

Detroit District Dental Society
Executive Board/ Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 10, 2023 Zoom Conference Call

Members Present: President Dr. Jehan Wakeem, Treasurer Dr. Yuksel Erpardo, Secretary Dr. Sue Carron. Board: Dr. Asmaa Abdel-Salam, Dr. Maria Manautou, Dr. Marvin, Sonne, Dr. Sona Fisenkova, Dr. Claudia Menton, Dr. Basam Shamo. Trustee and Council Members: Dr. Vince Lizzio, Dr. Melanie Mayberry

The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Jehan Wakeem at 7:15 PM. The presented agenda was approved as written. There was a quorum present and minutes from January 2023 and February 2023 were approved unanimously following a motion by Dr. Claudia Menton and seconded by Dr. Marv Sonne. April minutes were not sent out early enough for council to read. The March All- Branch minutes will be approved at 2024 Annual meeting.

Please review the NEW Dentist Interview Report at the Detroit Board Resource Page:
<https://www.detroitdentalsociety.org/member-center/ddds> board mtg upcoming

SECRETARY REPORT/CHIEF DELEGATE MDA RECAP: Dr. Sue Carron

DDDS presented three resolutions at the MDA-HOD. Two resolutions on membership for life membership age limits were presented. We produced a lot of discussion on the floor of the HOD. They thought since membership dues had been brought up numerous times, the past ten years, the last change in 2021, delegates thought the issue did not need to be discussed. BUT there is HOPE because President-elect Todd Christy see things differently, because younger members are not engaging (not enough time) and older members see no need to continue because no limits or discounts, after age 65 and if they are still working some. The application for a waiver and how It works is not totally understood, either. The Trustees will refer this concern on life membership to the Membership committee, as stated in the MDA reference committee report 2023., per Dr. Marv Sonne. Dr. Vince Lizzio said he would help Detroit write new resolutions on the membership area and on transparency of funds needed from non-reserves. It felt like it was Detroit vs. Everybody. MDA is just following what the ADA decides, without looking at the effect on membership numbers. ELECTIONS: Dr. Vince Lizzio (one more year in his term) and Dr. Melanie Mayberry (elected for three more years) are our Trustees-at-Large. Dr. Tamika Thompson was elected an Alternate Delegate for the ADA HOD 2023.

Our give- away of Hand Sanitizer with the D.E.T. logo and dated was a BIG hit. Hand Sanitizer keyrings were given to people with the saying” for your Hands and remember there are Hands-On classes included for the day, November 3, 2023”. Marcy and Marvin walked the exhibit floor, together, to recruit exhibitors and sponsors for DET. Patterson’s manager, Mr. Chad Cunningham

said he would help sponsor Zoo Day in 2024 and an exhibit at D.E.T. 2023. Marvin thought the entrance to the exhibit hall should have had a large sign Listing all the MDA Legislative accomplishments in 2022, for all to read upon entering.

Dr. Chris Gorecki visited our Caucus on Saturday to discuss the use (transparency) of non-reserve funds. The 2022 year, a total of \$200,000 was withdrawn from Non-Reserve Funds; for 2022 projects that the yearly budget passed in September 2021, were not include for year 2022. We thought a list composed of one or two pages to delegates would help explain the need for and importance of the needed withdrawal. Also, to help explain, to members, where our money was needed/spent in addition. We suggested to Dr. Gorecki, that as treasurer, he could start this process for the year 2023 to present to 2024 HOD.

Detroit had 16 wonderful enthusiastic delegates! All participated and spoke at the microphone. Dr. Steve Harris wrote on a voting card at the end to everyone: "GREAT JOB EVERYONE, We generated Debate, put forward three resolutions, successfully substituted a #10 (Resolution #10-Report on non-reserve spending) and amended it, and though we lost- We worked the process like CHAMPS!" Thank you notes were written by Sue Carron to all delegates and the two who had family issues and could not be there.

Minutes to Review Prior to next council meeting:

April 2023:

https://sitefinity.ada.org/doc/librariesprovider146/board-minutes-reports-2022/current-meeting/ddds-council-4-11-23-minutes.pdf?sfvrsn=a11ab68a_2

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Jehan Wakeem

- ZOOM Meeting June 13, 2023: Please join DDDS and Wolverine Dental Society for a joint meeting. The Boards will meet at 6:30 PM to network and talk about mutual issues. There will be a special link for the boards. Please introduce yourself, where you work, or are you retired and be prepared to discuss what you have done or could we do to bring more young dentists to our organizations and your favorite vacation. Then all registrants will join the Meeting at 7 PM. Two ADA speakers will talk on the "Future of Dentistry and Practice" This is a first, to have a joint meeting. Mrs. Livingstone designed the flyer for the joint meeting.
- Board /Council Meetings have been changed to the second Wednesday instead of the second Tuesday. We were in conflict with Wolverine Dental Society and MDA meetings. The goal is to have greater participation from council members, we have not met Quorum at about 40% of our meetings.

- ALL-BRANCH MEETING 2023: Current date March 20, 2024- at Laurel Manor, Livonia. Discussion was held to try to hold our meeting close to Washtenaw's date because the MDA President Eric Knudsen from Escanaba, will be at their March 11, after he is in Lansing for a Board meeting. BUT, after last year, we decided to hold **our All-Branch meeting on Wednesday, March 6, 2024**. Our meeting will not coincide with Ramadan. Dr. Knudsen can communicate with our district through Zoom video and Dr. Mayberry, volunteered to act as moderator. Plans to be made.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT: Ms. Marcy Dwyer

- Marcy will be attending U of D Mercy Alumni Day on May 11, 2023. Tomorrow. She will bring hand-outs on DET 2023, hand sanitizer, and advocacy. Information on Networking with DDDS Branches- CE District events, ADA/MDA benefits of joining. Mission of Mercy (MoM) to be held on date June 14-15, 2024, at Dort Areana, Flint. Marcy will be meeting with a possible student representative at the Alumni meeting. Detroit sent a congratulation/graduation letter to all new dentists from DDDS. There is also a letter being sent to all new D4 students, congratulating them on starting their last year. It also states all the CE and Networking (Branch meetings), and Special CE for them on evening of November 2, 2023, that they can attend for no charge (must RSVP). This mailing was organized by Staff at UDM, it was sent electronically because the students' home addresses are not always current.
- Golf Outing is June 14, 2023, at Pine Knob Golf course, near Clarkston. Hosted by Macomb, Oakland, Detroit, and Genesee Districts. Flyer to be out soon.
- No Summer social events. Marcy is talking to Patterson to sponsor the 2024 Detroit Zoo Day.
- DET2023 – the priority is on Marketing and sponsorships. **ACTION ITEM:** Monthly save the dates for DET2023 and information for Dental students and young dentists Special Night November 2, 2023 monthly save the dates starting in July.
- Want to have finalized dates and speakers set for branch by June, in order to effective mailing to save the Dates. **ACTION ITEM**
- Discussion on Oakland County Dental Society wanting to hold meetings at Western Branch site, the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Novi. Western has followed the best dinners for meeting sites. They have been in Southern Oakland County for about 20+ years and the Sheraton, through different owners, for almost 15+ years. We told their President Dr. Grewal that Western is not using the site in November or March.
- Dr. Andrea Tory has been getting quotes from other meeting sites: St. John's Convention Center charges \$1000 room rental and we must spend \$750 for food and gratuity. Too expensive and she asked that we stay at the same place.

- Marcy will be working to get our current office packed and moved by September.
ACTION ITEM: Need to set schedule office packing days, need people to help Marcy Pack-Up. May move some by car but most by moving company.
- Marcy will be out of the office from May 12th and working remotely assisting her mother to travel back to Michigan. All registrations will be processed, and phones will be normal.

TREASURER REPORT: Dr. Yuksel Erpardo

The Budget for Year 2023 has been finalized.

ACTION ITEM: MARCY please attach the budget as it was finalized to the minutes:

- Expenses: 62% for Program 38% for Administrative and overhead expenses
- Separate Budget for the D.E.T. Symposium November 3, 2023, and Special Thursday Night, November 2, 2023.
- Income: will be reduced due to fewer members. We need to engage young members to understand the importance of Tripartite membership and need to make personal connections. Also need to connect with senior members and make sure they get the waivers needed. Budget as presented has a Profit of \$158.91= break even budget
- Our CPA was able to get COVID funds from PPE of \$19,900. Do not know if there will be any taxes, we are a non-profit organization, but it is determined by our income and expenses. The monies are to benefit the members. Around \$17,000. The Scientific Committee asked if we could save it, to act as a buffer for the D.E.T. expenses and not use reserve funds. The D.E.T. budget is a break-even budget, too. Discussion held to agree with Scientific committee. Bottom Line: funds to be used for CE for members at no cost, for some programs.
- ACCOUNTS: Comerica Checking: \$ 95,460
Gorman Investment: need current amt: About \$100,000
Money Market: \$ 4321.46 connected to Gorman Acct.
Ford Investment Acct: \$ 1531.99 Marcy and Yuksel need to close the Account at end of quarter and transfer funds to Comerica Checking
Comerica CD: \$100,000 (By end of quarter/June 2023) **ACTION ITEM**

Motion: To Approve the 2023 Budget that was discussed over the last two meetings.
Motion made by Dr. Sona Fisenkova and seconded by Dr. Claudia Menton. Call for the vote as no further discussion is needed. Passed Unanimously.

BRANCH REPORTS:

Southwestern/Central: Basam and Marvin are working together to arrange meetings. Marvin will be in charge of September because Basam is out of town for important meeting.

Western: Andrea is looking for a successor. Maybe her Associate. She also looked at St. John's for an alternative site to meet- Too expensive and not as accommodating.

Eastern: Jehan is looking for a Successor.

Marcy reminded everyone she **would like speakers and dates by the end of June** to start Marketing for Branches. Dues will remain the same for packaged of four meetings (\$240) and individual meeting (\$70). Hopefully we maybe able to have ALL-Branch free.

OLD BUSINESS:

- *Approve Minutes from April and May 2023.

- * Send out meeting dates

GOOD and WELFARE:

Dr. Jehan Wakeem announced that Dr. Marvin Sonne will be installed as International President of the Alpha Omega International Dental Society on June 25, 2023, in Toronto. We ALL congratulated him. He explained how busy he will be, With meetings and travel. Next International Convention is in Israel, May 2024.

Discussion was held on the D.E.T. Hands-On speakers are Endo- ???, Oral Surgery-Dr, Ron Morris, Crown and Bridge from a Lab's perspective: Mr. Scott Ward, Bonus is that all these speakers are at no cost, just materials needed. Meeting at Courtyard by Marriott Detroit-Dearborn on Ford Rd and Southfield Rd. (5200 Mercury Dr., Dearborn, MI 48126)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM

Executive Session called for officers immediately after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Carron, DDS, MS, Secretary DDDS

ACTION ITEMS in YELLOW