Christian Dental Society News-Brief
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"Peace I leave with you: My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful." John 14:27.

On Friday, October 19, 2018, the **CDS held their yearly, official Board Meeting** at the Kam Nam Korean United Methodist Church in Honolulu, Hawaii. Here are highlights:



CDS Board and Advisory Council on October 19th in Hawaii

Dr. **Dave Moretz moved up from President-Elect to replace Dr. Denny Scharine as CDS President and Dr. Scharine moved to Past-President** to provide leadership and guidance for the next two years. The Board of Directors voted **Dr. Michael Vaughn to be our President-Elect**. Dr. Bill Griffin came off the Board of Directors this year, and Dr. Victor Bradford and Dr. Andrew Walls were nominated to the CDS Board of Directors. Dr. John Spenn was voted in as a member of our Advisory Council. A special glass display was given to Dr. Denny Scharine in appreciation for

serving as President. We also thank Dr. Bill Griffin for faithfully serving as a Board of Director for the CDS.

The CDS leaders on the Board and Advisory Council are all experienced, dedicated, missionary Christians, with exceptional leadership qualities and a desire to serve. These elections and the quality of individuals stepping up to be CDS leaders speaks well for the CDS and for its future.



Passing the reigns of leadership: Dr. Dave Moretz on the right takes over for Dr. Denny Scharine on the left as CDS President

Reports on CDS kits and equipment were provided by Dr. Randy Sanders and Dr. Dave Moretz and the CDS is renting out to more teams than ever before. The CDS has added dental operating units, dental chairs, restorative kits, and hygiene kits to the inventory this year to keep up with the increased demand. The Board decided the CDS needs additional self-contained dental operating units, and another portable x-ray unit, and several ultrasonics to replace those not working.

The CDS recently purchased two battery-operated dental operating units from Dr. Gayle Cheatwood and can now provide a reliable, rugged, battery-operated dental unit which will also work on regular 110 or 220 Volt current with an adapter. The need for pressure pot ring weights, to help with sterilization, has been high. The CDS sold about one hundred weights this year

and has been selling a number of the portable, blue, dental chairs. The chair and the pressure pot ring are unique to CDS and we are the only ones who produce them. The CDS also sells *Dental Mission Manual for Portable Short-term Dental Trips,* available on Amazon books or on Kindle.

Financially, the CDS is doing well and has had the money to purchase new equipment and kits, while meeting all obligations. Tina Wendel, our full-time, executive assistant for the last 23 years, is the only person who receives monetary compensation; as the CDS' only employee she received a raise this year. The CDS is a volunteer organization and would not function without the thousands of volunteer hours given by so many who serve to further God's kingdom through dental missions. The CDS does not pay anyone to go to Board Meetings, to run and maintain our website, to go to conventions with exhibit booths, to maintain and rent out our equipment and kits, to track our finances, and to do the administrative duties that Tina cannot do. We heartfully thank all of our volunteers!



CDS Members and Guests at CDS Exhibit Booth in Hawaii with ADA

The CDS exhibit booths at major dental conventions have been an extremely valuable opportunity to encourage, assist, teach, and equip those interested in dental missions—we connect with hundreds of professionals and potential volunteers each meeting. In 2018, the CDS held exhibit booths at 11 major conventions. In 2019, the CDS plans on exhibiting at dental conventions in Denver and Boston in January, Chicago in February, Atlanta in March, Anaheim, San Antonio, and Chicago (Pediatric meeting) in May, Pacific Northwest and Kissimmee, Florida in June, The AGD in Connecticut in July, San Francisco with the ADA in October, and the Greater New York in November. Check the CDS website under "Events" for exact dates. Please join us if you are able, and help us speak with attendees.



The CDS Booth is always busy!

The Board confirmed that the **CDS, as an organization, does not run mission trips or have a code of conduct.** The CDS adheres to a basic Statement of Faith, and we support Christian dental missions by encouraging, assisting, helping train, and equipping dental mission work worldwide.

Mission trip leaders and host support organizations run the trips and adapt codes of conduct to match the mission and local considerations.

Dr. Jim Carney and Dr. Bill Griffin reported on the Jamaica student mission trips. They and other CDS members led 17, week-long, Christian student mission trips this year. How amazing! If anyone is interested in participating with this wonderful ministry, send an e-mail to dentalmissionttips@gmail.com. They also discussed the possibility of starting another clinic in the St. Thomas Parish to serve the East coast of Jamaica.

The CDS website, www.christiandental.org has added a button to our home page titled, **"Find a Christian Dentist in your Area."** Be sure to add your webpage to the CDS directory, if you have not already done so. Check to see if you need to update your data—go to "Members Area" and update your profile.

Other items on the annual Board Meeting agenda included:

*The CDS has some extra **120-volt portable compressors** that we could sell if anyone needed one. Call Tina at the home office for information.

*Ideas were discussed on how the CDS could best use an **endowment of $10,565**. The Board felt that buying equipment or helping start another clinic in Jamaica were the most noteworthy suggestions. Further suggestions can be sent to Dr. Bob Meyer at bdmeyer@comcast.net. The Executive council, consisting of the CDS offices, will bring a recommendation to the Board at a later date.

***Student membership** increases were discussed and Dr. Griffin is working on that.

*Numerous members did not renew in 2017 and key leaders will contact them and encourage them to re-join the CDS. Automatic dues renewal now makes the process easier.

* The CDS Facebook page is administrated by Diane Meyer. Please send/text her pictures and posts whenever possible at bdmeyer@comcast.net or phone at 719-216-2217. Please "Like" items on the CDS Facebook page.

The CDS voted to continue to hold our yearly Board Meeting at the ADA convention. In 2019 it will be held in San Francisco, California on Friday,

September 6th, which is a month earlier than normal, so please mark your calendars. Plan on attending a Mission Banquet with speakers and music on that Friday evening.

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen." II Peter 3:18.