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Report of the New York State Dental Foundation

The Board of Trustees of the New York State Dental Foundation (Foundation) met on June 17, 2024, October 25, 2024 and January 17, 2025. Minutes of these meetings are on file in the Foundation office.

Treasurer's Report: A full breakdown of the Foundation's financials can be found in the consolidated NYSDA audit attached to the NYSDA Board of Trustees report to the House of Delegates.

Nominations: The Board unanimously adopted the following candidate to the 2025 Foundation Board of Trustees for a one-year term of office, commencing January 1, 2025: Dr. Savitha Reddy.

The Board unanimously adopted the following slate of officers to serve one-year terms, commencing January 1, 2025: Dr. Maria Maranga (Chair); Dr. Ronald Bellohusen (Vice Chair); Dr. Robert Peskin (Secretary) and Dr. Lawrence Volland (Treasurer).

Committees, Task Forces, Ad Hoc Committees: The Board unanimously adopted the chair's nominees to its committees, task forces and ad hoc committees as listed below:

Nominating Committee: Comprising the Vice Chairman (serving as Chair) and four trustees chosen by the Chairman. The Secretary and the Executive Director serve as ex officio members. Dr. Ronald Bellohusen (Chair); Dr. Robert Peskin; Ms. Stacy McIllduff; Dr. Jay Skolnick; Dr. Lawrence Volland; Dr. Michael Shreck; and Dr. Paul Kim.

Finance Committee: Comprising the Treasurer (serving as Chair), the Chair, the Vice Chair, the Executive Director, and at least one but not more than two other members of the Board. Dr. Lawrence Volland (Chair); Dr. Maria Maranga; Dr. Ronald Bellohusen; Dr. Robert Peskin; Dr. Michael Shreck; and Ms. Stacy McIllduff.

Annual Event Task Force: Dr. Loren Baim (Chair); Dr. Mary Ellen Lukaswitz; Ms. Stacy McIllduff; and Dr. Yun-Po Zhang.

CE Advisory Task Force: Dr. Donald Tucker (Chair); Dr. Robert Peskin, Dr. Christian Stohler; NYSDA Manager of Continuing Education, Brenda Turner; and Dr. Elizabeth Kapral.

Development Committee: Dr. Paul Kim (Chair); Dr. Egidio Farone; and Dr. David Miller.

Charitable Grants Committee: Dr. Joseph Brofsky (Chair); Dr. Renuka Bijoor; Dr. Jay Skolnick; and Dr. Rory Ogden.

Committee Updates

- **Annual Event Task Force** – The Foundation's Annual Brunch will take place during the NYSDA Annual Session on Saturday, May 31, 2025. The event will highlight the dental provider's role in the prevention of HPV-related cancers. Major sponsors include Colgate, MLMIC, and NYSDA. The event is projected to raise more than \$35,000. Once again in the spirit of mentorship, the Task Force will promote sponsorship of ASDA students to attend the Brunch.
- **Charitable Grants Committee** – New York State "Give Kids a Smile" events that received a \$500 sponsorship this year include Nassau County Dental Society and Suffolk County Dental Society.

The Foundation supported the UB School of Dental Medicine's veterans' event with a \$500 contribution.

Recognizing the important role that dental hygienists play in access to care, the Foundation presented \$500 to recipients of the Dr. Albert H. Stevenson award, presented to students enrolled in each of the nine SUNY dental hygiene programs across the state. A total of \$4,500 was distributed.

Students from Columbia, NYU and Touro received reimbursement (up to \$200 per student) for travel to Ithaca College on June 15, 2024 for the Special Olympics Summer Games, where they conducted oral health screenings for athletes at a Special Smiles booth. The Foundation will provide this opportunity to participate again for the State Games to be held on June 21, 2025.

Smiles to Go! donations of oral health kits and educational materials in English and Spanish were approved for six applicants around the state.

- **CE Task Force** – Gross revenue from course income in 2024 totaled \$51,405, which was comparable to the previous year. Reviews from course participants indicate that the new sedation course has been well received. The Foundation is increasing communications around available courses through social media.

In January 2025 a survey was conducted to help the task force determine what courses our constituents would like to see available. A new course on airborne dental infection control is in production and set to be released this spring. Additionally, the task force was actively involved in the creation of "*9 to Thrive: HPV Vaccination for Cancer Prevention*", a course which was offered live in Saratoga Springs and will be held in other parts of the state to help increase awareness around the dental provider's role in cancer prevention.

- **Development** – The Foundation submitted a total of 17 grant requests to private foundations between June 3, 2024 and May 6, 2025 totaling \$694,990. Of those

requests, (12) were declined, (2) were awarded totaling \$4,000, and (3) requests pending that total \$196,290.

In June the Foundation received a \$40,000 grant from a prior year application to support the *My Healthy Smile NY* pilot program from Delta Dental Community Care Foundation. This funding, along with support from Henry Schein Cares Foundation, allowed work to begin with Community Dental Health Coordinators deployed in four regions of New York.

During National Recovery Month in September, the Foundation once again solicited contributions for the *Dr. Thomas H. Sullivan Fund* to have funds at the ready to support dentists with the cost of in-patient substance abuse treatment.

The second annual #GivingToothday peer-to-peer campaign was a major success that generated over \$18,000 in donations around Giving Tuesday. This included three corporate sponsors; the Greater New York Dental Meeting, DDSMatch and DentServ.

This year the Development Committee is building on the previous year's success by promoting the Foundation's monthly giving program.

Program Updates

Through the *My Healthy Smile NY* program, Community Dental Health Coordinators (CDHCs) were deployed in the Long Island, Central New York, North Country and Capital Regions of New York on September 1, 2024. The Foundation completed year one of *My Healthy Smile NY* on March 31, 2025. In addition to completing necessary training and building their regional resource networks, CDHC accomplishments for year one include:

- Coordinating free dental care for more than 200 veterans through the *Salute Vets with a Smile* program;
- Logistics and follow-up with patients who attended the Capital Region Community Dental Event in October;
- Conducting oral health screening events in Glens Falls, Watertown, and Central Islip; and
- Program planning for the Early Head Start Oral Health Prevention Project in Lewis County, Long Island and Otsego County.