

NJDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING REPORT

MARCH 10, 2021

NJDA Dinner Cruise on the Hudson Sunday, April 25th honoring Past President Dr. Tom Rossi. Please go to the NJDA website for further information and to sign up.

Membership Report:

Active members as of 3/08/2021 are 2,629 as compared to 2,601 in 2020. 79.47% of members renewed in 2021 compared to 77.75% in 2020. These percentages reflect all categories of membership (not only active).

**The NJDA has been informed by the ADA that the NJDA has received the highest satisfaction score from members than any other association in the nation.

Governmental Affairs:

There is a virtual reception and fundraiser for Assemblywoman Pamela Lampitt on March 31st, Wednesday. Donations to attend are \$150 pp for the happy hour at 4:30 pm and \$250 pp to attend the dessert reception at 7 pm. All members are encouraged to donate and attend as she is a friend to dentistry. Please reach out to me, Dr. Leslie Hayling or Jim Schulz if interested. Your attendance is sincerely welcomed.

Annual Session:

At 186, there are less registrants this year compared to other years. However, 12% of the 186 are new attendees and the overall response has been overwhelmingly great according to NJDA staff. In 2019, there were 28 people registered/course and this year 67/course. Sponsors are extremely pleased.

FREE – May 7th from 10am-2 pm shredding event at our headquarters.

Executive Director:

Smile Direct case has been scheduled for oral arguments on 4/28 in appellate court. Mr. Meisel stressed that this case deals with the role played by DSOs and what they can and cannot do as the central issue to the case.

President Report:

In a meeting with the DOH Commissioner, not enough vaccines are coming in and there is not a mass need for vaccinators until another month and a half from now. Stay tuned on how to help out.

State Board of Dentistry Update:

Meetings remain closed to the public and remote among members. There are three new appointees. The new president is John Feeney and VP Stephen Cohen. There has been created an online application site which still needs about two weeks to be up and running. All licensees will be able to have their own account with their info where they can pay and alter information as needed. In the meantime, paper processing continues slowly as employees have been laid off or furloughed.

There are 9 dentists, 1 hygienist, 2 public members and 1 state representative (Dr. Darwin Hayes, MDS member) on the board.

For the 10/31/21 license renewal, there have been 10 new CE and 6 new CE requirements for dentists and auxiliaries respectively. An extension was requested for the new CE requirements due to the pandemic. The only two that may not be extended are the 1 hr CE on opioid addiction and 2 hr CE for infection control. The NJDA is addressing the two subjects and the future regarding these requirements for licensing this year. Look for updates via email from the NJDA.

The next meeting of the BOT is April 8, 2021. PLEASE reach out to me with questions of if you would like to begin some sort of involvement in your local or state society. Thank you for allowing me to serve the MDS in this position and I in turn thank the dedicated staff and dentists serving us at the NJDA.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Kosztyu