



May - June 2019



From the President



Highlights of Success

It's been a busy and rewarding year for the SCDA Board of Directors and outgoing President / Board Chair Sam Zwetchkenbaum. The SCDA Councils have been revitalized. The Board sought members input and modified the Bylaws to make the Council Chairs voting members of the Board, and encouraged expanding the Council leadership to at least five members. The energy and commitment from the Councils was very evident at our recent annual meeting.

The Board has worked hard to increase membership and impact the value of SCDA membership. The ROA exam has been reviewed and improved. Several initiatives have increased the awareness and branding of SCDA. Meetings were held with the ADA Foundation, the Henry Schein Foundation, and Project Acceptable Oral Health. The ADA has requested feedback from SCDA on special needs issues and member Jeff Hicks wrote [this article](#) for "Future of Personal Health."

SCDA listened to its membership, including at a town hall meeting held last year in Seattle. Feedback was used to make positive changes. SCDA piloted in Atlanta the "Mentorship for Life" program (see video below,) which brought mentors and mentees together to connect on an ongoing basis. SCDA also sponsored a dental team that traveled to Guatemala and saw 400 patients in two clinics.

Our thanks again to Sam for his service.

Annual Meeting Success - The Best Is Yet To Come!

The recent annual meeting in Atlanta was a great success! Attendance was up by eight percent. The number of sessions increased with 83 presenters. The exhibit hall was lively with 14 sponsors / exhibitors and 44 poster presentations. We were pleased to welcome 37 dental students. Our International attendance was strong with attendees from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Guatemala, Hong Kong, India, New Zealand, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, United Arab Emirates, and United Kingdom.

The meeting definitely had something for everyone, and sometimes it was hard to choose with three Council tracks plus a General track. For the first time, SCDA had presentations in Spanish. The Keynote and Plenary Sessions brought everyone together for informative sessions.

The events in Atlanta were topped off with the annual SCDA Awards and the swearing in of the officers. Congratulations to award winners Dr. Bill Milner, Dr. Roseann Mulligan, Dr. Miriam Robbins, Dr. Maureen Perry, Dr. Jeffery Hicks, Dr. Sam Zwetchkenbaum, and Dr. Dinesh Swamy. Congratulations to the new Board officers Steve Beetstra, Scott Howell, and Stephanie Munz.

Special thanks to the SCDA staff, Dennis Bozzi, Regina Legoo and Karen Gonzalez, for their hard work and support in making the annual meeting a great success!

By now, you are either thinking that you are so glad you attended the annual meeting or wishing you had. Mark your calendars for April 3-5, 2020 for the next annual meeting in beautiful San Diego.

Thank you for your support of SCDA and dedication to our special patients. I am grateful for the opportunity to lead and serve our special organization. Together, we will continue to make a difference.

David

SCDA 2019 -2020 Board of Directors

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Mentorship for Life



SCDA launched its new “Mentorship for Life” program at the annual meeting and brought together volunteer mentors and interested mentees for the first time.

Student award recipients were also recently invited to be part of the program.

The Mentorship program pairs mentors and mentees in the hope they will stay in touch.

This is a wonderful opportunity for those beginning their careers to get advice and answers from more experienced mentors. Please view our [video](#).

Starting or Finishing a Residency Program? Order Your ROA Exam Today!

Residency training prepares residents for providing a high quality of patient care. The SCDA Residency Outcome Assessment (ROA) exams help evaluate the effectiveness of residency training on patient outcomes. It is required by many programs and meets the American Dental Association Accreditation standards for Advanced Education Programs in General Practice Residency and Advanced Education in General Dentistry.

The ROA is an important benchmarking tool. It provides scores for each section of the exams. Program Directors learn the aggregate strengths and knowledge gaps of their program; they do not receive individual student scores. Students receive their scores, section by section, on both the pre and post test tracks.

Each exam is separated into two modules of 50 questions each and both modules must be completed for the exam to be scored. The online exam can be offered anywhere and at any time and provides instant scores. Random sorting of test questions and answers protect the integrity of the exam.

Exam topics, pricing, and ordering information can be found on the [SCDA website](#). For those starting a residency program, or a new year of a program, orders must be in by May 20, 2019.

Please call the SCDA office at (312) 527-6764 or send an email to scda@scdaonline.org with any

questions.



Council on Hospital Dentistry

The Council on Hospital Dentistry had a strong attendance at the Annual Meeting in Atlanta. We were pleased to have new faces and people indicating a willingness to become involved in leadership opportunities within the Council. The Council has opened nominations for leadership to assist Chair-elect Judi Messura with the 2020-2022 cycle.

Current challenges facing Hospital Dentistry include completing and marketing the Resident Outcomes Assessment which should be available for the 2019 incoming Residency Class. Thanks to Drs. Sung, Chavis, Stille, and Zahr for their work with the re-write.

We also confront a somewhat regional issue of programs not participating in the Match process. Through our participation in a recent meeting of the Match Steering Committee, we renewed our invitation for Match to be a part of our Annual Meeting, and I anticipate their involvement in 2020. We recently received the results of the survey of non-participating programs which will be reviewed for consistent concerns. To date, there have been only four GPR and AEGD Match violations which our Council continues to adjudicate. We will further monitor violations that become apparent as the July 2019 cycle begins.

Other goals for the coming year include identifying topics of interest for the next annual meeting. We hope to continue to offer updates on “Best Practices” and “Practice Pearls” for members who treat hospitalized and medically complex patients through the annual meeting, webinars and other opportunities over the next year.

I welcome feedback and opportunities for our Council to enhance your membership.

Robert Hollowell, DDS, FAAHD, DABSCD

Council for Geriatric Dentistry

Three of the most pressing challenges facing geriatric dentistry in the next decade are:

1. Providing a pathway to formalize the recognition of geriatric dentistry and adult special needs as a specialty. This includes developing policies and standards for CODA accreditation of pre and post-doctoral geriatric dental curriculum.
2. Lobbying for the inclusion of a comprehensive dental benefits package in Medicare Part B by working with Congress, federal agencies, lawmakers and, regulators.
3. Federally mandating all states to include coverage of comprehensive oral health benefits for all adult Medicaid recipients

Our goals are to provide leadership, vision, and direction to meet these challenges. We will strive to be responsive to our members by working cooperatively to implement the necessary infrastructure and strategies to address the growing oral health needs of the nation's geriatric population. In addition, we will layout and prioritize the topics to create an effective agenda for the upcoming annual meeting.

The officers of the Geriatric Council are Jennifer Hartshorn, Lisa Hou, Karin Arsenault, and Leo Marchini. Other leaders helping the current officers are Kadambari Rawal, Rohit Nair, Janet Lent, Janet Yellowitz, and Ron Ettinger. We appreciate the strong support of our members.

Leonardo Marchini, DDS, MSD, PhD

Council for Persons with Disabilities

It is with great pride and privilege that we have been serving you as your leaders on the **Council on Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities**. This past year, we were able to build our council leadership from two members to six members. We have been instrumental in advising on the governance structure, consulting with external stakeholder organizations, and supported the SCDA Executive Board in the planning of the SCDA 31st Annual Meeting in Atlanta!

Our goals over the next 2019 - 2020 year are three-fold:

1. To maintain a quarterly newsletter to increase communication and the sharing of knowledge within SCDA and this council
2. To organize bi-annual council-hosted national webinars related to caring for persons with disabilities
3. To create a strategic plan to sustain our council for the next 1 year, 3 years and 5 years

Over the next year, we are seeking SCDA members to get creative and support SCDA by participating in the following activities - and don't be nervous, the council leaders are here to support and guide you if you are interested in getting your feet wet:

- Submit manuscripts for SCDA's Special Care Dentistry peer-review journal
- Serve as a reviewer for the SCDA Special Care Dentistry journal
- Obtain your SCDA Fellowship
- Join a national SCDA Committee such as the Education Committee, Awards Committee, annual Meeting Committee, and many more
- Submit an abstract for SCDA's 32nd Annual Meeting in San Diego in 2020

We also invite you to join us on this journey to increase resources and benefits for our SCDA members about persons with disabilities. Provide us feedback by filling out this survey:

<https://forms.gle/P2DscNWu1yYA16nB6>

We also invite anyone who has a desire to give back by applying to be Council Members-At-Large. The more hands we have, the more effective change we can make! Send our CV and a short explanation of why you would like to join council leadership to scda.cdpc@gmail.com

We appreciate the strong support of our SCDA members and the leaders of this council.

Yours in Service,
SCDA Council on Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities
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