

Worcester District Dental Society

As secretary of the Worcester District, I herewith submit the following report of the membership and meeting activities for the year 2010-2011:

Full Active Members	264
Active Life Members	32
Retired Members	7
Retired Life Members.....	72
First Year Out of School.....	10
Second Year Out of School	11
Third Year Out of School	12
Fourth Year Out of School	1
Permanent Disability	1
Allied Dental Health Professionals.....	49
Total Membership to Date.....	459
Newly Elected Members	16

Report of Activities for the Year:

Under the leadership of Dr. Robert Gauthier, and the guidance of the Executive Board, the Worcester District Dental Society had a busy year trying to serve the interests of our peers as well as those of the community.

Executive Committee Meetings

September 14, 2010

October 19, 2010

November 30, 2010

February 8, 2011

April 5, 2011

June 7, 2011

District Meetings

September 14, 2010

Dr. Robert Gauthier took over the role of chair. One of Dr. Gauthier's main focuses is to increase active participation from members. Our website is up and functional and members are encouraged to sign on. The board also thanked Dr. George Maloney for a job well done. Other goals are to finish our Disaster Relief Fund and to revamp our Bylaws. Dental Health Points have been posted onto our website. Dr. Handsman is to be a part of the MDS Leadership Institute.

October 19, 2010

Dr. Gauthier met with David White at MDS regarding Grassroots Advocacy and is looking for dentists to host Legislators and Senators in their office for breakfast. Look for a mailer regarding the March 4th All-Day Seminar at the Beechwood Hotel featuring a speaker from the Dawson Academy.

November 30, 2010

At a Leadership meeting in Holyoke, it was felt that the Economic Impact Tool was most important to utilize. It was suggested the data be filled out and forwarded to Dr. Tim Snail for input. Also each one was encouraged to fill out and forward to representatives on non-covered services legislation. The Executive Board unanimously endorsed Dr. William Dennis for the office of Assistant Secretary of the Massachusetts Dental Society.

February 8, 2011

There have been two breakfast meetings of the Grassroots Organizers so far, one in Dr. Swiderski's office with Senator Edward Moore and one in Dr. Rafla's office with Senator Michael Moore. Because of these meetings, we are beginning to see action in the Legislation. We have several events planned for the spring, including the March 4th All-Day Event at the Beechwood Hotel.

Spring 2011

The Annual Meeting of the WDDS will be held on April 5 at the Worcester Club. The New Dentist Committee will be planning a social event to honor Life Members and the Dental Education Committee will sponsor Risk Management Update in April.

The Worcester District would like to thank its officers and Executive Board for all their unselfish work throughout the year. We look forward to another successful year of growth.

Respectfully submitted,
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