SUBCOUNCIL ON NEW DENTISTS  
June 15, 2020  
Approved Minutes

SUBCOUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Drs. Zachary Christoff, Christopher Heck (chair), Lydia Lancaster, Natasha Sheridan, Spencer Tepe, George Williams and James Zimmerman III (vice chair)

LIAISONS PRESENT: Drs. Alex Mellion and Ms. Elizabeth Francis

LIAISONS ABSENT: Dr. Eric Gallatin

STAFF PRESENT: Mrs. Suzanne Brooks

CALL TO ORDER
Dr. Chris Heck called the Zoom conference meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

APPROVE MARCH 28, 2020 MEETING MINUTES
The subcouncil reviewed the March 28, 2020 Subcouncil on New Dentists meeting minutes.

- It was moved and seconded (Zimmerman/Christoff) to approve the March 28, 2020 Subcouncil on New Dentists meeting minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT UPDATE
The subcouncil reviewed and discussed a report updating them on the 2020 membership retention efforts. The subcouncil discussed how the ODA’s response to the COVID-19 Pandemic was a stellar example of the membership value of organized dentistry and suggested recruitment efforts should be focused on those types of examples. The subcouncil was informed that the current June issue of ODA Today was sent to all licensed dentists in Ohio, including non-members, and featured in-depth descriptions of the ODA’s response during the pandemic.

2020 NEW DENTIST RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION EVENT
The subcouncil reviewed and discussed the new dentist event at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium scheduled for July 18, 2020.

- It was moved and seconded (Lancaster/Zimmerman) to cancel the July 18, 2020 Family Day at the Zoo event due to the COVID-19 pandemic and current state limitations of gatherings of more than 10 people. Motion passed unanimously.

2020 ADA ENGAGEMENT GRANT
The subcouncil reviewed and discussed the status of their 2020 ADA Engagement Grant. The subcouncil was awarded a $3,400 from the ADA. The subcouncil discussed the Topgolf Columbus event and suggested that staff look into using that Grant for a resident event at the Topgolf in Cleveland. Dates to be considered are November 6, November 13 and October 30 – in that order.

- It was moved and seconded (Williams/Christoff) to investigate switching the ADA Engagement Grant to support another event in 2020 or an extension for implementation in 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

2020 ODA ANNUAL SESSION
The subcouncil reviewed and discussed new dentist and dental student offers and events at the 2020 ODA Annual Session. The subcouncil briefly discussed the current status of the 2020 ODA Annual Session due to COVID-19 gathering restrictions. Once a decision is made regarding Annual Session, the subcouncil may choose to meet again via Zoom to finalize their activities and plans.
**DIGITAL NEWSLETTER FOR NEW DENTISTS**

The subcouncil agreed with staffs’ recommendation to launch the revised new dentist digital newsletter, *NewDentNews*, in October 2020 to coincide with the launch of the ODA’s revised website.

**REVIEW UPCOMING DENTAL STUDENT AND NEW DENTIST EVENTS**

The subcouncil reviewed recent and upcoming dental student and new dentist programming, including:

- a) Annual Session New Dentist Social – September 24 (9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.)
- b) MATCH @ ODA Annual Session – September 25 (12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
- c) Annual Session Dental Student/Resident Reception – September 25 (5:00 p.m.)
- d) D1 orientation at OSU (August)
- e) CWRU & OSU Vendor Fairs (Fall)
- f) OSU Vendor Fair – August 31 (4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.)
- g) CWRU & OSU Street of Dreams (Fall)

All programs are subject to COVID-19 gathering restrictions.

**SUBCOUNCIL ADMINISTRATION**

The subcouncil recommends Dr. Zimmerman for chair and Dr. Zachary Christoff for vice chair of the Subcouncil on New Dentists 2020-2021 term.

- It was moved and seconded (Lancaster/Williams) to recommend Dr. James Zimmerman, III as the Chairman for 2020/2021 and Dr. Zachary Christoff as Vice Chairman. Motion passed unanimously.

The subcouncil discussed potential candidates to serve on the Subcouncil on New Dentists

- It was moved and seconded (Lancaster/Sheridan) to recommend Dr. Jared Elinger and Dr. Amar Vagada be included on the roster of the 2020/2021 Subcouncil on New Dentists. Motion passed unanimously.

The subcouncil scheduled two dates for their first meeting of the 2020-2021. Their preference would be a Zoom meeting held on Monday evening October 26 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. If the meeting must be held as an in-person meeting in Columbus, Ohio, they selected Friday, October 30, 2020, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., at the ODA office.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business to discuss, Dr. Heck adjourned the Subcouncil on New Dentists Zoom conference meeting at 8:07 p.m.