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NODA News

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To establish and maintain a cohesive organization that serves its membership by promoting the art, science and professionalism of dentistry, and by communicating the value of oral health to the community.

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Moving Forward in a New Decade

by Laurie F. Moeller, D.D.S. - NODA President



Happy 2011 to everyone! I hope that the holidays brought you much joy and happiness shared with family and friends. It is with great anticipation that we enter a new decade, reflect on the past successes of our organization and make plans for our future.

With that goal in mind, I have asked the board members to participate in a Strategic Planning meeting to focus on setting the goals and objectives that will carry us forward for the next 3-5 years. The last meeting of this kind was almost 8 years ago and much has happened since then! We will celebrate our successes and address our weaknesses in the hope of engaging both new and long standing members of our organization. The Strategic Planning meeting will be held this summer and more plans we be announced as they develop. I welcome your input into this important process.

NODA will continue to be an organization of professionals that will be of value to its members and the community in which we practice and live. It is vitally important to encourage our young dentists to join and become active members. They

are the lifeblood of NODA. We must foster these relationships and provide mentorship and leadership skills.

As you know, the New Orleans Dental Conference/LDA Annual Session will be April 14-16, 2011. Dr. Chaney and his Conference Committee have assembled an outstanding program with well known speakers and a not to be missed welcome reception at the House of Blues. We hope you and your staff will attend. Volunteers are much needed and appreciated. If you can offer some time as a volunteer, please call Ms. Normalee Ward at the NODA office, 504/834-6449.

Lastly, on behalf of the members of NODA, I would like to thank the 2010 NODA Board of Directors and Committee Chairs. Dr. Kristi Soileau, now our past-president, proved to be a diligent, thoughtful and extremely gracious leader. I can't say enough about the commitment that all of the board members have shown this past year and look forward to working with them this year. These individuals have given a lot of their personal time in the name of NODA and for you and our community. Congratulations on a job well done.

Have a Happy, Safe and Prosperous New Year!

JANUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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NEW ORLEANS DENTAL ENTERPRISES, L.L.C.

by: Kevin J. Collins, D.D.S. – 2010 NODE Chair



Let's start the New Year right!

New Orleans Dental Enterprises, L.L.C. wants to start 2011 BIG! But, we can't do it

without participation from our member dentists.

To start the ball moving, NODE will start 2011 with Dr. Darrell Bourg, Jr. as our new Chairman! The NODE committee has grown to four member volunteers and we are hoping for more volunteers. The goal is to push the NODE to new financial heights!

With those highlights above, NODE has officially added a new Preferred Provider company, Mailyoursharps.com. Mailyoursharps.com can be used as a cost-effective method for the disposal of needles, syringes, and lancets, including other types of sharps and small quantities of medical waste too! Check out their ad in the December 2010 issue of NODA News.

In the December 2010 issue of NODA News, Mailyoursharps.com had an article (p.11) on how to dispose of that old lead apron. You can't throw your old lead apron in the trash because of an OSHA regulation regarding the lead content. So, before you illegally dispose of that old lead apron, check out the article and dispose of it the right way!

Still paying fifty-cents for that e-claim? Whoosh; there goes more profit out the door! Sign up for ClaimX. ClaimX is 25cents a claim!

Others have used ClaimX, and they are saving money! Don't be left behind!!!

The application form has the important special NODA code. The form and information regarding ClaimX is on the NODA website. The website information can be found either under the Preferred Provider section or by accessing the December 2009 issue of the NODA News in the Newsletter section.

First Data Merchant Services (First Data) is offering a 1.69% on debit, 1.79% on credit card, and 2.55% on American Express-guaranteed rate for your credit card processing. Don't be fooled by the "free" services offered by other credit card processors. You can pay higher fees in hidden charges! There are no hidden charges with First Data. Check out First Data under the Preferred Provider section on the NODA website and all the details in the advertisement (p.10) in the November 2010 issue of the NODA News.

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NEW ORLEANS DENTAL ENTERPRISES, L.L.C. Con't.


by: Kevin J. Collins, D.D.S. – 2010 NODE Chair

I have stated in past articles and at general membership meetings that Darby Dental is not trying to get between you and your current dental supply company relationship. Darby Dental is presenting you with an opportunity to save money on your dental supplies. You can receive a rebate on your monthly purchases and generate revenue for NODA. It is this simple! NODE Preferred Provider Program company can be found in the Preferred Provider section on NODA website, www.nodental.org.

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NEW ORLEANS DENTAL ENTERPRISES, L.L.C. Con't.

by: Kevin J. Collins, D.D.S. –
2010 NODE Chair

REMEMBER: NODE WILL HAVE THREE BOOTHS AT THE NODC/LDA ANNUAL SESSION. I am expecting representatives from every Preferred Provider Company to be at the conference. Talk to these representatives and see what they can do for you!

In writing my last article as chairman of NODE, I want to thank everyone who has assisted me with the program, especially Mr. Andrew Hale, our NODA Executive Director. The members who are participating and are enjoying and benefiting from the money-saving programs that NODE provides, have given me tremendous encouragement that NODE will continue to prosper.

Last thought: NODE and NODA are all about the member-dentist and being part of a wonderful profession of Dentistry. You should take advantage of the money-saving opportunities NODE affords you.

*Complete information on every NODE Preferred Provider Program company can be found in the Preferred Provider section on NODA website,

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Upcoming Scientific Programs

by George H. Arch, Jr., D.D.S. - NODA Scientific Program Committee Chair

January 19, 2011

General Membership Meeting

LOCATION

CHATEAU COUNTRY CLUB

3600 Chateau Drive

Kenner, Louisiana 70065

504/467-1351

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TIME

Check in @ 6:30pm

Meeting begins @ 7:00pm

SPEAKER

James A. Moreau, Jr., D.D.S.

Dr. Moreau graduated from the LSU School of Dentistry in 1980 and served as an associate professor of Fixed Prosthodontics for seven years while also in private practice. He also developed a preventive and advanced restorative practice with emphasis on cosmetic results. He is a sustaining member of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry and received certification in LSU's charter class of the Compendium for Cosmetic Dentistry. With hundreds of hours of continuing education, Dr. Moreau has extended his range of dental services to encompass: microdentistry, root canal therapy, implantology, oral surgery and advanced techniques in preventive, restorative and cosmetic dentistry.

TOPIC OF PRESENTATION

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February 16, 2011

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LOCATION

SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB

105 North Roadway Drive

New Orleans, Louisiana 70124

504/288-4221

www.southernyachtclub.org

TIME

Check in @ 6:30pm

Meeting begins @ 7:00pm

SPEAKER

Tyler P. Lasseigne, D.D.S., C.D.T.

Dr. Tyler P. Lasseigne is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Prosthodontics at Louisiana State University School of Dentistry. He maintains a private practice limited to comprehensive restorative dentistry in Baton Rouge, LA. Dr. Lasseigne received his postgraduate education in prosthodontics at LSUSD while obtaining a certification in Dental Lab Technology. He now serves as adjunct faculty at the Pankey Institute and is a member of numerous professional academies. Aside from private practice, Dr. Lasseigne is educator and an expert in esthetics and comprehensive dentistry.

TOPIC OF PRESENTATION

"Digital Solutions and Material Innovations for Implant Dentistry"

Upcoming Scientific Programs - Con't.

by George H. Arch, Jr., D.D.S. - NODA Scientific Program Committee Chair

The lecture will cover successful fusion of digital applications and new implant materials to improve the outcome of implant therapy.

OBJECTIVES

At the completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- 1.) Treatment plan for implants using Guided Surgery.
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General Membership Meeting

LOCATION

FIVE HAPPINESS

3605 South Carrollton Avenue

New Orleans, Louisiana 70118

504/482-3935

www.fivehappiness.com

TIME

Check in @ 6:30pm

Meeting begins @ 7:00pm

SPEAKER

Larry Oxenham, Author, Senior Advisor

Larry Oxenham is one of America's top asset protection experts, having helped thousands of doctors achieve financial peace of mind by teaching them how to properly structure their assets for lawsuit protection and tax reduction. He has authored and co-authored several articles and books on the subject including The Asset Protection Bible. His career has been credited with helping thousands of people save millions of dollars. Larry Oxenham is a nationally recognized speaker who has trained thousands of professionals at hundreds of conventions, conferences and seminars across the country.

TOPIC OF PRESENTATION

"Advanced Lawsuit Protection and Tax Reduction Strategies for Dentists"

This course teaches proven and effective strategies to prevent and protect against lawsuits, allowing dentists the peace of mind necessary to focus on improved patient care. Tax reduction and estate planning strategies adapted to dentists are also taught. Specific topics covered in this course include:

Lawsuit Protection

- Sources of lawsuits dentists are exposed to and how to prevent them.

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by George H. Arch, Jr., D.D.S. - NODA Scientific Program Committee Chair

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- How to avoid the most common asset protection mistakes made by dentists and their advisors.
- How dentists can minimize vicarious liability for the acts of other professionals and staff.

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- Five strategies dentists can use to reduce income taxes each year.
- How dentists can eliminate the capital gains tax on the sales of a business, real estate, stocks or

other assets.

- Tools dentists can use to pass assets to heirs tax free.
- Techniques dentists can use to avoid probate and eliminate all estate taxes.
- How dentists can effectively use corporations, trusts, wills, and family limited partnerships.

OBJECTIVES

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- 3.) Reduce liability insurance costs.
- 4.) Minimize taxes.

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- 37) Support to exempt dental practices from the FTC Red Flags Rule.
- 38) Support for legislation to allow small business loans for dental offices in underserved areas.
- 39) Support for legislation to permit dental school graduates to deduct more interest on their student loans.
- 40) OralLongevity™ campaign to encourage seniors to visit their dentist.
- 41) OralLongevity™ advertising reached more than 14 million consumers.
- 42) National broadcast about oral health during pregnancy reached 4.1 million people.
- 43) Support for states to increase the Medicaid reimbursement rate.
- 44) Development of bone grafting materials to enable dental implants in one step.
- 45) New product information that's unbiased and scientifically sound from the ADA Professional Product Review™.
- 46) Ninety percent of ADPAC supported Congressional seats won in 2008.
- 47) Support for elected officials who understand the importance of dentistry.
- 48) Support for elected officials committed to the nation's oral health.
- 49) Research on fluoride content of infant formulas.
- 50) Evidence-based clinical recommendations on fluoride supplements and infant formula.
- 51) Other health care associations trust the ADA as their oral health resource.
- 52) Work with the American Diabetes Association on the relationship of oral health and diabetes.
- 53) Video news releases about holiday sweets aired in all top 10 media markets.
- 54) Support for student loan forgiveness programs for dentists in underserved areas.
- 55) Course to manage emergencies related to sedation and general anesthesia.
- 56) Collaboration with the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology Research Foundation.
- 57) Immediate help if your office or home is damaged in an emergency or disaster.
- 58) Financial assistance for dentists struggling due to injury or illness.
- 59) You're not alone.
- 60) Scholarships for students of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds.

(continued in future issues)

"In Memoriam"



Edward Harold Faget, D.D.S.

On Sunday December 19, 2010 at 10:00PM, age 90 years, a native and life-long resident of New Orleans, La. He graduated from Warren Easton High School and was a magna cum laude graduate of Loyola University Dental School. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and then served in the U.S. Navy Reserve retiring as a Captain. He was a practicing dentist who served his patients for 53 years and retired in 1995. He was active in professional associations serving as President of both the New Orleans and Louisiana Dental Associations. He was a former trustee and Vice-President of the American Dental Association and an esteemed member of the Pierre Fauchard Academy which honors outstanding dentists. He was an active golfer since teenage years.

He is the husband of the late Mignon Cieutat Faget, father of Gayle Anne Faget of Metairie, LA and Deborah Faget Baudouin of Luling, LA. He is the brother of Mignon Jacqueline Faget and the late Shelby James F. Pitard, D.D.S and William Faget, D.D.S. His late parents were Mignon Cressy Faget and Edouard B. Faget, M.D. He is the grandfather of Harold J. Stephens, III (Shannon Ney) of Metairie, LA and Jeanne Faget Stephens of Brooklyn, New York and is survived by 2 great grandchildren, Harold J. Stephens (Dru) IV, and Davis Andrew Stephens.

2011 Children's Dental Health Month

by Claudia A. Cavallino, D.D.S. - NODA Children's Dental Health Month Committee Chair



Greetings to all NODA Members,

February is almost here and it's that time of

year again. Children's Dental Health Month is just around the corner. As your NODA Children's Dental Health Month Committee (CDHM) Chairman, I was excited to announce the events we have planned to raise awareness and provide dental care to under-served children.

On Friday, February 4, 2011, the annual Give Kids A Smile (GKAS) event will be held at LSU Dental School in the pediatric dentistry department. NODA member and LSU pediatric dentistry professor, Dr. Janice Townsend, is helping to coordinate this event. LSU dental students and pediatric dental residents will be volunteering to perform exams, cleanings, oral hygiene instruction, and treatment plans. Our goal is to provide these children with a permanent dental home in the office of a NODA dentist. So any NODA dentists that would like to volunteer for this event or would like to volunteer to provide follow-up care, please contact the NODA office (504/834-6449) or you can e-mail me at cavallinoc@yahoo.com.

We will also pass out oral health information, ADA posters and NODA toothbrushes to the patients at Children's Hospital in the afternoon of February 14, 2011. NODA member, Dr. Pamela Shaw, will be coordinating this event and LSU Dental students and residents

will be on hand to participate.

All NODA members are encouraged to use the month of February to help spread the message of the importance of optimum oral health in children. If any NODA members have plans to visit a school or host some sort of oral

health education event, the NODA office would like to help. We have plenty of NODA toothbrushes available as well as ADA posters. Feel free to call the NODA office to request some.

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by George H. Arch, Jr., D.D.S.
NODA President-Elect

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Dr. William F. Schmidt, Jr.
Dr. Christopher E. Brown

Recognize this face?



Answer on pg. 16

PRESENT AT THE CREATION (A HISTORY OF NODA'S WELL-BEING COMMITTEE)

by Jamie M. Manders, D.D.S. – NODA Dentist Well-Being Advisory Chair



In the early 1980's, just a few years after graduating from LSU Dental School and completing my two-year General and Hospital Dentistry Residency at Charity Hospital in New Orleans, I accepted a part-time position practicing with another dentist in New Orleans. Quite by accident (a tip from the office burglar alarm company), I discovered that my colleague was in the habit of visiting the dental office late at night to partake of the nitrous oxide. Needless to say, I perceived this as quite a problem for both of us. In my naïveté, I tried to force him to go into treatment for chemical dependency all by myself. It was not that I did not try to obtain professional help. I called the American Dental Association, the Louisiana Dental Association and the New Orleans Dental Association and anonymously asked if there were any individuals or committees who could help me with my problem. Unfortunately, there were none at the time. I was even told by the person who answered the LDA's telephone "we don't have that problem in our state." From the vantage point of twenty-five years in the future, I have to laugh. "Boy, do we ever!" I might have responded.

Nevertheless, I continued to seek a solution to our joint problem, as I needed this job. I scheduled

several appointments with a psychologist who I hoped could help me figure out what to do about a colleague who was addicted to nitrous oxide and, unbeknownst to me at the time, to alcohol as well. The only thing I learned from the psychologist was that he had no expertise whatsoever in the psychology of chemical dependency. As a last resort, I threatened to call the State Board of Dentistry if he did not seek treatment. When my last threat was returned with a threat on my life, I decided that the time had come for us to part ways. Once again I was looking for another part-time dental job.

Some months after all of the above happened, I received a brochure in the mail for a continuing education course to be held at DePaul Hospital entitled The Impaired Professional. I signed up for the course, and with some trepidation, presented myself at DePaul on the appointed day. What if I should see someone I knew, I thought. I would be so embarrassed. I was naively of the belief that "professionals" were too intelligent to become addicted and surely what had happened to my former partner was some sort of very rare aberration. That one-day course was the beginning of a very long education for me on the subject of drug addiction and chemical dependency, which, as it turns out,

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PRESENT AT THE CREATION (A HISTORY OF NODA'S WELL-BEING COMMITTEE) - Con't.

by Jamie M. Manders, D.D.S. – NODA Dentist Well-Being Advisory Chair

are one and the same. The course consisted of talks by different professionals, as well as a panel discussion by several "recovering" physicians and a "recovering" dentist. My worst fears were realized when I was recognized by three dentists who were on the faculty of the dental school. At the first break, all three headed over to where I was sitting and pointedly asked me what I was doing there. Although I can no longer remember what I replied, I did return the question and asked them what they were doing there. They replied that they were in the process of forming an "Impaired Dentists Committee" and would I care to join? "Would I?" I replied, and that was how I became involved with what was then known as the New Orleans Dental Association's Impaired Dentists Committee.

Shortly after the formation of the committee, one of the three dentists I had met that day at DePaul Hospital accepted a position at a dental school in another state, and Dr. John Braud, an endodontist, assumed the position of chairman of NODA's committee.

One of the first cases we were involved in came about when I received a call at my home from an orthodontist who lived and practiced in another Louisiana city who asked for our help with a dentist who was addicted to IV Demerol. The "impaired" dentist in question had been seeing a family therapist in an attempt to overcome his

addiction to Demerol, but he was repeatedly relapsing. The therapist had extracted a promise from the dentist that should he relapse again, the therapist had his permission to seek outside help. The therapist contacted the orthodontist who then called me.

Dr. John Braud did a masterful job of organizing what I had learned was called an "intervention." Our committee, which then consisted of Dr. Braud, the "recovering" faculty member who had been on the panel at DePaul and me, traveled to the city where the "impaired dentist" lived. We met with the family therapist, the orthodontist and the addicted dentist's wife and together formulated a plan.

Dr. Braud would call the addicted dentist at his office, and invite him to a meeting at a local hotel under a false pretense, where he would be confronted by all of us. We would each confront the dentist individually, in a caring manner, and give our reasons why we believed that he should go into treatment immediately. (It was believed at that time that if a dentist were given the opportunity to think it over, he might commit suicide.) Assuming the dentist consented to inpatient treatment, we would immediately drive him to the facility that very day. We each rehearsed our roles, and a week or so later, we returned to the city for our first ever "intervention."

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Henry A. Gremillion, D.D.S., LSU School of Dentistry Dean & Thomas H. Grimstad, M.D., LAMMICO President/Cheif Executive Officer.

LAMMICO recently contributed \$2500 to the LSU School of Dentistry, to help support the school's capital campaign to construct new pre-clinical laboratories on its New Orleans campus.

"We make this contribution because of our long term commitment to Louisiana's healthcare community," said Thomas H. Grimstad, M.D., LAMMICO President and Chief Executive Officer. "We are pleased to see that the LSU-HSC Foundation has pledged a dollar-to-dollar match to raise additional funds for this important project."

On Monday, December 13, 2010, Dr. Grimstad presented a check to Dr. Henry A. Gremillion,

the Dean of the LSU Dental School

In addition to providing medical professional liability insurance to physicians and healthcare facilities, LAMMICO also offers coverage to dentists. In 2009, the LAMMICO Governance Committee appointed a practicing Metairie dentist, Joseph P. Simone, D.D.S., to the company's Marketing Committee. Dr. Simone provides input to the LAMMICO Risk Management department regarding educational materials and risk prevention initiatives designed for the company's insured dentists.

In addition, the company recently awarded the LAMMICO Dental School Scholarship to an incoming student at the LSU Dental School for the fifth consecutive year.

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NODA Update on Dentists' Well-Being Committee

by Kristi M. Soileau, D.D.S., M.Ed. - NODA Immediate Past President



Several months ago, the NODA Board proposed that several committees viewed as repeat or redundant be stricken from our Bylaws as standing committees. One committee so stricken was the Dentists' Well-Being Committee, which has been overseen for many years by the same chairwoman that oversees the LDA's Dentists' Well-Being Committee. It was assumed that ALL dentists in the state fall under the "umbrella" of protection provided by the state committee and its chairwoman, as it was felt that she manages the large majority, if not all, of the cases enveloped by this committee statewide. Our decision to take this committee out of NODA's Bylaws in no way was meant to underestimate the crucial necessity of this committee, nor to overlook

any of the truly fruitful work exemplified under the auspices of the current chair.

The LDA recently notified the NODA leadership that the LDA Bylaws do in fact require all components to have individual Dentists' Well-Being Committee's, and this was subsequently and promptly discussed at NODA's December 1st Board meeting at which time the chair of the Well-Being Committee was present and informed of the intent to reinstate said committee. The INTENTION TO REINSTATE SAID COMMITTEE into the NODA Bylaws is thus being published in the January newsletter of the New Orleans Dental Association, as is required before it is brought to vote before the membership at the February 16th General Membership Meeting.

New Member Update

by Myrna L. Collado, D.D.S. - NODA Membership & Orientation Committee Chair



The following applicant was approved as a member of the New Orleans Dental Association at the December General Membership Meeting. Congratulations to you!

- Dr. Erin A. Fontenot

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3rd Annual Infirmary Dental Seminar

Touro Infirmary Dental Division, supported by the Touro Infirmary Foundation, announces the 3rd Annual Touro Infirmary Dental Seminar (formerly known as the Charles W. Rossner, D.D.S. Seminar).

Implants and Periodontics: Advancing Into the New Decade - Hisham Nasr, D.D.S., Msc.D.

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Friday, February 11, 2011
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C.E. Hours: 6.5

For more information: Please call 504/523-6792 or log onto our website at <http://tourodentalseminar.com/>.

December General Membership Meeting

The Presidential Palace

Photos courtesy of Kristi M. Soileau, D.D.S., M.Ed.



Speaker Dr. Randall G. Cohen addresses the crowd.



The sponsor's (Kuraray Dental) representatives, Eric Costella & Daniel Razzano answer questions from members.



Drs. Donald Bennett, John Colomb, III, Frederic Querens, Mark Chaney & Kevin Collins.



Drs. Laurie Moeller, Kenneth Schott, Jeffrey Leeson & Christopher Brown.



After a delicious meal, its time to relax and enjoy the lecture.



Attendees enjoying an informative lecture by Dr. Randall G. Cohen.

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Drs. Anthony Trentacoste, Barton Barré, Stewart Gegenheimer, Dennis Henry, Kenneth Belangér & Ronald Bertucci.



Drs. George Comeaux, Jr., Stan Cowley, Jr., Ronald Liuzza, Corky Willhite & Michael McCombs.



Dr. Myrna Collado, Dr. Natalie Jackson & Kemberly Rivera.



Drs. Stanley Simons & Raymond Najolia.



Dr. Laurie Moeller takes over as President.



2011 Board of Governors present at meeting.

Sitting: Drs. Myrna Collado, Laurie Moeller & Kristi Soileau.

Standing: Drs. Darrell Bourg, Jr., George Arch, Jr., Christopher Brown, Raymond Unland, Jr. & Kenneth Schott.

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2011	COURSE TITLE		TUITION	CREDIT HOURS
Jan. 31-Feb. 4 Monday-Friday New Orleans	LSU's 34th. Annual Perio Review Course (the 5-Day course) w/Drs. Yukna, Rapley, Shaklee, Palaiologou, Drury, et alia (Oral Board Preparation) at LSUSD AGD #490	Dentist	\$1,745*	Up to 42 hrs. C
February 2 – 4 Wednesday-Friday New Orleans	LSU's 35th. Annual Perio Review Course (the 3-Day course) w/Drs. Yukna, Cordell, Fowler, Glick, MacNeill, Palaiologou, O'Brien, Rapley, Serio, Shaklee, Xenoudi, et alia AGD #490 (For general review, recertification or to earn credits toward AGD Mastership at LSUSD)	Dentist	\$1,445*	Up to 23 L hrs. C
February 2 Wednesday New Orleans	Day 1 – Perio Literature Review w/Drs. Yukna, MacNeill, Serio, Shaklee, Xenoudi, O'Brien, Fowler, and Rapley at LSUSD AGD #490	Dentist	\$518	8.25 L C
February 3 Thursday New Orleans	Day 2 – Perio Literature Review w/Drs. Cordell, Shaklee, Serio, Xenoudi, and Palaiologou at LSUSD AGD #490	Dentist	\$489	7.75 L C
February 4 Friday New Orleans	Day 3 – Perio Literature Review Oral Medicine: Treating The Medically Complex Dental Patient w/Dr. Michael Glick at LSUSD AGD #730 & #754	Dentist RDH or DLT Assist./Other	\$285* \$165* \$115*	7 L C
February 11-12 Friday-Saturday New Orleans	Soft and Hard Tissue Laser Dentistry w/Dr. Robert Convissar at LSUSD AGD #135, 260, 497	Dentist	\$695*	14 L/P C
February 12 Saturday New Orleans	Digital & Conventional Radiology for Dental Assistants w/Dr. Kavas Thunthy and Dr. J. Sean Hubar at LSUSD	Assistant	\$149	7 L/P C
February 18 – 19 Friday-Saturday New Orleans	Temporomandibular Disorders (TMD): Current Concepts w/Dean Henry A. Gremillion, DDS, MAGD and A. Dale Ehrlich, MS, DDS at LSUSD AGD #182	Dentist	\$530*	14 L/P C

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