

**Report of the
Meeting of the California Dental Board's Examination Committee
October 5, 2006
Radisson Hotel Los Angeles Westside
(Culver City, California)**

This report summarizes the significant activities of the Dental Board of California Examination Subcommittee during the meeting of October 5, 2006. More information may be obtained by calling Edmund Carolan in the Public Policy Division at (916) 554-4987 or sending an e-mail to edmund.carolan@cda.org.

Examination Committee

Members present: Casagrande (chair), Dominicis, Mito, Turchi

Members absent: Baron, McCormick

Meeting was called to order and roll call was taken. It was established that a quorum was present.

Discussion of Proposed Structural Changes to the Licensure Examination: Dr. Casagrande noted that he and Dr. Turchi had met with representatives from the state's five dental schools that morning to discuss examination options for licensure. Dr. Casagrande noted that the examination proposal being put forward by the Board, which consisted of a segmented exam process in which the student took portions of the exam over a three year period, was not viewed favorably by the dental schools. Therefore, the Board was no longer going to pursue that examination format. Instead, the Board will begin working with the dental schools to craft a new examination format. In the mean time, the Board will continue to offer its current examination on a limited basis which will be based on need.

Discussion of Proposed Regulation to Amend Sections 1021 and 1028 of Title 16 California Code of Regulations. The Board's executive officer (E.O.) reported that the Board was going to seek another extension of the emergency regulations that are currently governing the issuing of dental licenses. In addition, the Board is planning on ending its regular rulemaking file on this issue because of the proposed licensure changes contained in SB 683. These changes include how

the law and ethics exam will be administered and licensure by PGY1. The Board will be putting forth additional emergency regulations to implement the provision of SB 683 as well as the continuation of licensure regulations. A draft of these emergency regulations was provided at the meeting. In addition, CDA was provided with an electronic copy of the draft regulations approximately a week early. CDA provided technical assistance on this language and some of the issues raised by CDA were discussed. Most importantly, CDA pointed out that SB 683 requires that no prerequisites be required to sit for the law and ethics exam yet the proposed language would only allow a student to take the law and ethics exam during the student's last year of dental school. The Board E.O. stated that he had a different interpretation of SB 683. CDA agreed to disagree and will raise the issue with the Office of Administrative Law when the emergency regulations are submitted. The Board's E.O stated that if these emergency regulations are not in place by January 1, 2007, the Board will not be able to issue licenses except to applicants who are applying through licensure by credential. Dr. Turchi then requested that the deans and student leaders at the dental schools be notified of this situation.

Public Comments: CDA stated that their own Dental Forum had notified CDA that the successful RT candidates were seeking information on how they should request that the Board notify the Western Regional Examination Board (WREB) that the successful RT candidate is eligible to sit for the WREB examination. Board staff noted that a process is in place and can be found on the Board's website. CDA noted that they had been unable to find such information on the Board's website and asked that the Board provide the link to CDA so this information can be disseminated to the RT candidates.

After seeking additional public comment and hearing none, the meeting was adjourned.