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# OMS News

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## President's Message

It is a privilege and honor for me to have this opportunity to represent the members of the Florida Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. There are several goals and plans that are of interest for this year.

Fiscal accountability to the members is important. By working closely with our new Executive Director, Hank Holderfield, I am pleased to say that scrutinizing and streamlining expenses has enabled the Board to approve a significant reduction in the annual dues.

There is an issue regarding specialty licensure, which is favored by the Board members of FSOMS. This issue has been a long-standing one. To allay a common fear and misconception, a review of other state licensure procedures that allow this credentialing process, including California, has shown that there has not been a significant influx of practitioners into their state. Passing the current Florida dental examination seems to be an outdated and irrelevant gauge for measuring the ability of an oral and maxillofacial surgeon. The Board feels that a specialty license can be considered if strict criteria are met. These include being a graduate of an accredited United States dental school, completing an ADA approved residency program, being certified by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, limiting the practice to oral and maxillofacial surgery, having an existing dental license from another state, and having no disciplinary actions against them. All details of the credentialing process are yet to be decided, and we are listening to the recommendations from the other dental specialties, the FDA and the Board of Dentistry. FSOMS will assess a poll to the general membership regarding this question. Please feel free to provide your input.



Rolf B. Wolfrom, DDS  
President

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## Report from Anesthesia Committee

*Daniel Gesek Jr. DMD, Chairman, Anesthesia Committee, Trustee Florida Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*

Having just returned from the AAOMS CAN meeting, the Office Anesthesia Evaluation (OAE) was one of the topics discussed. The OAE and manual are guidelines on how to perform the actual evaluation and handle medical emergencies. There has been some confusion on how to interpret the OAE in Florida. A few of the guidelines include that the OAE be completed on AAOMS members every five years. Another recommendation is to use two reviewers. In Florida, we are evaluated every five years by the Board of Dentistry (BOD) which meets the AAOMS criteria. Florida only uses one examiner, which is acceptable. Also, the BOD adopted the FSOMS evaluation paperwork last year so we are in full compliance with AAOMS regulations. New permit holders must perform a live anesthetic on one of their patients for the examiner.

The Florida BOD has made some changes in the past year. One is the change of the OAE paperwork to look like the FSOMS evaluation. A new section added that Propofol, Methohexital, Thiopental, and Etomidate can only be used with a General Anesthesia permit. The BOD also redefined a pediatric patient as an individual under the age of eighteen. Soon, formal language will be added regarding a Pediatric Anesthesiologist performing anesthesia services in the dental office. This will be allowed as long as the dentist has an anesthesia permit. Finally, the BOD is in the process of following Oregon and forming an Anesthesia Committee that consists of non board members. These professionals will assist in the consideration of anesthesia related issues.

A final note, the AAOMS OAE Manual will soon have a companion video, which should be great for staff training. If you haven't put your skills to the test, check them out on the SIMMAN in Hawaii. Please sign up soon!

## Dental Student of the Year Award

by Larry Cook, DDS

This year, the University of Florida Dental Student of the Year Award has been presented to Dr. Damion Hew. Dr. Hew was born in Toronto, Canada and became an American citizen. He graduated Columbus High School in 1996. He matriculated at Florida International University from 1996 through 1998 at which time he transferred to the University of Miami and attended that college until his graduation with a BS degree in biology and with minors in chemistry and business administration. He has been attending the University of Florida Dental School since 2003.

Dr. Hew has professional memberships in the American Student Dental Association of the ADA; Beta Beta Beta – National Biology Honor Society; Asian American Student Association; Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) at the University of Miami and the Organization for Jamaican Unity (OJU) University of Miami. His extramural experiences include: the demonstrated fabrication of mouth guards at the Academy of Sports Dentistry; teaching assistant in Preclinical Fixed Prosthodontics II; shadowing experience at Shands UF Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Department; an Advanced Periodontal Surgery course with Dr. Karpinia; Facial Pain

Diagnosis and Treatment course by Dr. Henry Germillion; and an externship at Shands UF in Jacksonville, FL.

Dr. Hew had volunteered for Peer Advisor at Univ. of Miami in 1999; Hope Lodge, Miami, FL 2000-2002; Chinese Cultural Foundation; Organization of Chinese Americans' Big Brother/Sister program; volunteer at Alachua County Organization for Rural Needs (ACORN) Clinic for low-cost medical and dental care; ASDA sponsored Night Clinic (dental care for residents of Gainesville) from 2005 - present; Alachua County's "We Care Program" offering free dental care to the underserved population, 2005 - present; Project Heal, Ecuador 2006 (a mission to Ecuador providing free dental care to the indigenous people of Ecuador); and "Give Kids a Smile, 2003-2006.

Dr. Hew's awards include: Department of Biology scholarship and Dean's List, Univ. of Miami. He has worked as a dental assistant for Dr. Mariani, Dr. Leyte-Vidal and Dr. Robinson, 2002-03. He is interested in polo, horses, travel, weight lifting, saltwater aquariums, racing carts, auto tuning and autocross. Congratulations on your accomplishments, Dr. Hew and the best of fortune to you in your future pursuits in dentistry.

## Legislative Weekend Successful

by Dr. Davis

The FSOMS legislative weekend occurred early in March in Tallahassee. It was another successful weekend that allowed those attending to visit with an unusually high percentage of their legislators. Everyone attending felt that it was one of our more successful efforts, especially in that regard. Once again, Mike Huey, Chris Hansen and Todd Steibly certainly did their part to have us well organized and prepared. We heard from Rusty Payton, chief lobbyist for the FDA and Rep. Ellen Bagnadoff addressed the group early Monday morning prior to us visiting the hill. She is the Republican party "whip" and her husband happens to be a practicing dentist. She was very bright, energetic, and informative.

This year our primary focus was to give support for a Medicaid fee increase and to support a bill that provides for a study to evaluate the potential expense for insurance coverage for craniofacial surgery and adjunctive therapy.

Several of our members actually arrived on Thursday night for a quail hunt on Friday. Others arrived on Friday, in time for our traditional pheasant shoot at Dogwood Hunting Preserve in Grady County, Georgia. Several stayed at the lodge over the weekend. The pheasant shoot was, again, very exciting and enjoyable, though the weather was a little warmer than usual. There were fourteen shooters this year, including Senator



Durrell Peaden, FDA president Dr. Dan Henry, and FDA FLAD-PAC chairman Dr. Jay Walton.

Saturday night proved to be a surprisingly enjoyable affair. This year we all ventured up to Thomasville, Georgia, about 30 miles north of Tallahassee for a private open house and dinner at Kevin's Guns, one of the country's premier gun dealers. He graciously open his "high-end gun room" for our group. There were hundreds of fine shotguns, ranging from \$8,000 to \$105,000. His is one of only three or four high value Beretta

# OMSPAC and the Insider

by Lance Grenevicki, DDS, MD, FACS and OMSPAC State Co-Chair, Florida

**M**y name is Dr. Lance Grenevicki and I am the OMSPAC State Co-Chair for Florida along with Dr. Howard Fisher. OMSPAC is the specialty's political action committee (PAC).

The U.S. Congress is deliberating on important public policy issues that could have a significant impact on oral and maxillofacial surgery practices and the cost of doing business. Lawmakers and agencies are making decisions on whether to tie provider payments to performance measures, how much value to afford coded services under Medicare—which often sets trends in private insurance markets, and coordinating the standards and rules for the emerging technology that is integrating patient health information in regional, state and national networks.

Since Congress is a political institution, political action on the part of oral and maxillofacial surgeons is especially important for ensuring the specialty's voice is heard by federal officials. OMSPAC helps us to be fully and actively engaged in the legislative process and is an important resource in getting the AAOMS message heard by Washington decision-makers. It continues to be important for us to have input into the process, and OMSPAC gives us the voice to do so. By pooling our resources in OMSPAC, oral surgeons can significantly affect the political process and help elect lawmakers who understand our concerns and the concerns of our patients.

OMSPAC and its supporters have been actively supporting the campaigns of members of Congress and other congressional candidates. Over \$300,000 in campaign support will be provided to dozens of important federal races in an effort to re-elect

officials who are friends of the specialty and will listen to our concerns.

OMSPAC needs support from all AAOMS members to be able to continue to cultivate relationships with key members of Congress who impact the federal healthcare agenda and have a seat at the table with other healthcare organizations when healthcare-related policy decisions are made. OMSPAC's 2007 recognized contribution levels are:

\$200-Silver; \$375-Gold; and \$500-Diamond.

These are only suggestions and any amount is greatly appreciated. You may contribute more or less than this suggested amount or not at all without fear of disadvantage or reprisal. Contributions to OMSPAC are not deductible for federal income tax purposes. I'd be more than happy to send you an envelope for your contribution or you can contact Sandy Guenther, your OMSPAC staffer at the Rosemont headquarters. She can be reached at 800/822-6637, ext. 4388 or [sguenther@aaoms.org](mailto:sguenther@aaoms.org).

As part of a special incentive, you will receive two complimentary copies of the Insider, a publication for OMSPAC contributors. Visit our Web site [www.fsoms.org/new.html](http://www.fsoms.org/new.html) for the March issue. It contains articles on inside political information in Washington as well as pieces on national health policy. If you want to continue receiving this valuable publication past the incentive period, make your OMSPAC contribution today! On behalf of the rest of OMSPAC, I look forward to your support and more successful advocacy in Congress in the years to come. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or OMSPAC at 800/822-6637.

## Legislative continued



Rep. Ellen Bagnadoff

stores in the country. Kevin's is no stranger to the well-heeled gentry who travel on the private jets to shop for fine guns and apparel. Vice President Dick Cheney was a recent customer in the store. Kevin is a superb host and I'm confident that all who attended had a very enjoyable time. We plan to do a return event next year, maybe even with a surprise visit to one of the many spectacular quail hunting plantations.

As usual, several legislators were invited to join us at various points during the weekend, but had to regret because of last minute obligations elsewhere. Not to be overlooked is the fact that, once again, an ACLS review course

was offered on Sunday afternoon.

I hope that all of our members will take advantage of this very unique opportunity to see the legislative process in action and to do your part to support your

specialty, profession, and practice. Over the years our activity in this arena has served us very well. It is obviously important for us all and I think that it is a responsibility that we all need to recognize and accept. The dates are already set for next year, March 8-10. Tallahassee is beautiful at that time of year. You should put the date on your calendar and make plans to attend. Don't make a colleague carry your share of the load!



Rusty Payton, chief lobbyist for the FDA

## Future Programs

Our Summer and Fall programs will give you the opportunity to meet your CE and licensing requirements.

### JULY 13-15 PGA RESORT PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA

#### Friday

*OMSNIC Risk Management Course*

Steve M. Holmes, DDS – Director and Secretary, OMSNIC

Debra Udey – Vice President of Risk Management, OMSNIC

#### Saturday

*Domestic Violence Update*

Ronald Baughman, DDS – Director Oral Head and Neck Pathology, Ameripath, Central Florida

*Prevention of Medical Errors*

Michael Ragan, DMD, JD, LLM – University of Pennsylvania

School of Dental Medicine

JD Georgetown University Law Center

LLM Loyola University College of Law

#### Sunday

*Anesthesia Update with SimMan*

James C. Phero, DMD – Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology, Pediatrics and Surgery, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, Cincinnati, Ohio

Hannah Phero, Rn, CRNA – Private Practice, Anesthesia Group Practice, Cincinnati, Ohio

Rick Ritt, EMT-P – Laerdal Education Simulation Specialist

### NOVEMBER 9-11 ORLANDO WORLD CENTER MARRIOTT ORLANDO, FL

Doctor's Program

Executive Board Meeting

#### Saturday Lecture

Doctor's Program

*Temporary Orthodontic Anchorage*

Jason Cope, DDS, PhD – Baylor College of Dentistry



#### Business Coordinators

*Strategies for Success-Building A Solid Foundation*

Cindy Ishimoto – Cathy Jameson Management Group

#### Practice Managers

*Leadership in Your Practice*

Kathleen O'Donnell – Cathy Jameson Management Group

#### Surgical Staff

*Head To Toe Medical Assessment and Related Emergencies*

*EKG Review*

Sara Bierschenk, RN, CCRN

Walter Bierschenk, Paramedic Fire Fighter

#### Entire Staff

*Risk Management in Your Practice*

Marilee Barton – Independent Risk Management Consultant

Sue Baker, RN – Clinical Manager Internal Risk Manager

#### Sunday Lecture

Practice Management Seminar for OMS Doctors and Entire Staff

*Legendary Service*

Jeff Hargett – Ritz Carlton Group

**Featuring the First Annual  
FSOMS Golf Tournament**

# Welcome New Members

Please welcome our new members that were recently voted into membership.

**Charles N. DeWild, DMD, MD** is a graduate of the University of Florida. He completed his residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at the University of Florida under Drs. M. Franklin Dolwick and James Ruskin. Dr. DeWild is located in Gainesville. Spouse: Laural DeWild.

**Steven J. Fontana, DDS, MD** is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University. He completed his residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at the Metrohealth Medical Center under Dr. Jon Bradrick. Dr. Fontana is located in Naples.

**Eric G. Fox, DDS** is a graduate of Ohio State University. He completed his residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Ohio State University under Drs. Guillermo Chacon and Peter Larsen. Dr. Fox is located in Key Biscayne.

**Jose Farri, DMD, MD** is a graduate of University of Florida College of Dentistry. He did his residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Harlem Hospital Center under Dr. Hmill Willoughby. Dr. Farri is located in S. Miami.

**Jesus A. Gomez, DDS** is a graduate of the Universidad Central de Venezuela. He completed his residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Jackson Memorial Hospital under Dr. Mark Stevens. Dr. Gomez is located in Miami. Spouse: Adriana Gomez.

**Richard Kapitan, DDS** is a graduate of Ohio State University. He did his residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Ohio State University under Dr. Guillermo Chacon. Dr. Kapitan is located in Winter Park, FL. Spouse: Annette Kapitan.

**Teresa E. Lozano, DDS, MD** is a graduate of the University of Miami School of Medicine. She completed her residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Jackson Memorial Hospital under Dr. Robert Marx. Dr. Lozano is located in Key Biscayne.

**Andrew Norkin, DMD, MD** is a graduate of the University of Miami School of Medicine. He completed his residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Jackson Memorial Hospital under Dr. Robert Marx. Dr. Norkin is located in Boca Raton.

**Dale E. Salomon, DMD** is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. He did his residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Montifiore Medical Center under Dr. Richard Kraut. Dr. Salomon is located in Brandon.

**Mario Tuchman, DMD, MD** is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. He did his residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at UCLA under Dr. Earl Freymiller. Dr. Tuchman is located in Miami. Spouse: Alexandra Tuchman

**Ernesto A. Valiente, DMD** is a graduate of the University of Puerto Rico. He did his residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at University of Puerto Rico under Dr. Julio Guzman. Dr. Valiente is located in Pinellas Park. Spouse: Magali Fernandez.

**Luis G. Vega, DDS** is a graduate of University of Costa Rica. He did his residency at the University of Alabama Birmingham under Dr. Patrick Louis. Dr. Vega is located in Jacksonville. Spouse: Marina Vega.

## President's Message continued

The Board of Dentistry is undergoing changes in its members. FSOMS thanks Dr. Carl Melzer for his service and for being an advocate for our specialty. We are in the process of working closely with the FDA to provide names of potential OMS candidates to serve as members of the Board of Dentistry. We feel that the unique issues of our specialty including office sedation anesthesia are worthy of being represented on the Board.

We have scheduled meetings this year to give you the opportunity to meet your CE and licensure requirements. The FSOMS Annual Legislative/ACLS Conference was held March 9-12 in Tallahassee. It was a weekend of camaraderie and education that included fishing, hunting, unique dinners and ACLS certification. Read Jim Davis's report on page 2 to get all the details. There is a Board meeting at the FNDC meeting June 16 in Orlando where FSOMS sponsors a course on office medical emergencies. This year Dr. Mel Hawkins will present: "Emergencies in the Dental Office" and "Medical Emergencies for the Office Team." The summer meeting from July 13-15 is a fabulous family weekend at the PGA National Resort in Palm Beach Gardens. Topics include anesthesia with SIMMAN, prevention of medical errors, domestic violence and a course from OMSNIC for risk management. The summer meeting allows for free afternoons to enjoy activities like golf, tennis, beach, boating, swimming, and shopping. The annual meeting this year is in Orlando from November 9-11. Our recent tradition here continues to include the huge success of the staff programs, which again will be excellent. The doctors program will feature Dr. Jason Cope from Baylor College of Dentistry who will present, "Temporary Orthodontic Anchorage." I encourage and welcome all members to participate in these meetings. Please feel free to call the executive office for any additional information.

## FSOMS CALENDAR

2007

June 14-17

FNDC Meeting

FSOMS Board Meeting on June 16

Gaylord Palms Resort

Kissimmee

July 13-15

Florida Board of Dentistry Required  
Courses/OMSNIC Risk Management

PGA Resort

Palm Beach Gardens

November 9-11

FSOMS Annual Meeting

Orlando World Center Marriott

Orlando, FL

## Survey on Specialty Licensure by Credentials

The purpose of this letter is to get feedback from the general membership of FSOMS regarding specialty licensure by credentials. For years, there has been opposition to change to current system for licensure. However, there is a growing trend for states to allow specialists to obtain a dental license without taking the general dental exam. There has not been a significant influx of practitioners into those states as initially feared, which includes California. As our specialty has evolved, the relevancy of having an oral and maxillofacial surgeon take a test in restorative, endodontic and prosthetic dentistry is irrelevant to the specialty practice. The Board members of FSOMS feel that it is appropriate to favorably consider specialty licensure by credentials with restrictions. The candidate must have graduated from an approved United States dental school, completed training from an approved United

States residency program, have an existing dental license in another state, be Board Certified, have no disciplinary actions against him for at least five years and limit the practice to the specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery.

Discussion on this issue will be held at the next FSOMS Board meeting on Saturday, June 16. This is the weekend of the FNDC meeting at the Gaylord Palms Resort. The meeting will begin at 8:30am in Emerald 2. All members are invited to attend. Please R.S.V.P. to the administrative office.

Please send or email your comments and opinions regarding this issue to the FSOMS administrative office. Your input will be greatly appreciated.

Rolf B. Wolfrom, DDS  
President, Florida Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons

## 2006 FSOMS November Meeting Photo Gallery

