Christian Dental Society News-Brief
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"Relish the moment" is a good motto, especially when coupled with the Bible's reminder that "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

On Friday, September 6, 2019, the **CDS members held their yearly, official Board Meeting** followed by a Mission Banquet held at the historic St. Patrick Church in San Francisco. Here are highlights:



CDS Board Meeting in San Francisco on September 6, 2019

Dr. David Moretz, our CDS President, led the Board Meeting and Dr. Denny Scharine, the CDS Past-President, opened the meeting with prayer.

The Board of Directors nominated **Dr. Spenn** to join the CDS Board of Directors. **Dr. Robert Liebler and Dr. Jim Carney stepped down** from the CDS Board as their term of service had expired. The CDS sincerely thanks them for faithfully contributing to the CDS leadership as a Board Member.

The CDS Board also voted in **Dr. Josh Lachine, Dr. Kelly Schwabe and Dr. Benjamin Schwabe onto the CDS Advisory Council.** If you would consider joining the CDS Advisory Council or have questions, please contact Dr. Bob Meyer at bdmeyer@comcast.net.

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 its future.

Report on **CDS kits was provided by Dr. Randy Sanders,** who was on a mission on the Amazon. **Dr. David Moretz reported on CDS equipment** and the CDS is planning on purchasing more self-contained dental operating units to keep up with the demand. The CDS is renting out to more teams than ever before. The CDS has added dental operating units, two more dental x-rays, 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 will purchase those.

Financially, the CDS is doing well and has had the money to purchase new equipment and kits while meeting all obligations. 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 Exhibit Booth at the ADA in San Francisco: From left to right Dr. Bob Meyer, Nancie Yarbro, Dr. Victor Branford, Bonny Scharine, Dr. Denny Scharine, Dr. Ron Lamb, Dr. Jody Yarbro

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—CDS members connect with hundreds of professionals and potential volunteers during each meeting. In 2019, the CDS held exhibit booths at 11 major conventions. In 2020, the CDS plans on exhibiting at dental conventions in Denver and Boston in January, Chicago in February, Atlanta in March, Oregon in April, Anaheim and San Antonio in May, Tennessee in June, Irvine, California with GMMA in July, with the ADA in Florida in October, and the Greater New York in November. Check the CDS website under "Events" for exact dates. Please serve at a CDS Exhibit Booth if you are able, and help speak with attendees.

Other items on the annual Board Meeting agenda included:

*The CDS website, www.christiandental.org continues to be updated and makes it easier to donate to the CDS by clicking on the **Donate button** of the Home page. Information on the student trip to Jamaica has been added as well as information on the free student membership offered by the CDS. The CDS has added a button to the 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. The CDS continues to add and **update mission trip opportunities** also and would love to help you with missions.

*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 is now helping support **Umal going to dental school in Uganda**, through a CDS Endowment Fund. Umal was trained by CDS members with mPower and I-Tec, found a love for dentistry, and is using it for Christian ministry. The CDS Board voted earlier this year to financially help Umal through dental school.

*__Student mission trips and student membership recruitment__ is going well and the CDS thanks all those helping with dental mentorship.

* The Board discussed how we could **better connect with the Christian Medical and Christian Associations** and the CMDA is considering joining the CDS for our mission Banquet next year. CMDA is now selling the CDS *Dental Mission Manual* and we are coordinating more with the dental director of the CMDA, Dr. Bill Griffin.

*The CDS updated the **CDS informational trifold pamphlet** which we hand out at dental exhibit booths. This pamphlet, the CDS informational handout, and all our News-briefs are under the "About Us" section of the CDS website.

*Several mission trip opportunities led by seasoned CDS couples **for those inexperienced in dental, short-term missions** were discussed and, if interested, please contact Dr. Bob Meyer at bdmeyer@comcast.net.

*Diane Meyer, a CDS Advisory Council member, is doing a doctoral dissertation on the **holistic benefits and detractors concerning dental missions.** The CDS Board approved a research survey which will be e-mailed at a later date to CDS members and other Christian dentists in an attempt to quantify the benefits of and detractors hindering dental mission work to help dental mission recruitment.

The CDS voted to continue to hold the yearly Board Meeting and Mission Banquet at the ADA convention. In 2020 it will be held in Orlando, Florida on Saturday, October 17th, so please mark all calendars. Plan on attending a Mission Banquet with speakers and music on **Saturday evening** (in the past, the CDS has held the Mission Banquet on Friday night).

This year, the **CDS Mission Banquet** featured a bountiful, delicious, Philippino meal, worshipful music by Dr. T. Bob Davis on the piano, singing led by Dr. Anthony Wong, and three inspirational missional presentations.



Dr. T. Bob Davis, the 2018 ADA Humanitarian of the year, providing music on the keyboard

Dr. Ron Lamb, a past-president of the CDS, the 2012 ADA Humanitarian Award winner, and the founder of World Dental Relief, talked about the history and the mission of World Dental Relief. He shared how God has led him (with his wife, Pam) to equip over 8,000 missions with over $20,000,000 worth of dental supplies over the last 30 plus years. This is an impressive ministry now helping from 300-400 dental missions annually.

Dr. Mike Kahler has been working in Guatemala with his wife, Peggy, for over 20 years. He shared about his experiences and offered an opportunity for others to join him and possibly take over helping run the short-term, mission clinic in Guatemala.

Dr. Anthony and Dr. Naomi Wong then presented about their familial mission journey of helping and inspiring others around the world and focused on Iraq.



Dr. Anthony Wong talking about Iraq

The evening concluded with the presentation of the annual, CDS "Ron Lamb Mission Award" which was given to Dr. Anthony and Dr. Naomi Wong by our CDS President Dr. David Moretz and Dr. Ron Lamb.



Dr. Naomi Wong (L), Dr. Ron Lamb, Dr. Dave Moretz, and Dr. Anthony Wong (R) singing praises with the CDS Mission Award presentation.

“Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from you heart to the Lord.” Ephesians 5:19.