



Mount Baker District Dental Society
Nov. 2, 2021
Virtual Meeting
6:30 PM

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** President Dr. Marion Herson called the meeting to order a 6:35 p.m.
2. **Approval of Oct. 5 Minutes:** Moved, seconded, and carried, to approve the minutes as printed in the November issue of *Toothsayer*.
3. **Introduction of Guests:** Nancy Tupper recognized guests from UW School of Dentistry: Dr. Gary Chiodo, Dean; Dr. Sara Gordon, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and professor of oral medicine; and Doug Day, Associate Director of Advancement & External Affairs.
4. **Announcements**
 - a) UW Dental Alumni Association: Doug Day provided an update on the school's Dental Alumni Association.
 - b) UW School of Dentistry Update: President-Elect Dr. Will Nichols introduced Dr. Gary Chiodo, Dean of UW-SOD. Dr. Chiodo provided an update on the School of Dentistry. Highlights:
 - 2021 Fiscal year has ended with a positive revenue of about \$1.3M, which will allow the school to recruit and hire more faculty
 - Clinical production is minimum of 95% recovered and over 100% recovered in graduate clinics, with an increased in new patients and overall visits as well
 - Shoreline Community College Dental Hygiene Program is operating at UWSOD as of now and is revenue positive and has begun implementing a recall program
 - A hearty thank you was extended to all members for the MBDDS gift of \$1,000 towards the Shoreline program and it has been matched as part of the challenge grant through Delta Dental of Washington
 - Plan to increase enrollment back up to 25 hygiene students per year and transfer around 2,000 active patients from Shoreline to UWSOD
 - New SOD Research Graduate Program Director Robert Cornell, PhD, will be arriving at the new year; his focus is in genetic pathways in embryonic cells and adult stem cells and he currently is the PI for 3 NIH grants
 - c) Reminder: Attendees expecting to receive a CE attendance verification: Attendance is required throughout the lecture. Be sure your name is showing on the screen; if not, sign in to Chat with both first and last name; if Chat is not an option, voice your attendance. AGD members, please provide your AGD number or at least indicate your membership. AGD verification code to be issued at the conclusion of tonight's lecture.
 - d) WORTH REPEATING: Veterans Smile Day: To participate, contact Dr. Aaron Lemperees at aaron@leempereesdentistry.com or (360) 738-0444.
 - e) WORTH REPEATING: Skagit Regional Health / Radiation Oncology: Pre-Radiation Dental Care Volunteer Program Update: Information about the volunteer program is included in the recent newsletter, with a link to volunteer form. [Link for Volunteer Form](#)
 - f) A Staff Guide provided by Dr. Gordon will be emailed to participants
5. **Correspondence:** Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Micah Marth read excerpts from two letters of thanks from recipients of the BTC scholarships MBDDS provided. Both recipients were extremely grateful to

MBDDS for the scholarships provided and cited the ease of affording school without having to work long hours and being able to focus on studies and provide for patients in our community

6. **Budget Report:** Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Micah Marth gave the financial report.

7. **Committee Reports**

a) Membership Committee: Dr. Will Nichols announced new members, for the record: Drs. Jessica Dubek, Zheng Xu, Chris Wood. Welcome, all—happy to have you!

b) Midwinter Planning Committee: Registration has begun, can register online, at our website: Mbdds.org, or mail-in. Brochures with registration form were mailed to all members.

c) No other committee reports made

8. **Business: Old and New**

a) Shoreline Dental Program Match Campaign: MBDDS made a recent donation of \$1,000 toward Shoreline's dental program, now at UWSOD. Delta Dental will match \$500,000 in contributions; individuals are invited to consider contributing. More info will be included in next newsletter.

b) No other business addressed

9. **Continuing Education:** President-Elect Dr. Will Nichols introduced featured speaker, Dr. Sara Gordon, from UWSOD. Dr. Gordon presented on Oral Cancer: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly. Highlights of the impressive lecture:

- The dentist's role in early detection of oral cancer and educating patients, specifically how to respond to specific patient situations (and push backs!) that commonly arise
- The ADA's evidence-based guidelines on evaluating potentially malignant oral lesions and touched on different diagnostic adjuncts
- ADA Clinical Practice Guideline link
- Very useful and practical tips on submitting biopsies
- Incorporating an Office Staff Guide to Oral Biopsies in your own practice which Nancy will send out
- If you have any further questions for Dr. Gordon, please email her at gordons@uw.edu

10. **AGD Code:** President Dr. Marion Hernon announced the AGD course completion verification code, for AGD members.

11. **Next Meeting**

Jan. 4, Virtual at 6:30 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Marijoyce Leynes

Topic: Patients with Shingles and Stomatitis

12. **Adjournment:** President Dr. Marion Hernon adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.