School is out, signaling summer has officially arrived, at least in the practice of Pediatric Dentistry. For my loyal staff, that means little or no time off for frolic and fun with the exception of the days surrounding the celebration of Independence Day. During our Nation’s fight for independence, there was no waxing and waining of busy and slow times in dentistry. There was no visit to the dentist dependent upon social service contracts or insurance industry dictates. It was dependent solely upon need for service and immediate payment (albeit not necessarily in currency exchange).

One of our most famous Freedom Fighters, Paul Revere was a blacksmith by trade, but also dabbled in dentistry. In doing so, Paul Revere became known as the first forensic odontologist. Revere learned dentistry from an English dental surgeon named John Baker. Baker is also known as George Washington’s dentist. He taught Revere how to fabricate and deliver false teeth in partial dentures using ivory or animals teeth. Revere created a partial denture for his friend, Major General Joseph Warren. He made the denture from from silver wire and hippopotamus tusk. The partial replaced Warren’s maxillary, left bicuspid. It was Warren that sent Revere to warn about the arrival of the British and alert John Hancock and Samuel Adams of their impending arrests by the British Army. Then, fate had a hand in things. MG Joseph Warren rode to the Battle of Bunker Hill. Although he was invited to take a leadership role, he declined and chose to battle the British on the front lines.
President’s message continued..........

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Warren was shot, close range, with a British musket, the bullet entering under his left eye and exiting near the base of his skull. How do we know that? Nine months after the battle, the patriots regained control of Bunker Hill, and Revere, along with Warren’s brother went looking for his remains. They sought to give him a proper burial. Revere identified Warren’s remains by, you guessed it, the partial denture!

It’s nice to know as we look forward to July 4th this summer, dentists indeed did their part in helping our Founding Fathers create the best country in the world. Whether you are enjoying one of the many beautiful locations here in the Southeast, or traveling to a far away land, I hope you celebrate Independence Day with your loved ones.

Happy 4th of July,
Leigh Ann
JANUARY ANNUAL SESSION COURSE SCHEDULE

Friday, January 9th

Continental Breakfast............................7:30 - 8:30am
Registration & check-in.........................7:30 - 5:00pm
Lecture...................................................8:30 - 10:00am
  Dr. Tim Shaughnessey
Break..................................................10:00 - 10:30am
Lecture...................................................10:30 - Noon
  Dr. Tim Shaughnessey
Lunch..................................................Noon - 2:00pm
Lecture..................................................2:00 - 3:15pm
  Dr. Tim Shaughnessey
Break..................................................3:15 - 3:45pm
Lecture..................................................3:45 - 5:15pm
  Dr. Tim Shaughnessey

Saturday, January 10th

Member’s Business Meeting Breakfast..7:30 - 8:30am
Lecture....................................................8:30 - 10:00am
  Dr. Chris Baker
Break..................................................10:00 - 10:30am
Lecture..................................................10:30 - Noon
Lunch..................................................Noon - 2:00pm
  *Resident’s Program................................Noon - 2:00pm
Lecture..................................................2:00 - 3:15pm
  Dr. Chris Baker
Break..................................................3:15 - 3:45pm
Lecture..................................................3:45 - 5:15pm
  Reception...............................................5:15 - 6:15pm
  Dr. Chris Baker

Sunday, January 11th

Continental Breakfast............................7:30 - 8:30am
Lecture..................................................8:30 - 10:00am
  Dr. Chris Baker
Break..................................................10:00 - 10:30am
Lecture..................................................10:30 - Noon

  *Resident’s Program Speaker -  Dr. Bobby Elliott
January 2015 Continuing Education Course Registration

Please detach and return this form with your payment by December 10, 2014. For group registration, please forward a list of all attendees along with address information.

Fees: by 12-10-2014 after 12-10-2014

_____ $595 Member SSPD _____ $645
_____ $695 Non-member _____ $745
_____ $295 Staff _____ $345
_____ $50 Retired Members & Full time Faculty (cost for daily refreshment breaks and business meeting breakfast)

Course registration for Non-members includes one year membership to the SSPD. Course registration for Residents and Full-time Faculty is complimentary

REGISTER

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3434 Peachtree Road
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ROOM RATES

Cut off date: December 10, 2014
Single or Double Room:
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You can also register on line at www.sspd.org using Paypal.

Cancellations must be made in writing and received by the society at least 7 days in advance of the time registration opens at the meeting. Cancellations will be assessed a $50 administrative fee. Refunds will be processed after the meeting.

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COURSE APPROVED FOR 15 CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS.
2015 Annual Continuing Education Course

Please Mark your Calendars for the 2015 Annual CE Course in Atlanta
“A Return to Excellence in Orthodontics”

January 9th -11th

Featuring

Dr. Tim Shaughnessy & Dr. Chris Baker

Dr. Timothy Shaughnessy received his DDS degree from the University of Michigan and his Masters of Science in Orthodontics from the University of North Carolina. He was the recipient of a National Research Fellowship awarded by the National Institute of Dental Research and as a result of his accomplishments, earned an Award of Special Merit from the American Association of Orthodontics in 1987.

Dr. Shaughnessy has been the Director of Atlanta Orthodontic Study Group form 1992 to present. Dentists from around the world join him to learn more about orthodontics. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics and currently practices Orthodontics in Johns Creek/Suwanee, Georgia.

HIS COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Understand the concept of Phase I orthodontic treatment and the practice management ramifications.
2. Be able to differentiate between dental and skeletal problems.
3. Learn to systematically evaluate each patient in all 3 planes of space.
4. Become more thoughtful regarding treatment timing.
5. Appreciate the differences in growth between boys and girls and the impact on treatment timing for skeletal correction.
6. Give considerably more thought to the words “cost-effective” and “time-efficient”.
7. Consider the patient first when deciding who benefits from Phase I therapy.

Chris Baker, RN, DMD. After practicing as a critical care Registered Nurse for 10 years, Dr. Baker earned her DMD from University of Kentucky and her certificate in Pediatric Dentistry from University of Connecticut. Dr. Baker spent a year fellowship in Orthodontics at UConn and served on faculty in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics for 7 years. She joined the late Dr. Walter Doyle in practice and teaching seminars. Dr. Baker’s approach to pediatric dentistry and orthodontics is based in prevention, with emphasis on orthodontic treatment procedures for the preschool and school-age child to improve the growth of the entire face.

In her lecture she will cover:

1. “One and Done” (phase I orthodontic treatment without phase II)
2. Pre-school Class III Treatment
3. Habits/Airways/Upper Expansion
MARK YOUR CALENDAR
2015 Resort Meeting
April 10th -12th
The Charleston Place Hotel
Charleston, South Carolina

More details coming soon!

Charleston Place Front Entrance

Lobby Staircase

Spa Pool
Greetings,

I was proud to help represent both the FAPD and the SSPD at the 2014 AAPD Annual Session in Boston. Overall, it was a great meeting, and the LAC in Boston did a fantastic job. The preliminary numbers show that this may have surpassed last year’s session in Orlando as the highest attended meeting. This is the first time that it has been in a major east coast city, and that likely contributed to the high attendance. As always, there were plenty of vendors and lectures for the members. Most of the courses went off without a hitch, although there were some issues with not having ample room for a few of the highly attended courses. All in all, however, the CE component of the course went off just fine. The Welcome Reception at Fenway Park was very cool. Although the weather was quite chilly, the atmosphere and the stadium were really great. As always, the AAPD did a great job with food and entertainment, and it really seemed that those in attendance had a fantastic time.

From a state and district organization standpoint, the big issue at hand was the bylaws amendment to eliminate tripartite membership. I will mention several of the meetings that I attended in regards to this topic. I will mention that there was a lot of talk about this issue well before the first Reference Committee Meeting, and it was clear that the AAPD was pushing hard to eliminate the requirement while several districts and states, led by the WSPD and California, were doing everything that they could to maintain the tripartite requirement. I can tell you that by some of the conversations that I had leading up to the meetings, it was going to be an uphill battle to keep the tripartite requirement.

The Reference Committee Meeting took place on Saturday morning and it was actually fairly uneventful. Those that attended the meeting last year will remember that there was a lot of discussion during the meeting, just to have all of it rehashed at the General Assembly. In light of that, most people just chose to wait until the General Assembly on Sunday to speak since they felt that the AAPD officials were not going to make any changes based on the reference committee hearing. The only thing that came out of this meeting was an interesting idea by the WSPD. The AAPD claims that although the tripartite change was defeated at last year’s Session, several states requested that this topic be brought up again. The WSPD asked for a change in the motion by the AAPD that in lieu of eliminating the tripartite requirement, you allow the individual state to have that choice. This way, those states that did not wish to participate in the tripartite did not have to and those that did could maintain the requirement. In the Report of the Reference Committee, the AAPD stated that, “the Western Society proposal materially changes the intent of the Bylaws amendment and therefore under the AAPD Bylaws it is out of order.” In other words, the WSPD request was denied.

Next up were the different district caucuses. I attended the SSPD caucus along with
roughly 15 other members from different states. There were several topics on the SSPD agenda other than the tripartite issue including Medicaid audits that have been going on in different states by outside companies. As far as the tripartite issue, many members spoke and one SSPD member told the AAPD Executives in attendance that the AAPD has neglected the will of the General Assembly for so many years since the tripartite requirement was never actually enforced. Also, he felt that the AAPD will continue to ignore the wishes of the members until they make the changes that they want to the Bylaws. Although there were some tense emotions, both the members of the SSPD and the AAPD were able to have a civil discussion and not let the debate deteriorate. As for me, I stated my personal views as to why I felt that maintaining the tripartite requirement would be the best thing for the FAPD and the SSPD. I spoke at length at the caucus, but in a nutshell, I felt that while the AAPD does make some excellent points, there is no stronger statement of support that they can make to the District/State than requiring membership in those components. While eliminating the tripartite will be better for the AAPD, it has the potential to splinter the States and the Districts. I spoke specifically about Florida and that prior to having the AAPD collect dues; we stressed the membership requirement in our email blasts, newsletters, facebook page and website. We also reinforced it with our dues statement. In Florida, we had a 20% increase in membership and have a potential increase of another 32% if the AAPD enforces the tripartite requirement. The increased membership has allowed us to decrease dues and provide better CE for our members. I also mentioned that the American Association of Orthodontists requires membership in the District, then allows the District to determine if State membership is required. The AAO also boasts a 98% membership rate! My concern is also that by eliminating the need for tripartite requirement, you make it less likely that the State, District and National organizations will work together as everyone will be concerned about their own well-being. There were several other points that I brought up as well, and if anyone is interested in those, I will gladly email you my notes. All in all, it was the position of the Executive Boards of the FAPD and the SSPD that maintaining the tripartite requirement would be the best for our groups.

The next meeting was a very interesting Leadership Caucus that was organized by the WSPD. I will spare you the issues that were going on in organizing this meeting, but I will say that at its conclusion, everyone in attendance including the representatives from the AAPD were in support of continuing this type of meeting next year at the Annual Session in Seattle. The format of the Leadership Caucus started with a guest speaker, Mark Levin, talking briefly about the qualities of a good leader. Next, there was an opportunity for the districts to have a direct line of communication to discuss issues in their area. Topics of discussion included corporate dentistry, mid-level providers and tripartite membership. There was very interesting discussion on corporate dentistry and the problems with it. Also, there was interesting dialogue regarding mid-level providers and how dentists should be “activists” instead of “advocates” when dealing with groups like the Pew and Kellogg Foundations.

Finally, the General Assembly took place on Sunday, and after all the preliminaries were taken care of, the big debate over the tripartite requirement took place. The summary is that the bylaw change eliminating the tripartite requirement passed and there is no longer a mandate that an AAPD member after 1999 join their respective District and State organizations. As a representative of the FAPD/SSPD, I will tell you that protocol was followed and the rule passed with a roughly 3:1 margin. Speaking for myself, I was very disappointed in how this topic was dealt with from start to finish. The following is my own opinion here. I personally feel that it things could have been handled very differently. For 15 years, the AAPD has chosen not to enforce the bylaws. Last year, the AAPD was defeated in their quest to change the bylaws. They cite doomsday figures when discussing the issues instead of sticking to more realistic debate. The best argument the AAPD could have made would simply have been, “we believe that all members should get to choose what organization they want to belong to, and we
don’t want to force them to do something that they don’t believe is in their best interest.” Instead, there was a lot of talk of litigation and loss of membership, when there was no clear evidence of that over the past 15 years and there are examples of how tripartite can work. That being said, I found it a little troubling that after the General Assembly last year, no attempt was made to actually enforce the rule that the membership voted on. No attempt was made to consult the states or the districts to discuss the issue. Instead, the rule was brought up again at a meeting that was as far away as possible from the biggest advocates to tripartite membership. Maybe it’s a bit of a conspiracy theory, but when the AAPD President was asked point blank at the General Assembly if the reason that the AAPD brought this issue up again was because some states brought it to the AAPD’s attention, he chose to repeatedly side-step the question. Honestly, it was actually quite funny during the meeting. The other disappointing thing about the meeting is that there was not as much true debate as I would have liked. In fact I waited in line for a turn to speak, but was forced to sit through motion after motion on parliamentary procedure and unnecessary votes. Before I was even given an opportunity to speak, it was called to a vote. Honestly, as much as I wanted to speak my mind, I was even tired of all the minutia that was going on.

On the flip side, I will say this. I truly believe that the people representing the SSPD, specifically AAPD President Dr. Ed Moody and District Trustee Dr. Brian Beitel, will have our best interests at heart and even if they disagree with us, they are willing to openly listen to our opinions.

The question before us now is, “What do we do next?” I encourage the SSPD and the FAPD to continue with dues collection through the AAPD. I also encourage each group to reach out to its members and show that membership has its values. Unfortunately, there is now going to be some competition for the dentist’s dollar among all the pedo organizations, but I am hopeful that each organization can provide enough value to sustain high membership rates. I thank the FAPD and the SSPD for allowing me the opportunity to serve as a liaison at the AAPD Annual Session and look forward to helping out in any way that I can.

This is one man’s opinion, and That’s the Last Word!

Respectfully Submitted,

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