

American Society for Dental Ethics

Mission Statement

The American Society for Dental Ethics exists to support ethics as an integral value for the dental health care professions. The members of the Society are dedicated to the ongoing study of ethical issues and education to promote professional responsibility and conduct, thereby enhancing oral health care for those we serve.

Core Values of ASDE

- Leadership
- Community
- Education
- Collegiality
- Scholarship
- Service
- Professional integrity

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The ASDE officers are inviting all members to go to our website at www.societyfordentaethics.org

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ACD Integration Update

The College and ASDE leadership continue to work toward a possible integration. More information at our 2010 Business meeting in Washington DC.



ASDE Summer Board Meeting

ASDE held its Summer Board Meeting in Los Angeles on the campus of the University of Southern California August 13-16, 2009. Our faculty host, ASDE Board Member/ACD Fellow Al Rosenblum organized a full day continuing education course on Saturday, August 15 to take advantage of presence of the ASDE Board during this time. The course, entitled *Challenging Problems: Artful, Ethical Solutions*, featured a keynote address by Robert Veatch, Professor of Medical Ethics and former Director of the Kennedy Institute of Ethics at Georgetown University. In addition to Dr. Veatch's presentation, the group presented a series of scenarios to challenge the participants in applying their ethical reasoning skills. The event was a success and garnered a small profit for the ASDE treasury. The 2010 Board meeting will be in Portland, Oregon.

IDEALS

The Bulletin of the International Dental Ethics and Law Society (IDEALS) is now available to non-members, at the

www.ideals.ac website. The upcoming issue of the Bulletin will be devoted to dental ethics education.

The 8th International Dental Ethics and Law Congress (August 18-20, 2010) will be devoted to the theme of "Dental Ethics, Law, and Information Technology." Anybody interested in attending is invited and encouraged to submit an abstract at the IDEALS website at www.ideals.ac

Annual Business Meeting at ADEA

The annual session for the American Dental Education Association will be held Feb 28 thru Mar. 3, 2008 in Washington DC. The annual ASDE business meeting will be held on Monday or Tuesday and will be announced as soon as possible.

ADEA Faculty Development Workshop for 2010

The ASDE Workshop at the ADEA annual meeting will be held on Sunday, February 28, 2010 in Washington DC. Once again we are delighted to have Muriel Bebeau (University of Minnesota), conducting a Faculty Development Workshop for us. The workshop is titled, Using the Defining Issues Test in Dental Ethics Education. This session will delve into the use of the DIT for gauging professional development with dental students.

More Ethics Content at ADEA 2010!

- Interdisciplinary Contexts for Teaching Culturally Sensitive Care: Ethics, Behavioral Science, Public Health and the Student Environment Feb 27th 10-noon.
- Conundrums in Dental Education: Assessing Contemporary Ethical Dilemmas. Feb 3rd 8-10 AM

Intensive Bioethics Course June 7-11, 2010 at Kennedy Institute of Ethics

The annual Intensive Bioethics Course at the Joseph and Rose Kennedy Institute of Ethics will be held June 7-11, 2010. Specific aims and objectives for the course are to introduce participants to the philosophical underpinnings of bioethics and current major topics in the field, and to provide them with the skills to define and describe various principles and approaches to bioethics in medical practice, law and public policy. A special session for dental folks is being planned. Online registration available at: <http://kennedyinstitute.georgetown.edu>

UIC College of Dentistry Student Ethics Video Wins ADA Grand Prize

The Council of Ethics, Bylaws, and Judicial Affairs of the American Dental Association (ADA) awarded the Grand Prize to a video entry, *Do the Right Thing*, produced by University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry Students for the council's 2009 student ethics video contest. Seven predoctoral students were involved: Kaitrin Baloue, Kaori Ema (current UIC American Student Dental Association chapter President), Jason Foreman, Shivam Patel (President-Elect), Michael Rabinowitz, Samia Rageb, and Samuel D. Willens (former President). They shared a \$1,000 cash prize, and the video was shown at the ADA Annual Session in Hawaii in late September and early October.



Loma Linda University Ethics in Everyday Practice Course to be held on Sunday, March 14, 2010

Loma Linda University is presenting a course designed for all members the oral health team who deal with ethical challenges when providing care. Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to interpret the ethical dimensions of a problem, prioritize competing interests, and communicate effectively to achieve an optimal action plan.

Case studies will be used during this program to examine ethical situations or dilemmas that may arise in dental settings including appropriate treatment, best practice, patient care, managed care and reimbursement, and professional integrity. For more information, please go to: <http://www.llu.edu/dentistry/cde/courses/031410.pages>



Meetings and Events of Note to ASDE Membership:

- Feb 28 – Mar. 3, 2010 ADEA Annual Session, Wash DC
- March 14, 2010 Ethics in Everyday Practice. Loma Linda University, Loma Linda California
- June 7-11, 2010 Kennedy Institute of Ethics Intensive Bioethics Course, Wash. DC
- August 13-15, 2010 Annual Board meeting in Portland, Oregon

American Society for Bioethics and Humanities

The Dental Ethics Affinity Group of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH) met in Washington, DC on Friday, October 16, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill. The affinity group meeting also serves as a meeting for members of the American Society for Dental Ethics (ASDE).

Ozar- Hasegawa Award



The Ozar-Hasegawa winner for 2009 is Dr. Jeffery Hoyle. Jeff is a native of Eastern Washington State, who earned a B.S. in Biophysics at Brigham Young University in 2004 and a D.D.S. at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental school in San Antonio, TX in 2009. He is currently in a GPR program at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD as part of a four-year, direct accession commitment to the Navy Dental Corps. After that, he plans to enroll in a combined periodontics/Ph.D. program with the goal of becoming a career researcher/educator in dental academics.

ASDE Members Presenting Courses

Dr. Larry Garetto and Anika Ball gave a presentation at the Indiana University School of Dentistry for the Dental Hygiene Series Part 1 on Ethics titled, 'Did that Just Happen? Awareness, Accountability, and Ethical Decision Making Chairsides on

October 9, 2009. The CE course was designed to provide attendees with the opportunity to develop and use evaluative skills and techniques to deepen their critical understanding of a variety of ethical approaches and methods that can be used within the dental practice context.

Dr. Robert Stevenson gave a presentation titled 'Dental Ethics' to the Columbus Dental Society at their October 13th meeting, and will give a four-hour dental ethics course on December 18th at the Ohio State University College of Dentistry.

http://www.dent.osu.edu/ce/pages/show_session.php?session_id=CSID-00001377

Legal Conference in 2010

American College of Legal Medicine in 2010 will hold its 50th Annual Conference ACLM 50 Years Later: Advances in Medicine. The 2010 Annual Meeting includes a two day Legal Aspects of Dentistry Special Symposium on March 4-7, 2010 at the Caribe Royale, 8101 World Center Drive Orlando, FL 32821.

Registration Information: www.aclm.org



President's Letter

Dear ASDE Members,

Greetings! We've had a long, warm, and beautiful fall in Michigan which has served as calming backdrop for a very hectic Fall term. I hope that all of you are enjoying good weather and good health as we move into the holiday season.

In the May 2009 newsletter I wrote about recommendations for changes to the current predoctoral accreditation standards made by the CODA Predoctoral Accreditation Standards Task Force. I called your

attention to them because I believe that if adopted, the changes will place more emphasis on competencies and capacities related to ethics and professionalism than do the current standards. Not only did the proposed changes to the standards focus in some new ways on student performance, they also focused on qualities of the educational environment. At this time, I'm writing to update you on the status of the proposed changes, which were reviewed by the Commission at its July 2009 meeting, following about a nine-month period for comment by communities of interest.

At its July 2009 meeting, the Commission decided to revise the proposed changes to the Accreditation Standards in Predoctoral Education based on the comments it received, and to circulate the revised version for comments by communities of interest. Additions to the previous version are indicated by underlining and deletions by strikethroughs. The link to the revised version of changes proposed for the Predoctoral Accreditation Standards is: http://www.ada.org/prof/ed/accred/commission/news/proposed_predoc_apdx_2.pdf

CODA held an open hearing on these proposed revisions at the ADA Annual Session in Honolulu. *I encourage you to review them and send your comments to the ASDE Board (though our Executive Director, Anika Ball [aball@llu.edu]).* The deadline for comments from communities of interest is May 1, 2010, and we would be pleased to compile member comments and forward them to the Commission.

Another action taken by the Commission at its July 2009 meeting was the approval for circulation of a standard for "Ethics and Professionalism" that would be included in the curriculum section of all Accreditation Standards documents for all disciplines under the Commission's purview. The link to the proposed Ethics and Professionalism standard is at: http://www.ada.org/prof/ed/accred/commission/news/proposed_ethics_apdx_4.pdf

Again, I encourage you to review it and send your comments to the ASDE Board (though our Executive Director, Anika Ball [aball@llu.edu]). The deadline for comments from communities of interest is May 15, 2010, and we would be pleased to compile member comments related to this new proposed standard and forward them to the Commission.

We will include a discussion of the revisions of the proposed CODA Predoctoral Accreditation Standards and a the proposed new "Ethics and Professionalism" Standard for all disciplines at our annual business meeting held during the ADEA annual session in Washington, DC, February 27 – March 3, 2010. Please "stay tuned" for information about the date, time, and location of the business meeting and please plan on joining us.

I wish all of you a joyous holiday season.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Lantz



ASDE has decided to meet the demands of most of our members and transmit our newsletter electronically via email. If you would prefer to receive this mailing in paper form or have a problem in receiving it, please let Anika Ball know at aball@llu.edu.