

Meeting Minutes of CDS Northwest Side Branch

Tuesday March 3, 2026

RoccoVino's • 4747 North Harlem Avenue • Harwood Heights, Illinois

- I. Welcome by Paul Muhr, President. Announcements: The BLS CPR class was successfully completed in Jan 2026. The holiday party will be at Glenview Country Club- Nordic Theme Dec 2nd Wed.
- II. Invocation was given by Dr. Mike Biasiello
- III. Dinner Sponsors for the evening were introduced and each gave a short presentation.
 - A. Dinner Meeting Sponsors
 1. NOBEL –John Costantini, email: john.constantini@envistaco.com , Anthony Perrier
 2. Advantage Technologies - Jason Keller, email: jason.keller@adv-tech.com
 3. Core Scientific - Bob Dittmann, email: robert@core-scientific.com
 4. Savant Wealth Management - Patrick O'Sullivan email: posullivan@savantwealth.com
 - B. Cocktail Sponsors
 1. Dr. John Nowak, DDS, LLC- Endodontic Specialty Care
- IV. Introduce Guest & New Members
 - A. Dr. Mahmoud Jallad - ISDS Candidate for Secretary 2026
 - B. Guests: from UIC Ghopi Vaghan, Camryn Marcer, Brenda Fabisch, and GPR Residents from Loyola: Jenna VanDenAvond, Jacinta Tracey, Graziella De Monte, Rohan Pamidi
- V. Treasurer Report
 - A. Dr. Chuck DiFranco, Treasurer : the last statement balance of \$37,000.80
- VI. Secretary's Report
 - A. Dr. Mariusz Wrzosek –November 4, 2025 –minutes were found online, approved and seconded.
- VII. Dinner Chair
 - A. Dr. Lauren Allegretti, Dinner Chair reporting members in attendance: 52, 38 from branch
- VIII. CDS Report
 - A. Dr. Elise Adley, Branch Director gave CDS report. CDS open call for volunteers- 119 branch Members at CDS. April 17th is next regional meeting. Huntington Branch recently joined the Member advantage Program. Members buying or selling a practice can list on cds.org/view-classifieds. There will be a By-Laws change- voting on change will be at April Meeting.
 - B. Upcoming Officers 2026/2027 were announced. Installation at April 7, 2026 meeting for officers:
 1. Past President: Paul Muhr
 2. President: Paul Muhr
 3. Vice-President: Chuck DiFranco Jr.
 4. Treasurer: Mariusz Wrzosek
 5. Secretary: TBD
 - C. Committee Chairs
 1. Program Chair: Jordan Ledger
 2. Correspondent: Candido Rivera

3. Dinner Chair: Joey Davies

- IX. Dent-IL Pac Report was given by Dr. Jeff Wittmus.
Branch was tied for most contributing branch members (25% dental pac contributors)
April 22 is Lobby Day. Register at ISDS.org. Work being done Feb-March by Legislative committees: Opt-in for virtual CC, and Modernization of Dental Practice Act
Discussed need to document why taking PA radiograph to prevent insurance rejection.
- X. ISDS Report
- A. ISDS report was given by Dr. John Milgram:
1. ISDS 162nd Annual Session is August 28-29, 2026 at Isle Casino Hotel, 1777 Isle Parkway, Bettendorf, IA 52722.
 2. Delegates 4 Delegates & 4 Alternates were selected:
 - a. Automatic Delegates: Elise Adley, Branch Director; Paul Muhr, President
 - b. Volunteers: Sal Storniolo, Spencer Bloom, Alternate Volunteers: Tom Schneider, Michael Biasselo, Joey Davies, Chuck DiFranco.
 3. Dr. Spencer Bloom received Visionary Award from the CDS Foundation
- XI. Speaker Introduction was given by Dr. Melissa Drab, Program Chair
Speaker: Dr. Demetri Sarantopoulos, DDS,MS, FACP
Topic: Prosthetic Options for the Failed Dentition
- XII. Upcoming Branch Meeting
- A. April 7, 2026 at RoccoVino's, 4747 North Harlem Ave., Harwood Heights, Illinois
 - B. Speaker Dr. Victor G. Cimino,MD, DDS- Topic: Skin Cancer and the Face: What every dentist should know about Mohs and Reconstruction
- XIII. CE Credit
- A. Use the QR Code. Complete course evaluation to receive CE form