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NEWSLETTER

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The 5th ASDE Summer Intensive Ethics Workshop will be held in Toronto, Canada on May 23 & 24, 2007 before the IDEALS conference. For additional information and registration information. Check the website: www.ideals.ac/congress/2007

ETHICS EDUCATORS

ASDE is inviting all dental and dental hygiene faculty to forward an electronic copy of their ethics course syllabi to Larry Garetto at lgaretto@uipui.edu. The forwarded syllabi and information will serve as a resource for colleagues as well as new dental and dental hygiene ethics course directors.

Invitation from ASDE:

The ASDE officers are inviting all members to go to our website at www.societyfordentalethics.org and print the brochure if you have colleagues who might be interested in membership. We are a small but sharing group of dental professionals. Please consider recruiting new members!

Student Ethics Group

Alvin Rosenblum has been working with twenty-two USC students to form a student ethics group at the request of the student body. We are honored to have these students interested in becoming ASDE members. We encourage all institutions to look into forming such a group.

Award Winner

More than 10 submissions occurred for the first Ozar-Hasegawa. The first place winner is Andrew Swiatcowicz from the University of Maryland. An honorable mention was given to Sam Malkinson from McGill University.

The Ozar-Hasegawa Ethics Award is an annual award named for two individuals who have contributed to the scholarship, discussion, and application of dental ethics, *Professor David Ozar* (Loyola University) and *Dr. Thomas Hasegawa Jr.* (Baylor; deceased). The award is presented by the American Society for Dental Ethics (ASDE) to a dental or dental hygiene student for an essay or comparable product of careful ethical reflection. The prize is \$500 and membership to ASDE for one year. Please see the website for more information.

Website Update

We are currently re-designing our website and have collaborated with a web designer to help

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facilitate our goals. We will feature information about upcoming ASDE presentations, workshops, and seminars. A calendar of upcoming events will be on the website as well as many other useful items. We hope to have it completed by the first of June.

www.societyfordentalethics.org

AGD Impact

At the invitation of the Academy of General Dentistry, Dave Ozar and Don Patthoff have agreed to write a regular ethics feature for the AGD's monthly journal, Impact, which will ordinarily appear in the journal every second month. The first one will appear in the March, 2007, Impact. Most of the Ozar-Patthoff essays will follow the case and commentary format because we know clinicians learn well from this format. But from time to time we will also offer more didactic essays that will pull together themes of professional ethics exemplified in the cases. The Academy's commitment is very serious, so this is likely to be as fruitful a collaboration between AGD and ASDE Don and Dave welcome suggestions from ASDE members for cases or issues to write about. They can be reached at these email addresses: Ozar

dozar@luc.edu Patthoff

patthoff@peoplepc.com

Call for Manuscripts

"Issues in Dental Ethics," A section of the Journal of the American College of Dentists, is accepting scholarly manuscripts of broad subject of ethics and dentistry. Manuscripts should be

limited to 4,000 words and adhere to the reference format of the JACD. Send manuscripts or questions to James T Rule, Associate Editor, Issues in Dental Ethics at jimrule@goecw.net.

Call for Nominations

Michael Goupil will complete his term as a Member-at-Large June 1st 2007. It is necessary to select a successor. Phyllis Beemsterboer has nominated Alvin Rosenblum is currently nominated for the position. Anika Ball has agreed to serve as Executive Director and it is also necessary to select a successor for the position she held as Member-at-Large. Anne Koerber has been nominated for the position. If you are interested in nominating someone or self nominating contact anikaball@hotmail.com

Tomar Presentation June 24-29, 2007

Dr. Don Patthoff will speak on light activated tissue regeneration which will include exploring ethical concerns. For more information about the conference he will be presenting at visit: Website <http://www.engconfintl.org> and <http://services.bepress.com/eci/tissue-regen/>

Suggested Reading

Pritchard, M. *Professional Integrity: Thinking Ethically*: 2006, Topeka: University of Kansas Press. This book addresses the ethical heights that professionals should aspire to using cases and examples to encourage the greater good for all professionals, not just health care.

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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
 - Patient well-being
 - Practitioner well-being
 - Respect of alternate viewpoints
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