

# CALIFORNIA DENTAL ASSOCIATION®

## Report of the Meeting of the Dental Board of California August 31, 2005 Tustin, California

### Dental Board Meeting

Members Present: Gordon (President); SooHoo (Vice President); Baron; Biggers; Hundley; Kaye; Seldin; Turchi  
Members Absent: Osuna; Sahabi



Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM, quorum was established and the Board went into closed session to take action on disciplinary matters and to selected/approve a permanent executive officer.

At 2:50 PM, the Board returned to open session

*Calendar for 2006 Dental Board Meetings:* Board tabled this item and stated the issue would be taken up at the November Board meeting.

*COMDA Report:* Board voted for the provisional approval of the RDA program, radiation safety course, and coronal polishing course at United Education Institute of Chula Vista. Board voted to approve the RDA programs at Bryan College in the City of Industry and West Los Angeles. Board voted to approve the radiation safety course at California Dental Certifications of Del Mar and the pit and fissure sealant course at Health Personnel Resources in Anderson.

*Reappointment of Diversion Evaluation Committee Members:* Board voted to reappoint Dr. Hooker, Ph.D. to the Diversion Evaluation Committee.

*Adopt Modification of Regulatory Language:* Board voted to have staff make the necessary corrections to the proposal for the continuing education regulations that would create classifications for continuing education courses based on topics. The Board also voted to modify the proposed language by having sterilization of instrumentation as a class I course rather than a class II course. This change will require re-noticing the proposed regulations with the Office of Administrative Law and having a 15 day public comment period.

*Approval to Notice Regulations for WREB:* The Board voted to give the staff the authority to proceed with the emergency regulation process for the implementation of the WREB.

*Examination Committee:* No action taken

### *Licensing Committee:*

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Approval of Extramural Facilities Voted to approve the request of the UOP Art Dugoni School of Dentistry to operate an extramural facility at the San Mateo Medical Center and the request of the UCLA School of Dentistry to operate extramural facilities at the student health center at CSU Northridge and Mission Community Hospital in San Fernando.

Proposed Changes to Business and Professions Code Section 1701.5: This section of law requires that any association or partnership or corporation or group of three or more dentist obtain a fictitious business permit that contains the one of the following designations: "Dental Group," Dental Practice," or "Dental Office". Staff reported that this standard originally only applied to group practices and corporations. However, the law was amended in 1994 to require all dentists who use fictitious names to obtain permits. Therefore, there were already dentists who had well established practices based on fictitious names that do not include the one of the following designations above and therefore no effort was made by the Board to enforce the standard listed in Section 1701.5. Staff reported that this lack of uniformity in enforcement is causing problems and would like to move forward in amending this law to strike the requirement that one of the three terms listed above be used. CDA stated that they had promoted the requirement of the word "dental" in fictitious business permits at the last meeting but after talking to the specialty dental associations, the requirement of the word "dental" might be too restrictive. In addition, the CDA pointed out that the on-going issue of "Potts v. Hamilton" and its influence on advertising in dentistry might warrant waiting to deal with this issue. Board's legal counsel noted that there was going to be a meditation meeting on "Potts" on September 12. The Board agreed to discuss the issue at the next Board meeting.

*General Anesthesia Committee:* Board voted to support a position that a pass/fail outcome is considered a failed inspection.

*Exam Appeals Committee:* No action taken.

Board Adjourned at 3:15.