

American Society

for

Dental Ethics

(Formerly PEDNET)

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.societyfordentalethics.org

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ACD Integration Update

All members should have received a letter in the US mail regarding the trial integration of ASDE with the **American College of Dentists**. This relationship has the potential to be very important for both organizations because of our common interest in the ethics of the profession. As the letter stated, *combining the expertise and resources of both organizations will enable ASDE and ACD to enhance their scope, impact and visibility as leaders in advancing professional ethics in dentistry and dental education*. Past-President Larry Garetto attended his first ACD Board of Regents meeting in San Antonio, TX in October as the ASDE Liaison to the Board. He was warmly welcomed as an *ex officio* participant in the business of the board and discussed briefly the integration plan. A lively discussion ensued regarding the status of membership categories and the bylaws adjustments that both organizations will need to initiate to finalize the relationship.

It is important for all ASDE members to recognize that there will be some issues that we have to work out for this relationship to go forward but that the boards of the respective organizations are enthusiastically supportive. Dr. Garetto would like to start an FAQ page to respond to questions about the integration. Please direct questions to him via our Executive Director Anika Ball at aball@llu.edu.

Workshop at the ADEA Meeting in Arizona

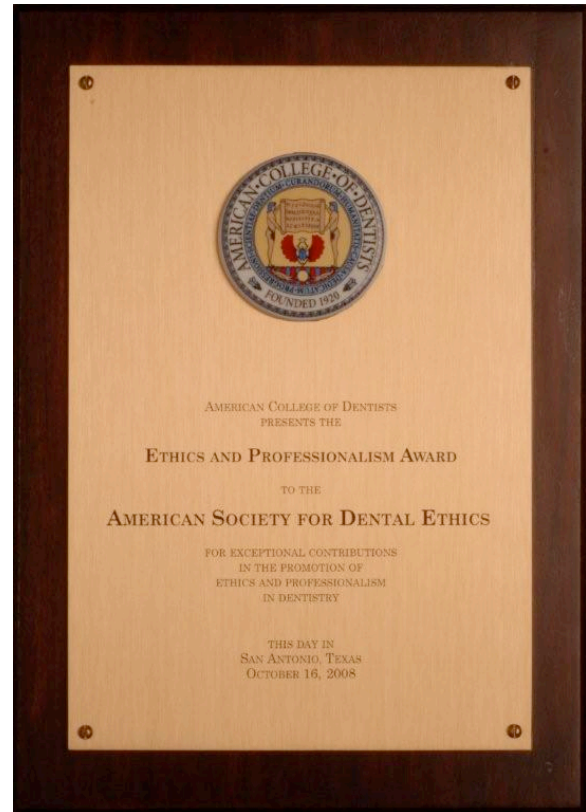
Mickey Bebeau will be presenting a faculty development workshop during the ADEA annual session titled **Tools for assessing the outcomes of professional ethics education in dentistry**. In continuing the theme of recent sessions focusing on teaching and assessment of professional ethics, the goal of this workshop sponsored by the American Society for Dental Ethics is

to learn how to administer and use the Dental Ethical Sensitivity Test, the Defining Issues Test, the Dental Ethical Reasoning and Judgment Test and the Professional Role Orientation Inventory Test. Use of each test, its application and results will be presented. These tools are reliable and valid and are in use in various aspects of dental education. The tools do not replace classroom assessment measures already in use in many schools, but enable institutions to judge the impact of education and to compare results to established norms for ethical development. Time and location for the workshop will be announced by ADEA.

Report from the American Society for Bioethics and the Humanities Dental Affinity Group Meeting in October 2008 – Don Patthoff

The annual session of the ASBH Dental Affinity Group was held in Cleveland on October 25, 2008. The speaker was Kristin A. Williams DDS MPH from Case Western University and she did a presentation on the Healthy Smiles Sealant Program and Out Reach Program in Metropolitan Cleveland. This program, which gets its support from non-profit groups outside of the dental school, was successful in getting 65 dentists to do the follow up on their screenings. Dr. Williams shared that the success rate was due to renaming their coordination person a "referral coordinator" instead of social worker. Opportunities are also available for Case dental students to go to missions in Dominican Republic, Alaska, and American Indian Reservations. At the Indian Reservations students received transportation and lodging, while at other sites only lodging was included. The presentation was well received and included a lively discussion.

ASDE Wins ACD Award



This beautiful award from the Board of Regents of the [American College of Dentists](#) (ACD) was presented in October 2008 to our past-president Larry Garetto on behalf of our president Marilyn Lantz. Thank you to ACD for this wonderful honor!

USC Ethics Forum

On September 25, 2008 members of ASDE and local dentists gathered at USC School of Dentistry to participate in an Ethics Forum hosted by the Associated Student Body. Around 80 students attended a sit down dinner and took part in engaging conversation about the issues that arise in dental ethics. The evening started with a wonderful keynote speech by Dr. Larry Garetto. Dr. Garetto then joined the panel which included Dr. Bruce Peltier, Dr. Mark Kaufman, Mr. Matt MacGinnis, and Ms. Anika Ball to answer and discuss five identified issues in dental ethics.

The students at USC (under the guidance of

Drs. Al Rosenblum and Eugene Sekiguchi expressed their delight and good fortune in having the benefit of such a distinguished panel of experts in the field of dental ethics.

ASDE Annual Summer Board Meeting Report

ASDE Annual Summer Board Meeting held August 8-10 was graciously sponsored by Dr. Laura Bishop. The annual board meeting was held at the National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics housed within Georgetown University. The first half of the meeting agenda focused upon the ASDE/ACD integration. Board members were updated about the integration and also had the opportunity to speak with ACD Executive Director Steve Ralls. The discussion provided both organizations an opportunity to discuss the integration period and address any questions in that regard. The board as a whole felt this was of great benefit and was grateful to Dr. Ralls for his contribution to the discussion.

The second half for our meeting focused upon ASDE general board business and future programs/projects. A highlight for the group was the discussion of current projects that ASDE members are involved with. Professional Ethics Initiative Project (PEI) and Ethical Curriculum Survey Outcomes Study hold a wealth of research that will benefit dental education.

The Professional Ethics Initiative (PEI) is a major ethics initiative with four dimensions—individuals, practices, organizations, and resources. The goal of PEI is to improve the ethical climate of dentistry and enhance its ethical base. The premise for PEI is that we need more individuals with various levels of expertise in dental ethics and that appropriately structured practices and organizations not only protect against ethical lapses but help create a positive ethical climate that builds a stronger profession. The PEI has an aspirational focus and character that strives to motivate, encourage, and inspire rather than regulate

and penalize. For further information, please go to the web address: <http://www.acd.org/pei.htm>.

The PEI group quickly became aware of the need to develop a database that contains detailed information regarding the current state of ethics instruction US dental schools. ASDE members M.S. Lantz, P. Zarkowski, and M. Bebeau were asked to put together an ethics curriculum survey. As a result, the Ethical Curriculum Survey Outcomes Study was created. Data was collected and analyzed. The results of this survey will provide information useful to dental educators as they plan for development and/or enhancement of ethics curricula.

The Annual Summer Board meeting was productive and highly enjoyable. Many thanks to all the hard work Laura Bishop put in to sponsoring our group!

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.