:

- In June, SCDA Executive Director Dennis Bozzi and I were contacted by the ADA regarding its Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL) feasibility study on the possible accreditation of advanced education programs in geriatric dentistry. The ADA House of Delegates referred Resolution 83-2018 to CDEL, requesting that the feasibility of accrediting advanced education programs in geriatric dentistry be explored. We (SCDA) were informed that CDEL would be meeting in late June and will be sending a report to the 2019 ADA House of Delegates meeting in San Diego in September. The ADA said "it would be great to get SCDA's perspective on this matter prior to the meeting." We were also asked "Can you tell me (us) whether the Special Care Dentistry Association has an interest in seeking an accreditation process by CODA for these programs?" After consultation with our Council for Geriatric Dentistry and leadership, Dennis and I gave the ADA our perspective and support for seeking accreditation.

I am excited to report that on July 1, SCDA received the following email from the ADA:

"Good morning, David and Dennis!

"Just an FYI that in response to Resolution 83-2018, the ADA Council on Dental Education and Licensure will be reporting back to the 2019 House of Delegates that based on its preliminary study, it appears that the geriatric dentistry education community is interested in developing an accreditation process for advanced education programs in geriatric dentistry. The Council will recommend that the House of Delegates provide these findings to the Special Care Dentistry Association for consideration.

"The Council's report and resolution will be posted for Delegates in ADA Connect, following the Board of Trustees meeting August 11-13. I will email a copy of the report to you as well.

"Have a great day,

Karen

Karen M. Hart

Senior Director, Education Operations and
Director, Council on Dental Education and Licensure"

STAY TUNED!!!

- The Program Committee, chaired by Dr. Steve Beetstra, is now organized into subcommittees including speaker and abstract selection, exhibitor and sponsorships, social media, continuing education, planning, and mentorship. This year's theme is **"The Coalition of Caring: Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."** Mr. Scott Williams, Executive Director/Writer for the CBS show "NCIS" will be our keynote speaker. Thanks Miriam Robbins for the connection! The Committee is working diligently to make our 32nd annual meeting in San Diego another success. (see Coalition below)
- SCDA has launched nine committees with over **65 volunteers** for 2019 – 2020. THANK YOU to all our volunteers!! (see Committees below)
- The expanded and renewed role of the Councils is working to shape the future of our organization. Thank you to our Chairs, Mai-Ly Duong (Persons with Disabilities), Leonardo Marchini (Geriatric Dentistry) and Robert Hollowell (Hospital Dentistry). It is great having them on our Board of Directors. A wonderful asset!
- SCDA Awarded 33 Students for Excellence in Special Care. I am pleased to see so many students interested in SCDA and our special patients. The future is bright! (see Awards below)
- The Board of Directors met on July 10. (see Board Business below)

As I reflect on my first few months as President, I am impressed with the momentum of the organization and the dedication of our volunteers. The Councils and the committees are focused, working diligently on their assignments/projects and responsibilities. I am confident we will see major accomplishments from all of this hard work.

Thank you for your support and commitment to SCDA and your dedication to our special patients. Together, we will continue to make a difference.

David



At the July 10 SCDA Board of Directors meeting, the past and future annual meetings were discussed. Feedback from the Atlanta meeting was very positive from both attendees and exhibitors. Sixteen dentists and dental hygienists and several students became SCDA members. Areas for improvement include a list of who will be introducing the speakers, a list of attendees, hiring a photographer, and having a SCDA backdrop for photo opportunities. The program committee for 2020 has been broken into subcommittees, each with a specific focus, and the keynote speaker is announced in this *Filling*. Planning has already begun for 2021 and the Board authorized a site visit for the SCDA meeting planner.

The Board is pleased with the news from the ADA that “based on its preliminary study, it appears that the geriatric dentistry education community is interested in developing an accreditation process for advanced education programs in geriatric dentistry. The Council will recommend that the House of Delegates provide these findings to the Special Care Dentistry Association for consideration.”

The first *Wisdom*, the new member forum for ideas, insights, and action, was well received and the next issue is in progress. *Wisdom* does not have a set schedule and will be published each time we have two articles. If you would like to contribute an article, contact Dennis Bozzi at dennis@scdaonline.com.

Council News:

- The Council of Hospital Dentistry is investigating MATCH violations such as an institution that was unable to offer a promised position, but mostly violations where a resident cannot meet expectations for start time. These are typical for this time of year and nothing egregious was reported. The Council is also working on the programming for the next annual meeting.
- The Council for Persons with Disabilities is working on the next newsletter issue and a webinar. The Council is educating about fellowships and looking for people to review the journal.
- The Council for Geriatric Dentistry is using online decision making. They surveyed Council members, received a good response, and now have an annual meeting topic. The website has been updated with information about the Council.

Other topics covered include that SCDA finances are strong, the ADA survey was sent out a second time, establishing a new public policy committee, and that a strong marketing campaign helped to increase ROA sales over last year.



**The Coalition of Caring –
The 32nd Annual Meeting on Special Care Dentistry**

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." - Helen Keller



We are dedicating our 32nd annual SCDA meeting to the idea of bringing people together to enact change. Whether it's dentists or hygienists that work in academic centers, private practice, hospitals, community centers, or if it's industry and foundation partners, we all are focused on bringing accessible and quality oral healthcare to our special patients.

As we plan our next meeting, we are listening to our membership, Councils, and Diplomate board to bring you educational offerings that help fulfill our mission to increase access and quality of oral healthcare for patients with special needs. In addition, our hope is to bring value to our membership by focusing on career development as we all navigate the complex worlds of academia, hospital based, conventional, and unconventional practices.

We are delighted to have Scott Williams, an Executive Producer and lead writer on CBS's top-rated show "NCIS" for the last nine seasons, as our keynote speaker. Scott and his wife founded "Shane's Inspiration" www.shanesinspiration.org, a Los Angeles based non-profit organization whose large coalition of supporters finance and build handicap accessible playgrounds throughout the world for children, adults, and the elderly with special needs.

Our annual meeting will feature exciting educational programming with popular tracks developed by each of our three Councils. We will have sessions in Spanish and extended sessions on the treatment of medically complex patients. In addition to our invited speakers, each of you will be given the opportunity to present. The portal for abstracts will be opening soon and preference will be given to those topics selected by the Councils. Please submit an abstract for either a lecture or a poster. Your participation is what makes our organization special.

When registration opens in late fall, be part of the coalition of caring by attending what promises to be an exceptional annual meeting on April 3-5, 2020 at Wyndham San Diego Bayside in beautiful San Diego.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

David and Steve

Scott Williams Keynote Speaker for SCDA's 32nd Annual Meeting in San Diego

SCDA is pleased to announce that Scott Williams will be the keynote speaker for our 32nd Annual Meeting on Special Care Dentistry to be held April 3-5, 2020 at Wyndham San Diego Bayside in beautiful San Diego. Scott has been an Executive Producer on CBS' top-rated show "NCIS" for the last nine seasons and also is a co-founder of "Shane's Inspiration" www.shanesinspiration.org, a Los Angeles based non-profit organization.



After graduating SUNY Cortland, and many years studying acting, writing and bartending in NYC and Los Angeles, Scott landed his first writing assignment in 1995. Writing feature scripts for Ron Howard, Kevin Costner and Ray Liotta ultimately led him to television, when Scott was hired to write an episode of "NYPD Blue," which earned him a place on the staff of "Brooklyn South" in 1997. Since then, he's written and produced many shows, including "Third Watch," "Crossing Jordan," "Bones," and "Castle."

Scott and his wife Catherine founded "Shane's Inspiration" in memory of their son Shane, who passed away in 1997 from Spinal Muscular Atrophy. Shane's Inspiration creates accessible playgrounds and inclusive playgrounds for children with disabilities to play along with typically-abled children. These free, outdoor inclusive play environments are age-appropriate and include safe, state-of-the-art, sensory-rich structures that encourage healing in children with developmental disabilities such as Autism, Down

Syndrome, and Cerebral Palsy. Shane's Inspiration has opened 68 inclusive playgrounds throughout the United States and in Canada, Mexico, Ecuador, Israel, and Russia with over 55 more in development.

Join us in San Diego to hear Scott's talk about the challenges faced and triumphs celebrated when serving special needs children.

SCDA Awards 33 Students for Excellence in Special Care

This year, the SCDA *Student Awards and Recognition Program* recognized the contributions to special care dentistry of 33 dental and dental hygiene students from schools across the country. Students received an award certificate, a free one year membership to SCDA, and were made aware of SCDA's new mentorship program.

Among the letters of thanks received from faculty members, Naty Lopez, Ph.D. of the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, wrote, "Thank you so much for sending the certificate and letter. We appreciate the encouragement this will give to Katherine Marquis to continue the good work of caring for people with special needs."

Cindy Cheely of VCU (Virginia Commonwealth University) School of Dentistry sent this photo of Dr. Frances Gouldin being presented her award by Dr. Jennifer Hankle, Assistant Professor in the General Practice Department along with the note, "We appreciate your support in recognizing our students."



SCDA is pleased that so many students have shown a commitment to special patient care and hope that they will continue that focus in their professional practices and become active members of SCDA.

2019 – 2020 Committees Formed and Ready to Launch!

Over sixty-five member volunteers, more than 10% of SCDA members, are engaged in managing our infrastructure or developing programs that support our mission. Together, they demonstrate a coalition of caring willing to donate their time and expertise to promoting oral health and well-being for people with special needs.

Thank you to all and a special thanks to the new committee members who answered the call; they are indicated by an asterisk next to their name.

This list can be downloaded as a PDF by clicking anywhere on it.

Thank you to our 2019 - 2020 Committee Volunteers!

Program Committee

plans and develops educational and networking events for the Annual Meeting

Steve Beetstra, Chair
David Miller
Scott Howell
Bob Henry
Eric Sung
Stephanie Munz
Michael Wiseman
Seena Patel
Sam Zwetchkenbaum
LaVonne Hammelman

Kevin Hendler
Mai-Ly Duong
David Itzkoff
Miriam Robbins
Hemal Pandya
Bob Hollowell
Jeff Hicks
Adela Guset
Roopa Gandhi

Awards Committee

maintains oversight of the entire awards program, promotes the Chasko, Berk, Kamen, Ettinger, and Education Awards, reviews proposals for new awards, and determines the recipients of these awards

Miriam Robbins, Chair
Roseann Mulligan
Maureen Perry
Jeff Hicks
Ford Grant

Finance Committee

monitors financial inflows and outflows compared to the budget, seeks ways to improve the financial position, and ensures that funds are properly invested

Scott Howell, Chair
David Miller
Steve Beetstra
Sam Zwetchkenbaum
Jeff Hicks
Heidi Crow
James Toppin
Ana Szpaderska
Nirmala Tasgaonkar

Dental Fellowship Committee

ensures that fellowship promotional materials are accurate, recommends process changes if needed, and determines whether applicants meet the fellowship criteria

Constance Bernstein, Chair
Janet Lent
John Ofstehage
June Sadowsky
Eric Sung
Peter Kawamura

Kim Espinoza
Craig Proctor*
Ramya Shenoy Kudpi*
Kadambari Rawal*
Susan Reyes*

Membership Committee

seeks ways to attract new members, retain existing members, regain lapsed members, and increase the value of membership

Jeff Hicks, Chair
Sam Zwetchkenbaum
Stephanie Munz
Janet Yellowitz
Paul Ganjian*
Mal-Ly Doung
Ramya Shenoy*
Scott Howell
JoAnn LeClaire*

Nominations Committee

sends a general call for nominations to membership, contacts those who have expressed an interest, and proposes candidates for offices in SCDA

The formation of this committee is in progress.

Sam Zwetchkenbaum, Chair

Public Policy Committee

The formation of this committee is in progress.

Dental Hygiene Fellowship

refines the process to become a fellow, assesses applicants, seeks ways to recruit hygienists to SCDA, determines ways to add value to membership, and identifies content or a tract for the Annual Meeting

Karen Fallone, Co-Chair
Christine Miller, Co-Chair
Linda Jeanne Brookman
Jordan Patrick Pirtle*
Ann Spolarich
Betsy White

Sonya Dunbar*
Dawn Tyler*

Education Committee

Education Online Education and the Webinar Subcommittees review proposals for new educational resources and develops the poster judging protocol

Online Education Subcommittee

Roopa Gandhi, Chair
Seena Patel
Kim Espinoza
Sheila Stille
Joann LeClaire
Bhumija Gupta
Nirmala Tasgaonkar

Vineela Redla
Paul Glassman
Stephen Mitchell*
Ellie Zuiderveld*
Frank Romano*

* new volunteer

Committee list as of 7/17/19