

1996 AAPHD ANNUAL MEETING

AAPHD Annual Business Meeting Minutes

September 26, 1996

Orlando, Florida

President Skip Collins called to order the annual Assembly Meeting of the American Association of Public Health Dentistry at 4 PM on Thursday, September 26, 1996, in Orlando. More than 75 people attended this general membership meeting.

President/President-elect's Report—Skip Collins reported on the oral health public-private leadership conference held in April; the development of an Internet home page for AAPHD; AAPHD's role as host, in conjunction with the American Board of Dental Public Health, for the 1997 Dental Specialty Group meeting; and the Public Health Section meeting, also in Orlando, of the *Fédération Dentaire Internationale*. He also asked Rhys Jones to serve another year as immediate past-president.

Vice-president's Report—Alex White announced that there were 189 registrants for the AAPHD meeting. He thanked Mike Allen and Katherine Woods for their efforts with local arrangements. White encourage feedback about the meeting, especially since there were some format changes this year.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report—Ray Kuthy announced that last year's annual meeting showed a profit of \$14,814, the highest ever. He told the assembly that expenditures exceeded anticipated income for fiscal year 1995-96 by \$6,372. He then outlined the proposed budget (\$122,770) for fiscal year 1996-97. There was a motion by Larry Hill, and seconded by Kim McFarland, to accept the balanced budget for next year. The motion passed unanimously.

Standing Committee Reports

Awards and Nominations—Rhys Jones announced the results of this year's election: vice-president, Dushanka Kleinman; Executive Council, Candace Schliffe-Jones and Scott Tomar. Jones noted that 37 dental schools presented the AAPHD award

this year.

Continuing Education—Hermine McLeran announced that AAPHD's meetings are approved for credit by the ADA's CERP and the Academy of General Dentistry.

Diversity—Aljeron Bolden informed the assembly that his committee is drafting a policy statement for the organization. As with the other new standing committees (Continuing Education and International Relations), the Diversity Committee has drafted Procedures and Duties.

International Relations—Isabel Garcia let the assembly know that AAPHD is a cosponsor of the Sixth World Congress on Preventive Dentistry (South Africa, 1997). She also informed the assembly about Valerie Robison's liaison role with the ADA's Health Volunteers Overseas and how there is potential for collaboration. Garcia told the members about the formation of the European Association of Dental Public Health. AAPHD plans to begin a formal dialogue with this new organization.

Membership—Jane Weintraub announced that she had some good news (88 new members) and some bad news (a net loss of members—there are now a total of 717 members). The latter may underestimate our membership because many people have dues that are overdue. She told the assembly that a targeted letter-writing campaign to more than 1,000 oral health professionals yielded 34 new members.

Oral Health—Rebecca King announced that Rhys Jones coordinated a symposium on dental public health at last year's American Dental Hygienists' Association annual meeting. Jones also is AAPHD's representative on the National Tobacco-free Steering Committee. King represented AAPHD at a meeting hosted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to explore the future of its oral health activities.

Planning—Kim McFarland up-

dated the membership concerning the search for a new National Office. Applications, as noted in previous issues of *Communique*, are due January 15, 1997. A special committee will review the applications and select up to three candidates for interviews at the mid-year Executive Council meeting. It is hoped that an announcement will be made by the next annual meeting.

Policy—Jed Hand announced that all AAPHD policies are now on disk. This information will become available on the AAPHD home page. At last year's annual meeting the membership passed an Interim Resolution concerning the Institute of Medicine's Report: "Dental Education at the Crossroads: Challenges and Change." There was a motion by Kim McFarland, seconded by Rebecca King, to accept the interim policy as official policy of AAPHD (see November 1995 issue of *Communique*). There was an amendment by Myron Alukian, seconded by Richard Ames, to change the sequence of the language. The amendment, and then the entire policy, were then approved by the assembly.

Special Committees

Development—Rebecca King requested ideas for revenue for the annual meeting.

Legislative—Skip Collins noted that the Executive Council intends to set aside time to discuss the purpose and activities of this committee. He has asked Hermine McLeran to explore whether this committee should be retained, and if so, propose its primary function.

Ethics—Kathy Atchison has agreed to chair a committee that will develop a code of ethics for dental public health.

New Business

Competency Objectives—Jane Weintraub told the members that the ADA is requiring that the specialty of

dental public health review its standards. Thus, AAPHD and ABDPH both agreed it would be appropriate to revise the competency objectives. There is a planning committee with representation from both organizations. After surveying several targeted groups, there will be a workshop held in spring 1997.

Canadian Report on Dental Amalgam—Steve Corbin reported that the US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) released a comprehensive report concerning dental amalgam in 1993. During the past month, Health Canada, an agency approximately equivalent to the US Food and Drug Administration, released a report that also reviewed the scientific literature, as well as a "stockholders meeting." The notable recommenda-

tions are: practitioners should think twice about using dental amalgam for primary teeth, dental amalgam should not be removed or replaced in pregnant women, and amalgam should not be used for those with kidney dysfunction. The DHHS has convened a meeting to get an update on the science. NIDR also is planning prospective clinical trials concerning amalgam. There appears to be no reason to change US policy, however. This issue will be monitored closely.

Steve Corbin also addressed two other issues. He had been notified by the British Dental Association that John Yiamouyiannis had filed a law suit against the *British Dental Journal* for an article in the August 1995 issue. Also, the ADA and others have been active in attempting to replicate and

interpret the practical findings from a recent article concerning the estrogenicity of sealants. The study appears to have limited application to humans.

Tobacco Intervention Services—Bob Mecklenburg noted that lack of reimbursement for this service has been the biggest barrier for dentist participation. The Agency for Health Care Policy and Research clinical guidelines for tobacco cessation are now available.

Internet—If *Communique* were available on the Internet (via the soon-to-be-created AAPHD home page), approximately one-half of the audience agreed they would access *Communique* electronically. Nearly all of the audience is now using e-mail.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.