

Colleagues and Members of the Michigan Academy of Pediatric Dentistry,

As I begin my term as President of the MAPD, I look forward to working with members and the board to be the voice of pediatric dentistry in Michigan. Once again, our Arrangements and Programming committee has done a great job lining up speakers and a venue. You will find attached to this email or on our website an informational flier for our next CE event occurring on Friday, February 9th, and Saturday, February 10th. This is our bi-annual CE and PALS course. The event continues to be an Online-only registration event at our website, michiganapd.org. Life Support Services provides our PALS certification and recertification; you should contact them directly to register for the appropriate course.

Below are some updates on board activity and Pediatric Dentistry in the State.

- We have started our first membership cycle with the AAPD, collecting our dues. This allows us to collect dues online or with a credit card with no fees and hopefully simplifies the process of paying dues at the same time as your AAPD dues. Please be sure to pay your MAPD dues if you are registering as a member for our upcoming meeting. Also, let me know if you have had any difficulties during this process.
- At our last meeting, we formalized the nomination process for joining our executive board. If you are interested, please contact a board member, me, or our executive secretary, Kristi Ocenasek at michiganapd.org@gmail.com.
- Transitions Committee: We are actively looking for better ways to connect our members with pediatric dental residents. The committee is in the process of looking at several alternatives to our traditional meet-and-greet dinners before the meetings as they have recently been poorly attended.
- Legislative Update: You likely received an email from the Bureau of Professional Licensing (BPL) within the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) stating that the NEW Dentistry Administrative Rules went into effect. We previously informed our members that there was a significant change and error in these new rules that was caught by Dr. Dana Radtke. The change would have required full American Board of Pediatric Dentistry certification (written and oral boards) to become a licensed Pediatric Dentist in the state. Dr. Radtke worked with the lobbyists and legal counsel of the Council of Michigan Dental Specialists to make sure this was corrected before the rules were finalized. Thank you, Dr. Radtke. There are many other changes to the rules, including the fact that there are now 10 licensed specialties in the state.
- An email survey was sent out to the membership looking to engage membership in our planning of the Fall 2024 meeting. Thank you for your helpful feedback and responses. We are excited to try something different next fall.

****Next Meeting:****

Friday, February 9th, 8:00 am Graduate Inn Ann Arbor PALS Recertification/Certification course. Register with Life Support Services, see flier.

Saturday, February 10th, 7:30 am Happy Crown, Happy Pulp. Drs. Nathaniel Lawson and Tatiana Botero will speak in the morning and afternoon, respectively, for a total of 7 CE credits about the treatment of young permanent teeth. Visit our website michiganapd.org for registration.

Save the Date Fall 2024:**

Join us on the evening of Friday, September 13th, and Saturday, September 14th, at Boyne Mountain in Boyne Falls for our fall continuing education meeting and general assembly meeting.

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Please contact our executive secretary, Kristi Ocenasek, at michiganapd.org@gmail.com if you need additional information or assistance with membership or registration.

