Section/SIG Activities

1. Section/SIG activities –

Section activities included an interim meeting held jointly with the Dental School Admissions Officers, October 21-24, 2009, in Dallas, TX. The meeting was held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled ADEA Fall 2009 Meetings.

The following topics and speakers were featured:

**Thursday, October 22**

- **A-Client Users Group**- Ms. Chris Ferraraccio, Academic Management, Inc.

- **Update about ADEA AADSAS, PASS, CAPID and the DAT**- Anne Wells, Chonte James, Peter Storandt

- **Student Ambassador Program**- Greg Stoute

- **Criminal Background Checks: Implementation with ADEA AADSAS**- Tony D’Orazio

- **Joint Plenary: Welcome to the Digital Immigration Service**- Jack Long and BCD Students

**Friday, October 23**

- **Legal Issues Facing Institutions (concurrent with Academic Deans)**- Cheryl Cameron

- **Student Disciplinary Checks: An Update and Discussion**- Kim Fenesy

- **Including Everyone**- ADEA Gay-Straight Alliance

- **What Admissions Officers Need to Know about Online Courses**- Venita Sposetti, Fedro Zazueta, Margaret Fields, Jennifer Smith

- **Financial Issues Facing Students**- Collaborative Working Group with the Academic Deans and the ADEA Council of Students, Residents and Fellows

- **Joint Plenary on Healthcare Reform**- ADEA

**Saturday, October 24**

- **Joint Breakfast and Plenary: ADEA CCI Building Consensus, Leading Change**- Ronald Hunt
The section also participated in 2010 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition at the Gaylord National Hotel in National Harbor, MD. The section co-sponsored “Eating Disorders – Implications for Clinicians and Dental Educators” in conjunction with the Council of Faculties and Sections on: Behavioral Sciences, Biochemistry, and Nutrition and Microbiology.

Speakers:
Ken Etzel, Ph.D., MS
Meredith Ypma, B.S.
Debby Fisher, Psy.D.
Bert Milligan III, Ph.D., D.M.D.
Anne Koerber, D.D.S., Ph.D.

The purpose of the program was to develop an appreciation from the perspective of both the patient/student and clinician of the complexity of the psychological issues associated with the disorder, understand the impact of eating disorders on systemic and oral health and discuss approaches to assist students and patients who may be struggling with early symptoms of the three most common eating disorders: anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, and binge-eating disorder.

2. Meetings/Programs –
   a. ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition – Members Forum held jointly with Dental School Admissions Officers, see meeting minutes below. See above for details on program sponsored by section.
   b. Regional Meetings – n/a
   c. National Meetings – see above for details on interim meeting

3. Newsletter (either electronic or print) – n/a
4. Project Pool Submission – n/a

Membership and Attendance
In this section, report the following information.

1. Total membership for the section/SIG as of past ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition
   996
2. Total attendance at the past section/SIG Program and Members’ Forum
   54
Meeting Minutes

MEMBER’S FORUM: ADEA Sections of Dental School Admissions Officers and Student Affairs and Financial Aid
Sunday, February 28, 2010
Gaylord National Harbor, MD

Business Meeting
Councilor’s Report – Carolyn Booker

- Treasurer’s Report
  - Student Affairs / Financial Aid $1,360.81
  - Dental School Admissions Officers $1,360.81

- Dr. Andrieu discussed the goals for 2011 conference; the theme is “Inter-Professional Education”. The concept is to bring together various professions at the conference to work collaboratively. Dr. Andrieu will work to create more “white space” time for networking within the conference.

- Dr. Valachovic provided an update on new dental schools. BYU is the #1 feeder to dental schools.

- Project Pool – Sections coming together for funding is encouraged. There haven’t been sufficient proposals in recent years.

- 2010 Fall Meetings Oct. 28-30, New Orleans
  - June 1 – proposal deadline

- Special Program Fund – Sharon Speigel, Councilor Liaison. The concept is to take some monies from each of the sections into a new fund that all sections can apply for to create collaborative programming. A Task Force with representatives from each of the sections would determine how the fund would operate.

Elections – Student Affairs / Financial Aid
  Secretary – James Betbeze
  Councilor – Phil Pierpont

Elections – Admissions Officers
  Secretary – Shelia Price
  Councilor – Venita Sposeti

Division of Educational Pathways (DEP) Update – Anne Wells

- Pre-Dental Student Workshop, Saturday 2/27
  Over 325 registered students; over 400 attended. ADEA participants will be surveyed for feedback and suggestions on improving the program for next year.

- ADEA Task Force on Applicant Misconduct
  - Review policies / practices of related professions
  - Develop ADEA policy for handling misconduct / irregularities in application
  - Progress to Date:
    - Strengthened wording in applications relating to misconduct
    - Survey admissions officers about application misconduct
      - 37 responses thus far; the survey is still open and schools are encouraged to complete one
      - Establishment of a database to report misconduct issues
      - Interest in adding student disciplinary checks to AADSAS
• Develop an ADEA Applicant Code of Conduct

• CODA Predoctoral Accreditation Standards Update
  o New standards to address diversity
  o These are currently out for comment

• New Dental Schools
  o 2011 the following schools will join AADSAS
    ▪ Eastern Carolina University, Greenville, NC
    ▪ Midwestern University, Downer’s Grove, IL
    ▪ University of Southern Nevada, South Jordan, UT
  o Schools in the planning stages
    ▪ University of New England, Portland ME
  o Schools conducting feasibility studies
    ▪ Florida A&M
    ▪ University of Arkansas
    ▪ University of Kansas
    ▪ University of New Mexico
    ▪ University of Utah
    ▪ California
    ▪ Florida
    ▪ Marshfield Clinic, WI

• Admissions Committee Workshops (ACWS)
  o 10 admissions officers are trained to provide these workshops
  o funding was provided by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
  o focus is holistic admissions and increasing diversity
  o Minority Admissions of overall and first time, first year applicants vs. enrollees to dental schools was discussed; there are more applications in the system, but the percentage of enrollees has not increased at the same pace.

• ADEA FADEA (Future of Advanced Dental Education Admissions)
  o Project launched in conjunction with ADEA Council of Hospitals and Advanced Education Programs (COHEAP)
  o Goal is to increase methods to analyze, compare, and select applicants to advanced dental education programs
  o Project Stages:
    ▪ Survey program directors in March 2010 regarding current practices
    ▪ April 2010 – meeting for 50 specialty organizations and ADEA Members to gather more information
    ▪ Fall 2010 – meeting to identify ways to improve PASS, and evaluate the need for additional tools.

• DENTPIN – Anne Wells and Gene Kramer
  o DENTPIN is an 8 digit identifier
  o DENTPIN will replace the Social Security Number in AClient
  o DAT test takers since December 3, 2009 have been required to obtain DENTPIN
  o 2011 AADSAS applicants will be required to obtain DENTPIN
  o all currently enrolled dental students have been assigned DENTPINs
  o 2010 entering class – does NOT have DENTPIN. Schools must instruct these students to obtain them, and report them to the school. Schools will be required to use DENTPINs for CODA reporting and ADEA Applicant Analysis.
  o Students can obtain and/or look up their DENTPINs on the ADA website.
DAT Update and Trends – Gene Kramer

- Official DAT scores will be available through AADSAS beginning with the 2011 cycle.
- A Critical Thinking test may be added to or replace an existing test on the DAT battery. This change is being considered now.
- A basic calculator will appear on the Quantitative Reasoning test beginning March 2010. The rationale is that the use of the calculator will allow for a higher level of questioning.

ADA Ambassador’s Program – John Killip

- This student-initiated program was started in Fall 2009
- Objective: to initiate student interaction with underrepresented minorities to try to increase the number of minority students applying to dental school.
- Pilot programs being developed with ambassadors:
  - University of Chicago at Illinois
    - 15 ambassadors
    - Work with admissions day interviewers
  - UMKC – developing three phase program; currently working on Phase 2
    - Phase 1: Dental student for a day (personal experience)
    - Phase 2: ADA Student Ambassador and SNDA/HAD Electronic Communications (electronic)
    - Phase 3: Second Dental student for a day (personal experience)

Predental student international experiences – Lisa Deem

- Recent discussions on AFASA2 Listserv regarding predental students providing oral health care abroad as untrained individuals, and touting this experience in their dental school applications
- Several program providers exist (e.g. International Service Learning, Vita)
- Should an ADEA statement be prepared about this issue?
- Discussion focused on how to address the issue, what should our stance be, is it appropriate to hold students accountable for experiences they have under licensed dentists?
- Pre-Health Advisors expressed a need for guidance on how to advise their students. Further discussion is necessary on this topic to address this issue more fully.

Updates / Topics of Interest

- Traffic Rules Resolutions for 2011
  - Lift Date Change from May 1 to April 1 – this is the date schools begin reporting on students holding positions in their incoming classes. The proposal is to change the date to accommodate those schools with earlier start dates.
  - Response Period Change for December from 45 days to 30 days.

- Changing Dec 1 National Signing Date?
  - With the change in response period in December to 30 days, and a change in signing date to December 15, candidates would still be responding in mid-January, so we lose the benefit.
  - We must be conscious of the students’ needs to interview before responding to early offers (are we being applicant friendly?)
  - Different school deadline dates create a never-ending discussion about the signing date and traffic rules dates.
  - It was suggested that further discussion take place regarding deadlines in general.