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The Newsletter of the Alabama AGD

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## MEET OUR PRESIDENT-ELECT

Kim E. Stiegler, D.M.D., MAGD

Dr. Kim Stiegler was born in New Orleans, Louisiana and grew up in Mobile, Alabama.

He graduated from the University of Alabama School of Dentistry in 1980 and completed a two year General Practice Residency at Charity Hospital in New Orleans in 1982. He has been in private practice in Mobile, Alabama since finishing his residency.



*Dr. Kim Stiegler*

Dr. Stiegler served as President and on the Board of Trustees, House of Delegates, and multiple councils and committees of the Alabama Dental Association. He also served as Secretary Treasurer for the University of Alabama School of Dentistry Alumni Association, part-time instructor and President of the Advisory Council for the Faulkner State Community College Dental Assisting Program in Bay Minette, Alabama and he has held all offices of the Mobile Area Dental Society. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors for the American Dental Association Political Action Committee (ADPAC) and the Alabama Dental Political Action Committee (ALDPAC). He received his Mastership in the AGD in 2008 and was awarded Fellowships in the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

Kim enjoys working with his wife, Lisa, who is a Dental Hygienist and in their spare time they like to travel, spend time on Dauphin Island and enjoy watching SEC football.

*Editor's Note:*

*As you can see Dr. Stiegler is highly qualified to lead the Alabama AGD into the new decade. He is already hard at work on the 2020 Emerald Coast Annual Review of Dentistry. That is something we all need to put on our calendar September 10-12, 2020!*



Dr. Kim Stiegler with his wife Lisa

# There's a new name for Alabama AGD's annual meeting... EMERALD COAST AGD ANNUAL REVIEW OF DENTISTRY

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# ALABAMA ACADEMY OF GENERAL DENTISTRY: 2019 REVIEW

Bill Chesser, D.M.D., MAGD

Wow! Where did the time go? It seems we just installed our 2019 Alabama AGD President, Ross Isbell, and here we are at the end of his term.

Dr. Isbell wasted no time getting down to business. He led our board meeting with exceptional prowess. He and his able committees produced an excellent Annual Review of Dentistry meeting, offering 75 hours (!) of continuing education, in addition to superb social events.

Ross is the youngest Alabama AGD president ever to serve in this position, following Dr. Derrick Mendez, Immediate Past President. How encouraging it is for young members of our profession to step up for leadership roles in organized dentistry. Dr. Gordon Isbell, Ross's dad, also served as Alabama AGD president, several

years ago. This marks the first second-generation presidency in Alabama AGD.

During our annual September meeting, one of our speakers was unable to attend due to hurricane issues with flight cancellations on the Florida west coast. Dr. Isbell courageously accepted the challenge of presenting the program himself, and attendees of his course, "Managing Diabetes, and the Oral Health of the Geriatric Population", benefitted. Another first for an Alabama AGD president!

November 8-10, Chicago hosted the Annual AGD Governance Meeting, and the House of Delegates convened here. At this time, business of the AGD is conducted, and election of national officers is held.

Interestingly, there were three contested offices this year, that of VP, Secretary, and Speaker of the HOD. Final outcome: Dr. Gerald Bothco, from Cape Cod, MA, is our new VP; Dr. Abe Dyzenhaus, NYC, NY, Secretary; and Dr. Bryan Edgar, from Federal Way, WA, will serve a second term as Speaker of the HOD.



Alabama AGD delegates at the annual governance meeting in Chicago (left to right): Drs. Gary Myers, Ross Isbell, Derrick Mendez, Kim Stiegler, Bill Chesser





Delegates to the AGD meeting from Alabama were Drs. Derrick Mendez, Kim Stiegler, and Ross Isbell, with Gary Myers and Bill Chesser present as Alternate Delegates. All attendees were involved in Region 19 as leaders from Alabama.

Considered, but defeated at this meeting, was Resolution 304, which would have prevented Trustees from campaigning for candidates seeking office.

Alabama AGD Executive Director Gary Myers has been appointed to the Governance Evaluation and Review Committee (GERC). This group will be tasked with streamlining the Governance structure of AGD, making recommendations to the Board of Trustees, and eventually the HOD.

The governance structure has not been changed in 60 years! If our organization is to survive, we must remain current with professional and societal

changes. Some possible changes which we might consider include:

1. Reducing the number of members on the HOD
2. Reducing membership fees
3. Changing or eliminating some of the offices

You, as a member of Alabama AGD, can have an input in helping to make changes. If you have any ideas, let Gary know. (Elsewhere in this newsletter, I will post the charge to the GERC.)

Dr. Kim Stiegler will help us usher in the 2020 season as our new president, in February at the Board meeting held in Birmingham during the UAB SOD Alumni meeting. As we enter the Roaring Twenties of the 21st Century, our profession offers exciting possibilities for changes in dentistry.

Get behind our new president. Help him with this first meeting of the decade, the first Alabama AGD Emerald Coast Annual Review of Dentistry.

## IMPORTANT DATES IN 2020

### July 15-18

National AGD Scientific Meeting  
Caesars Palace – Las Vegas, NV

### September 10-12

Emerald Coast AGD Annual Review of Dentistry  
Hilton Sandestin – Destin, FL

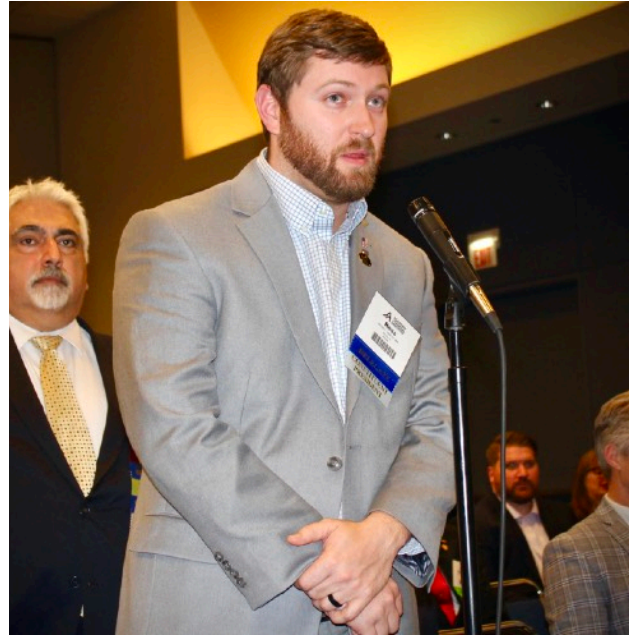
## CLOSING REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ross Isbell, D.M.D., M.B.A.

Welcome to 2020! Many people take the opportunity with the start of a new year to make resolutions and to decide how they want to better themselves. I think that is a wonderful practice even if it is rarely successful. I find value in setting New Year's resolutions because of the evaluation process that it causes us to go through. We should always have goals but sometimes even more important than the goal is the periodic assessment and measurement of our progress towards the goal. Lifelong learning by definition is not a pursuit that has a stopping point. So as you learn and grow through your life and practice, you should continue to reassess whether you are traveling in the direction that is going to help you achieve your goals. The FellowTrack and MasterTrack programs



*Dr. Ross Isbell with his father Dr. Gordon Isbell*



*Dr. Ross Isbell addressing the 2019 AGD House of Delegates*

of the AGD provide us with clearly defined benchmarks for which to aim. I am currently in the process of studying for my Fellowship and am nearing attainment of my hours. I promise it has not been a quick easy journey to get here! However, this is only a stepping stone on the way to earning the Lifelong Learning and Service Recognition (LLSR). This status shows extreme dedication not only to excellence in the art and practice of dentistry, but also an abundance of caring for your community and humanity. I hope that among your New Year's resolutions going into 2020, you consider starting down a path of learning with the AGD, a path of dedication to your craft, and a path of advancing yourself and your team en route to providing the best possible care for your patients. Thank you in advance for your help keeping dentistry a strong and trusted profession and for choosing to do that as part of the AGD. It has been an honor to serve as your President this year.

Sincerely,  
Ross Isbell, D.M.D., M.B.A.



# PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

46th Annual Review of Dentistry - Destin, FL



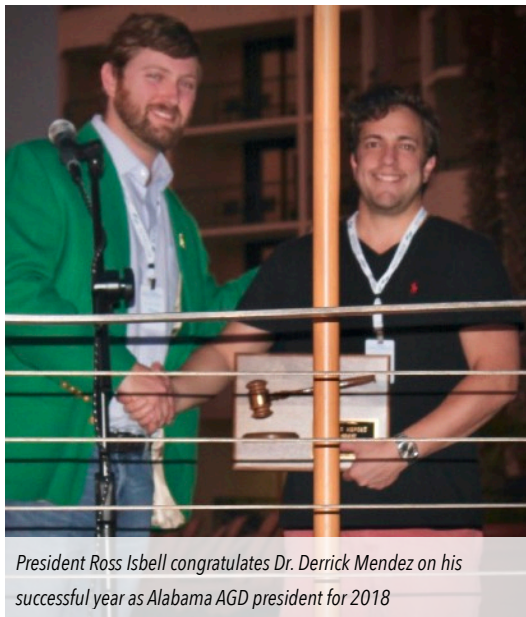
President Ross Isbell delivers lecture on diabetes



Lisa Stiegler is excited to win a TV; Lisa is the wife of President-elect Dr. Kim Stiegler



Two Region 19 leaders attending our meeting: Dr. Glen Miller (trustee, left) from North Carolina and Dr. Bill Burn (regional director, right) from South Carolina



President Ross Isbell congratulates Dr. Derrick Mendez on his successful year as Alabama AGD president for 2018



Dr. Glen Miller (left), AGD Trustee for Region 19, confers with President Ross Isbell as he conducts the board meeting



# PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

46th Annual Review of Dentistry - Destin, FL *(continued)*



*The beautiful Emerald Coast as seen from our annual meeting venue, the Hilton Sandestin*



*Dr. Bob DeShazer once again commands the stage at the exhibit hall party, passing out fantastic door prizes to lucky winners*



# PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

## AGD Governance Meeting - Chicago, IL



Dr. Bill Burn (regional director, right) conducts the Region 19 caucus meeting



Badge worn by GERC members



Dr. Laurence Grayhills from Florida conducts a town hall meeting of the Governance Evaluation Review Committee (GERC); Alabama has a member of GERC seated to the right



National AGD President Niel Gajar presides over the town hall meeting with the executive committee



Dr. Ross Isbell addresses the House of Delegates concerning a resolution



# PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

## AGD Governance Meeting - Chicago, IL (continued)



*Region 19 on the House of Delegates floor*



*The 2020 national AGD officers announced at the House of Delegates*



*The 2020 national AGD officers after being inducted at the House of Delegates*



# PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

## AGD Governance Meeting - Chicago, IL (continued)



*Drs. Ross Isbell (Alabama AGD president) and Bill Chesser (Alabama AGD editor) are shown performing with the rest of the AGD Singers on the House floor*



*AGD President Neil Gajjar addresses the House of Delegates*



# THE CHARGE OF THE GOVERNANCE EVALUATION AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (GERC)

Learn about the goals of this new committee

1. The Governance Evaluation and Review Committee will consist of seven (7) members who were Delegates to the 2018 HOD. All delegates will be sent a call for volunteers by five trustees (GERC Selection Panel) who will make the selection. The President, Secretary and Treasurer will select the five GERC Selection Panel members. The GERC Selection Panel shall nominate the chairperson from among the seven (7) members. The GERC Selection Panel will also select three alternates in the event that a delegate committee member vacates their position prior to the completion of their term. Consultants to the committee shall be the President-Elect, Vice President and the chair of the RDs. The Consultants will change annually based on the members within the positions.

2. It will be the duty of this committee:

- a. To evaluate and review the entire AGD governance and leadership structure and responsibilities.
- b. Review all governance structure of the AGD, including but not limited to, Board, Regional Directors, Councils, Committees, Task Forces, Division Coordinators, House of Delegates, Regions, Constituents, and any other AGD agency
- c. To evaluate and make recommendations for improvements, if deemed necessary, in the structure, size, and use of any AGD agencies including, but not limited to, Board, Regional Directors, Councils, Committees, Task Forces, Division Coordinators, House of Delegates, Regions, and Constituents.

d. Review governance structure of other similar organizations, especially similar sized organizations, including dental organizations

e. Contact all AGD agencies and appropriate members of those agencies involved with the governance structure for their input (potential survey)

f. Review numbers, terms, and duties of all of the above

g. Review the process of AGD election of officers and of delegate selection

h. Review and recommend, by AIR approved by the Board then the House of Delegates, any necessary changes in the Bylaws required for any changes that might be recommended by the Committee as a result of this extensive review.

i. Evaluate any financial implications of any changes proposed during this process and include these financial implications in any AIR presented.

j. Evaluate any repercussions or other changes necessary as a result of any recommended changes.

k. A written report will be submitted to each face-to-face meeting of the Board with opportunity for report and discussion at interim meetings and AIRs to be presented as appropriate.

3. The committee will have one face to face meeting in Chicago in the spring of 2019. The cost

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of this meeting will be \$15,000 and come out of the 2019 Contingency Fund.

4. The GERC will have access to at least 30 minutes of the Town Hall at each HOD for the duration of this committee.

5. The Governance Evaluation and Review Committee, will be sunsetted by the Board when its charge has been completed.

6. Each Council and Committee shall evaluate the revenues and expenses of all its programs and services annually as part of the budget process. Additionally, each Council and Committee shall provide a complete revenue and expense analysis to the Board at the Board Meeting IV at least every three years, beginning 2019.

7. AGD staff will send out to each council, committee, or other agency member along with any member collaborating on any AGD business the Code of Conduct form to be completed by said individual at the beginning of each governance year. Each covered individual will submit to their staff liaison an accurately completed form, including particular attention paid to any companies that may have remunerated said covered individual and subsequently reported such remuneration to the federal government's reporting structure under the Sunshine Act. The staff liaison will compile all of their individual's forms and share them with their chairperson and also the executive office staff, who will in turn, forward them to the Audit Committee for further review.

## UPDATE ON ALABAMA'S STUDENT AGD CHAPTER

- The chapter held their D1 recruitment party on November 26th and sent the new recruit applications to the national AGD in December.
- The chapter has applied for the national AGD student chapter scholarship (\$500); they have been told they are very likely to secure this additional funding once again this year.
- The chapter has sent in their application to the AGD Foundation for a grant to help fund the hosting of another two oral cancer screenings at the UAB Recreation Center; these screenings are planned during January and April of 2020.



## A SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE STUDENT CHAPTER

As part of registering for the 46th Annual Review of Dentistry, hosted by the Alabama AGD in 2019, attendees were given the option to add an additional \$20 to their registration to cover the cost of a D1 student's AGD membership. The student chapter would like to extend a special thank-you to the following 30 attendees who contributed to this effort:

Dr. Peter Ackerman

Dr. William Adams

Dr. Charles Betts

Dr. Paul Bishop

Dr. Russ Brandau

Dr. Lamar Carmichael

Dr. John Carr

Dr. Cathey Davis

Dr. Charles Harvell

Dr. Mary Holder

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