



Mount Baker District DENTAL SOCIETY

Mount Baker District Dental Society
March 1, 2022
Virtual Meeting
6:30 PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: President Dr. Marion Hernon called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the meeting of the January 4, 2022, as printed in December issue of *Toothsayer*, were approved.

3. Introduction of Guests: No guests to introduce.

4. Announcements

Reminder: Attendees expecting to receive a CE attendance verification: Be sure your name is showing on the screen; if not, sign in on 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 conclusion of tonight's lecture.

Free CE Opportunity: Past President Dr. Mandy Alamwala announced a free continuing education opportunity on March 17, 6-9 PM, 3 CE credits. Dinner/beverages included at Swinomish Casino & Lodge, with a presentation by Dr. Schuler, Burlington Periodontal Study Club.

5. Correspondence: Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Micah Marth shared that MBDDS received a thank you letter and photos from Boys & Girls Club of Whatcom County, for the children's dental kits donated and distributed for Children's Dental Health Month.

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

7. Committee Reports

Membership Committee: New members Drs. Christine Woodward and Liank Lopez Valverde were announced, for the record. Welcome, Dr. Woodward and Dr. Valverde!!

Nominations Committee: President Dr. Hernon reported on upcoming elections in May, for Secretary-Treasurer and WSDA Delegate. Nominations open at April meeting. Please let Nominations Committee members know if you are interested in running or would like to nominate someone. The recent newsletter outlined the duties of office, and they are also listed in the bylaws (Article III: Duties of Officers) which is accessible on our [website](#).

Basic tasks: The Secretary-Treasurer keeps minutes at all meetings and serves on Executive Committee; the WSDA delegate represents MBDDS at the annual WSDA House of Delegates and reports back to MBDDS. Any questions? A great opportunity to

jump into organized dentistry and see first hand the great benefits the society can provide to our local dental community. Personally- the position of Secretary/Treasurer is a great place to start and you can accomplish nearly all your duties while attending the meetings you're already enjoying! The way the dental community interacts and accesses CE is changing rapidly, making it a great time to join in local societies such as MBDDS and help shape the future direction of our profession.

Business: Old and New

Children's Dental Health Month: Nancy Tupper reported that nearly 1,000 children's dental kits were donated by MBDDS (thanks to Arcora grant) to children in Whatcom and Skagit counties, through Boys & Girls Clubs and the Skagit Children's Museum. The children's groups were beyond thrilled to receive the dental kits! Good work team (and Nancy for delivering them)!

Worth Repeating: ADA Grant: Thanks to the work of President Dr. Marion Herson, MBDDS has received approval of an ADA Acquisition, Recruitment, and Conversion (ARC) Program Grant to help fund a New Dentist Welcome Whatcom Historical Cruise. The intention is to recruit and welcome new members. Details to follow. Awesome work Marion! What an incredible opportunity to build our society and network with the new generation of dentists!

Member Appreciation Night: President-Elect Dr. Will Nichols announced the Saturday, May 7, free social hour and dinner event with entertainment, for members and partners/guests, at Four Points Sheraton, Bellingham. A time to meet with peers, share your experiences of the past two years, relax and have fun. Advance registration required, for limited seating. Watch for more details and registration. FREE FOOD?! Can't wait to see you all there!

New & Emerging Speaker Series at PNDC 2022: Past President Dr. Mandy Alamwala reported that the member-exclusive speaker series offers WSDA members the chance to present 50-minute dental-related lectures at Washington's largest dental conference. Application deadline: Monday, March 21. Excellent opportunity for any of our local speakers to share their expertise with the state society and snag a free VIP admission and a couple meals at PNDC.

WSDA's Stop Big Sugar Campaign: President Dr. Marion Herson noted the campaign highlights 1) the role that sugar cereal profits from The Kellogg Company play in health care policy and 2) to improve the transparency of public advocacy efforts in Washington State. WSDA has invited MBDDS to formally join WSDA in pledging to not accept funding from or join advocacy efforts funded by Big Sugar. Discussion followed. **It was moved, seconded, and approved, for MBDDS to join WSDA in pledging to not accept funding or join advocacy efforts funded by Big Sugar.**

No additional business.

Continuing Education: President-Elect Dr. Will Nichols introduced the speaker, Dr. Dennis Hoofnagle, and topic, Hypnosis in Dentistry. We were absolutely honored to have a pillar of the Bellingham dental community provide the lecture. Dr. Hoofnagle has built a

very impressive resume and list of accolades over the course of his career. He shared an overview into hypnosis in dentistry, his personal experience, and how dentists can access training and add hypnosis to complement and benefit their modern dental practice.

Course Completion Verification Code: President Dr. Marion Hernon provided the code, for AGD members.

Next Meeting:

April 5, Virtual

Speaker: Dr. Patrick Bennett

Topic: Understanding and Preserving Peri-Implant Soft Tissue

Adjournment: President Dr. Hernon adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Micah Marth, DDS
MBDDS Secretary-Treasurer