

**Overview of last year's activities**

The CMDA Dermatology section annual meeting met virtually via Zoom on April 23, 2021, from 4:30-6pm, on the Friday afternoon of our VMX (virtual national AAD meeting) since our live AAD meeting was canceled again in 2021 from the pandemic. Stephen Moore, our Technology and IT Assistant for the CMDA Dermatology Section, helped us navigate the technology. David Stevens shared on “Sufficient Courage”. 32 registered, with 28 logging into our Zoom meeting that include 2 that logged in an hour late and 10 attendees zooming in during announcements.

We just met live for the first time since the pandemic began on March 26, 2022, in Boston, Massachusetts on Saturday afternoon from 4-5:30 pm, in conjunction with the AAD meeting. Bill Griffin spoke on “Faith Prescriptions: Spiritual Interventions with Our Patients.”

16 attended. Of these, 10 were dermatologists and 6 were dermatology residents or students.

**Present and Potential Challenges**

We have previously struggled with attracting new leaders in the group and especially with attracting millennials and those in their 30’s and 40’s to our meetings, so have moved our meeting from early Sunday mornings to Saturday late afternoon during our national American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) meeting.

Of our present officers, Angela Moore, M.D. will continue as chair, with Steve Maberry, M.D. as Secretary/Treasurer, and Jerry Ariail, M.D. as Missions Chair, and Robert Purvis, M.D. as Vice President.

One obstacle for our 2022 meeting was late registrations due to the COVID restrictions in Boston, which were lifted very late and just prior to the start of our meeting. Ultimately, 16 attended.

Another ongoing obstacle has been the lack of knowledge about the CMDA Dermatology section meeting, especially with the younger generation, We have continued to email the list that we have compiled over the past couple of years from previous attendees over the past decade.

Pam Smythe is assisting our section with updating our CMDA Dermatology section website with the information and maintaining the registration page. Our VP, Rob Purvis, with the assistance of our new Facebook assistants, Colby Purvis and Caitlyn Purvis, has rejuvenated the CMDA Dermatology Section Facebook page and updated the Facebook page with information about the meeting and other CMDA Dermatology section announcements. In addition, each of the officers personally forwarded the registration invitation to colleagues and asked if he/she would like to join us.

Because of the low % of CMDA Dermatology section attendees who are also CMDA members, we promoted the CMDA by offering 50% off of the registration fee for any registrants who are CMDA members.

### **Finances, Logistical issues, etc.**

We charged a nominal fee of \$30 for the meeting, with any CMDA members registering for \$15. Through generous donations from a few dermatologists, we did not charge registration fees but offered free registration for medical students and dermatology residents. We offered the first 30 registrants a free copy of Practice by the Book by Gene Rudd.

We continue to promote the Dermatology Missions Fund, which is also funded by donations.

We have continued to use the CMDA website for registration this year.

We have continued to meet virtually as an executive board 3-4 times per year, as well as send out newsletters 4-5 times per year.

### **Future Plans and Timetables**

#### **Annual meetings**

Our next annual meeting will be on March 26, 2022, Saturday, at 4-5:30 pm in Boston, Massachusetts, in conjunction with the AAD meeting. We are still identifying the exact venue and speaker for this meeting.

We have also discussed having CMDA Dermatology section members notify their local and state societies through an announcement as well as sending an email to all of the CMDA 4th year student leaders as well as CMDA full-time and part-time staff and campus advisors to notify them:

- 1) that our annual meeting is free to all dermatology residents and dermatologists as well and encouraging even from dermatologists who cannot attend on a given year,
- 2) that we have mentors available remotely for dermatology residents desiring mentors, and
- 3) that the CMDA Dermatology Missions Fund has been established.

We have also discussed continuing to post the CMDA Dermatology meeting on our CMDA Dermatology Facebook and asking our younger members to post on their social media sites.

### **Foreign mission outreach**

We reminded our members of information that has been sent out with the registration emails on upcoming mission opportunities in Ukraine:

- PRAY
- GIVE: towards immediate refugee crisis and disaster response
  - <https://samaritanspurse.org/our-ministry/ukraine-response/>
  - [www.cmda.org/ukraine](http://www.cmda.org/ukraine)
- GO: Disaster response teams going to the region
  - <https://mtw.org/ukraine-crisis>
  - <https://samaritanspurse.org/our-ministry/ukraine-response/>

Global Health Outreach overseas mission trips remaining for 2022-2023 include the following and we have encouraged CMDA Dermatology members to register at <http://cmda.org/missions/page/global-health-outreach/gho-find-a-trip>

- May 7 -15 Jeff Pressley
- June 18 -25 Trish Burgess
- July 23 -30 David & Holly Johnson

– Feb.11-18, 2023 Bill Sasser

We have CMDA Dermatology members volunteering with YWAM Ships in Madang, Papua New Guinea for 2 week trips. Because of COVID restrictions, Papua New Guinea is requesting a 14-day quarantine for non-vaccinated travelers but not for vaccinated

Opportunities for service at-home with Jill Johnson, RN and MD 2nd Opinion program and teledermatology for GHO team leaders have been presented to members and several of the CMDA Dermatology section members are participating.

Thanks to Jerry Arial's efforts, we were successful in setting up in 2016 the CMDA Dermatology Missions Fund to encourage dermatology residents to participate in a GHO mission trip. We have continued with our CMDA Dermatology Section Missions Fund. We encourage medical students interested in dermatology and dermatology residents to apply for the CMDA Dermatology Missions Fund that had been established at the end of 2016 by Dr. Jerry Arial and our CMDA Dermatology section. This Missions Scholarship targets dermatology residents as first-time participants in a Global Health Outreach medical mission trip. Secondarily, nursing students/graduate nurses, residents in other specialties, and medical students will be eligible as first-time participants on GHO trips, but dermatology residents will always be able to have first time participation in GHO trips if they are willing. We are hoping to expose them to the cultural, social, spiritual, and medical problems in developing countries while allowing them to serve the underserved. We continue to encourage those who wish to donate to the scholarship fund to do so at [www.cmda.org/scholarships](http://www.cmda.org/scholarships) or [www.cmda.org/dermatology](http://www.cmda.org/dermatology).

### **Domestic out reach**

Several CMDA Dermatology members have been volunteering to mentor dermatology residents but have not received much demand for this assistance. We hope to continue to disseminate information on this available resource to dermatology residents.

We are encouraging CMDA Dermatology section members to participate in the CMDA teledermatology consultation service.

Most of the CMDA Dermatology section members have been volunteering at indigent medical clinics in our local communities near members' homes and will continue to do so. The needs have increased during the pandemic.

Respectfully submitted,

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