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with other physician associations and societies, meet with TDSHS staff, and coordinate letters from legislators and letters/emails from dermatologists throughout the state in support of implementation rules that reflected legislative intent and patient safety.

How was the ASDSA helpful to you in your efforts?
The ASDSA played a supporting role by providing us with a national perspective of the issue. This included information on what regulations and legislation other states had in place, studies and articles

to back up our argument, and photos of patient injury to use in our presentations. Being a member of the ASDSA SAIDSO network also gave me the opportunity to connect directly to the ASDSA members who were most active in legislative issues in their states. ■

2010 ASDSA Patient Safety Hero Awards announced at Annual Meeting

The 2010 winners of the ASDSA Patient Safety Hero Awards were presented at the ASDS/ASDSA Business Meeting on October 22, 2010, in conjunction with the ASDS/ASCDAS Annual Meeting in Chicago, Ill.

2010 State Dermatological Society Patient Safety Hero: Texas Dermatological Society

The 2010 State Dermatological Patient Safety Hero award was presented to the Texas Dermatological Society (TDS for successfully developed a campaign to educate state legislators, media and the general public about the dangers of undergoing laser procedures by untrained and unsupervised non-physicians. This leadership resulted in laser hair removal

legislation passing into law during the 81st session of the Texas Legislature. For the first time, Texas has enforceable laser hair removal regulations. Paul M. Friedman, MD, accepted the award on behalf of TDS. More information about the new legislation and TDS' efforts are included in the "Advocate Profile" in this issue of *Currents*.

Patient Safety Hero Awards promote patient safety through the recognition of leaders who have taken an active role in the promotion and protection of patient safety for cosmetic medical procedures. Patient Safety Heroes are nominated by ASDSA members and are selected by the ASDSA Scope of Practice Work Group. Nomination information for the 2011 Patient Safety Hero Awards will be available on our website, www.asds.net, in the spring. ■

2010 State Regulatory Patient Safety Hero: Maryland Board of Physicians

The 2010 State Regulatory Patient Safety Hero Award was presented to the Maryland Board of Physicians. This past August, the Maryland Board of Physicians enacted strong patient safety regulations for minimally invasive cosmetic medical procedures. These new regulations keep these procedures in the hands of qualified physicians and update protection for Maryland patients in the 21st century world of minimally invasive medical procedures. Lawrence J. Green, MD, accepted the award for the Maryland Board of Physicians. Dr. Green and the new regulations were profiled in the September/October issue of *Currents*.



Dr. Friedman accepts the Patient Safety Hero Award.



Dr. Green accepts the Patient Safety Hero Award.