

Dental Board of California
November 15-16, 2007
Los Angeles, CA

Committee Meetings
November 15

- 1) Foreign Dental Programs Committee
 - a) Approved minutes from the August 23, 2007 meeting.
 - b) Dr. Anthony Ziebert, CODA representative, reported on the International Dental School approval process. In 2005 ADA received the request for international dental school accreditation. In 2006, the Joint Committee for International Accreditation was formed. In 2007, the process was implemented, so it is still very new. Only established schools and undergraduate or pre-doctoral programs - not specialties – are eligible. Dr. Ziebert indicated that international approval includes 2 more steps than CODA approval of US-based schools and estimated it as a 2-3 year process.
- 2) Licensure, Certification and Permits Committee
 - a) Approved minutes from the August 23, 2007 meeting.
 - b) Reviewed 2007 legislation.
 - c) SB 683 implementation: The DBC consulted with psychometricians to compare various forms of licensure in CA. From this process a system/process for licensure per requirements of SB 683 was developed. Motion was made and carried to accept the report of the committee, adopt the regulations and direct staff to make necessary non-substantive changes as needed. Implementation anticipated January 2008.
 - d) Licensure by credential statistics were provided for both dentists and hygienists. Totals since January 2003: dentists – 1659; hygienists - 292
- 3) Examination Committee
 - a) Approved August 23, 2007 minutes
 - b) Committee chair asked Shanda Wallace, COMDA chair, about high failure rates on the RDA exam and Shanda reported that the reasons are still under investigation – though English as a second language is considered a major contributor to difficulties some students face with the written exam.
 - c) Portfolio licensure: The committee reviewed the subcommittee report and proposed portfolio exam requirements. Representatives from Loma Linda, UCLA, UCSF and UOP spoke in support of portfolio licensure. CDA also testified in support. The chair reported that this is now ready to move forward with legislation and the board passed this as a motion. LaVonne Powell, DCA counsel, indicated that legislation will broadly lay out the structure and regulations will set up the specifics. Discussion included the need to sunset the existing California examination as portfolio is fully implemented. Dr. McCormick also suggested that the portability of licensure through portfolio examination be researched.
 - d) Staff reported hiring a new examiner, Jessica Olney
 - e) Reported dates and locations for clinical exams (March 23-30; June 19-22; June 25-28; September 11-14) and RT exams (February 23-24; Mary 17-18; October 18-19; October 25-26)
- 4) Diversion Committee
 - a) Approved August 23, 2007 minutes
 - b) Chair reported that 20 probationers were terminated from the diversion program – 10 were considered a public risk and 10 for non-compliance
 - c) Adopted proposed regulatory language for adding a RDH to the northern and southern Diversion Evaluation Committees.

- d) Passed a motion for the Board to seek an author for 2008 legislation that would allow information sharing from the Diversion Committee to Enforcement for probationers
- 5) Enforcement Committee
 - a) Approved August 23, 2007 meeting minutes
 - b) Terri Lane, enforcement staff, presented summary of enforcement data for July 2007 to July 2008
 - c) Next subcommittee meeting for the review of disciplinary guidelines set for 12/6.
- 6) Continuing Education Committee
 - a) The committee did not approve the minutes, stating they did not seem to reflect the discussion at the last meeting, and requested review of the meeting audio tapes
 - b) Dr. Seldin suggested that national accreditation of CE providers by ADA CERP or AGD PACE, or possibly others be explored, and that speakers be invited to present on these options.
- 7) General Anesthesia/Conscious Sedation Committee
 - a) Approved August 23, 2007 meeting minutes
 - b) New ADA guidelines are still being reviewed. No action yet recommended. CalAOMS testified that the Board may want to look at bringing CA regulatory language into alignment with ADA.
 - c) General Anesthesia/Conscious Sedation Training Course: Some Board members attended the recent evaluators training course administered by CalAOMS. Though Board members had positive comments, some concerns were also raised. Dr. Whitcher reported that this is the first course in 5 years and they are very interested in working with the Board to improve it. There was discussion of what should be included in evaluator training and that this will need to be outlined clearly for the RFP, which still needs to be developed.
 - d) Some Board members also attended the Dental Organization for Conscious Sedation (DOCS) training in San Diego and expressed some concern with the live patient portion of the exam.
- 8) Infection Control Committee
 - a) Chair asked for comments on infection control guidelines. A suggestion was made that the guidelines be made clearer that surface disinfectants should be used directly from the original container and as the label states. The speaker noted that many offices pour liquid disinfectants into a glass container over 2 X 2 gauze squares and this alters the effectiveness of these products.

Dental Board Meeting
Friday, November 16, 2007

- 1) President's Report –
 - a) Evaluation of the Executive Officer was completed and was favorable
 - b) Dr. Dominicis was installed as President of the LA Dental Society
 - c) Dr. Casagrande, Dr. Mito and Dr. Turchi presented the portfolio exam concept at the recent CDA Board of Trustees meeting
 - d) Several Board members attended the WADE meeting. Board members stated this is a valuable meeting and would like to keep attending. Carrie Lopez, DCA, is looking into this.
 - e) Board discussed the value of members attending examinations as observers. Dr. Casagrande urged this, including the WREB exam.
 - f) Dr. Lew, Dr. Mito, Mr. Baker, Dr. Turchi and Rick Wallinder attended CDA's House of Delegates in November

- g) Dr. Lew, Dr. McCormick, Dr. Seldin and Dr. Mito attended the recent DOCS training in San Diego
- 2) Executive Officer's Report
 - a) Provided a list of accomplishments for 2007 highlighting a new toll-free telephone #, creation of a strategic plan, increased offerings of Law and Ethics exam, and quick action on SB 683, SB 438 and portfolio exam
 - b) Presented list of challenges for 2008
- 3) Board Actions
 - a) Approved August 24, 2007 meeting minutes
 - b) Senate Bill 534 veto: LaVonne Powell, DCA counsel, instructed the Board on effects of this veto, noting that the Executive Officer and staff will remain and Board priorities and projects will continue to be advanced
 - c) SB 1546 and SB 1541 regulations: Discussion of proposed basic dental science core course. CDA, CalAOMS, CAO, CSP and CPCA submitted a joint letter to Board President, Dr. Turchi, expressing concern that the course that had been proposed by the Dental Assisting Alliance is not consistent with the original intent for the dental assisting specialty licensure – especially for the work experience pathway. After discussion and comments by the Alliance, CDA and Sac County Office of Education (SCOE), the Board approved a 75 hour course proposed by SCOE as a ROP course that may be applied to the requirements of the new dental assisting specialties. The Board also discussed the required infection control course. The proposed 8 hour course includes 3 hours of didactic training, 3 hours of laboratory training, and 2 hours of clinical training. The Board expressed the opinion that since this was an entry level course it should be comprehensive, unlike the existing 2 hour CE course for licensees. Several people testified that the course will need to be widely available, suggesting it be made available online. The Alliance indicated that it could be taught in offices that receive approval from COMDA. Board members expressed the need to include some hands-on training. After much discussion, a motion was made and carried to accept the course with the changes submitted by CDA and CalAOMS.
 - d) COMDA report: Executive Office, Elizabeth Ware, was dismissed without cause. RDA educational programs were approved as recommended.
 - e) Other Board actions:
 - i) Exam Appeals Committee – accepted the committee report
 - ii) Foreign Dental Programs Committee – accepted the committee report
 - iii) Licensure, Certification and Permits Committee – adopted regulatory language on SB 683 as proposed by the committee
 - iv) Examination Committee – set new exam dates for 2008; reported that exams are going very well this year and that statistics show CA is in line with other states with regard to pass/failure rates; reported new examiner, Jessica Olney is doing a great job; adopted the committee vote to move forward with legislative language on portfolio examination
 - v) Diversion Committee – reported that the Diversion process has been very successful so far (40% success); adopted the committee recommendation on regulatory language re: the RDH addition to Diversion Evaluation Committees; rejected the committee motion on referral of probationers to Enforcement at the recommendation of the committee chair and referred it back to subcommittee with the request to present new language to the January Board. On this last item, there was discussion about needing to have this completed early in January if it is to be ready for 2008 legislation. LaVonne Powell recommended the Board seek an author now, with a spot bill, and submit language once finalized.
 - vi) Enforcement Committee – accepted the committee report

- vii) CE committee – reported that August meeting minutes were not approved by committee and were sent back for comparison with the meeting audio tapes; reported that California is the only state that does not accept national accreditation of CE providers and desire to explore this at future meetings by inviting speakers to present.
- viii) General Anesthesia/Conscious Sedations Committee – waiting for final ADA guidelines before taking any action. Discussed recent CalAOMS calibration course and DOCS course. Discussion of the full Board regarding concerns with these courses paralleled committee discussion. Dr. Whitcher, CalAOMS, testified that CalAOMS is very willing to work with the Board to improve the evaluator/calibration course.
- ix) Infection Control Committee – Board adopted the recommendations of the committee with regard to surface disinfectants
- x) Elective Facial Cosmetic Permits – reported that overall the process is going smoothly. 3 applications were reviewed. 2 were sent back for further information and 1 of these was resubmitted; reported that Dr. Milam Jugan received an unlimited permit, and Dr. Kyle Van Brocklin received a permit for cosmetic laser skin resurfacing; discussed need to clarify terms of the credentialing committee
- xi) Code amendments to CCR Sections 1016 and 1017 – Donna Kanter reported that CDA submitted a few corrections to the CE regulations the Board previously approved; the Board adopted the regulations with these changes.
- xii) Code amendments to CCR Section 1079.2 relating to RDHAP licensure – Board directed staff to move this process forward and delegate to legal counsel and the Executive Officer to make any non-substantive changes needed.
- xiii) OCS regulations – reported that when these regulations are filed with the Secretary of State, they become operative and the Board will be able to take applications. This is the next step and anticipated by the end of this year.
- xiv) Officer election – Board decided not to hold elections at this time.