

NEW YORK STATE BOARD FOR DENTISTRY
Wednesday January 12, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.
ZOOM

ATTENDANCE: Patricia Haberman, Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Ronald Kosinski, Tera Jenkins, Lorraine Carhart, Suzanne Cassata, Paul Chu, Gabriele Hamm, Kerry McEntee, Karen Palleschi, Salim Rayman, Richard Reisman, Ernest Robertson, Evelyn Salgado, Bruce Seidberg, Stanley Smith

SED STAFF: Dolores Cottrell, Dina Jazrawi, Diane Martin, Michael Puspurs

ABSENT: Wayne Kye, James Coney

EXTENDED MEMBERS: Jean Furuyama, Eugene Pantera, Audra Haynes, Richard Reisman, Joycelyn Dillon, Julie Ruggiero, Rekha Gehnai

GUESTS: Michael Hermann, NYSDA; Beth Krueger, NYDHA; Robin Grasso, RDH; Jennifer Baker, NYDHA, Matthew Smalls, Emily C Murphy, Mercer May, Annemarie Kissane-Ranalli, Jonas Neri

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

Dr. Haberman called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Introductions were made via roll call.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Dr. Haberman requested a motion to move agenda items (Seidberg/Carhart)

VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Dr. Kosinski had no formal report to give.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr. Cottrell stated that the current Open Meetings Law extension expires on January 15th. Dr. Cottrell informed members that Governor Hochul's State of the State address included allowing more professionals to administer COVID vaccines, flu shots and to perform COVID testing.

Dr. Cottrell stated that the Governor signed S6639 which requires the collection of certain demographic information by certain state agencies, boards, departments and commissions with the goal of collaborating on new approaches to strengthen the healthcare workforce.

Dr. Cottrell ended her report stating that the Regents agreed to extend the Dental Hygiene Manikin exam until December 31st, 2022.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM September 24, 2021

A motion was made for approval of the September 24, 2021, draft board meeting minutes as amended (Cassata/Hamm). Minutes approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Webpage: Dr. Kye, Chair; was not present, so no report was given.

Legislative: Mr. Rayman, Chair; stated that Governor Hochul signed into law, S2966/A336 which requires an opioid antagonist to be prescribed with a patient's first opioid prescription in a given year. The Board had a lengthy discussion about this.

Scope of Practice – Ms. Carhart, Chair; stated that she had nothing new to report. Dr. Cottrell stated that she is working with NYS DOH on the scope of practice change to allow dentists to do screening tests such as COVID, HIV, and A1c.

Corporate Practice - Dr. Robertson, Chair; stated that he did not have a report.

Anesthesia – Dr. Kosinski stated that NY does not have any sedation courses for providers to obtain a dental enteral conscious sedation certificate. Dr. Cottrell stated the Anesthesia Committee may have to amend the regulations, because outside of a CODA accredited residency program there is nowhere to receive training for enteral or parenteral conscious sedation certificates. The Board had a lengthy discussion about anesthesia training programs.

Practical Review of Dental Regulations – Dr. Cassata, Chair; has no report. Dr. Cottrell said that reasoning can be made to not use the lead apron shielding, but that they are checking with NYS DOH to see if a thyroid collar should be used. The Board had a lengthy discussion about how to inform the public that the lead apron is no longer necessary for dental x-rays. The DOH regulations on dental equipment have the following requirement: *16.53(b)(6) Gonadal shielding of not less than 0.5 mm lead equivalent shall be used for patients who have not passed the reproductive age during radiographic procedures in which the gonads are in the useful beam.* In a dental setting where the application is limited to the head, the gonads should never be in the useful portion of the beam.

Licensure – Dr. Seidberg, Chair; stated that the Licensure Committee had a meeting on WebEx which focused on a fair and equitable way for all accredited specialties to get licensed in NY while still continuing to support PGY-1.

Dental Assistant Laws, Rules & Regulations Committee – Ms. Hamm, Chair; stated that she has no report to give.

Tele-Dentistry – Dr. Seidberg and Dr. Salgado, Chairs; Dr. Seidberg stated that Legal is still reviewing the Tele-Dentistry guidelines. The Board had a lengthy discussion about what procedures you can perform in Tele-Dentistry.

Special Needs –Dr. Chu, Chair; stated that he spoke with Dr. Carl Tegtmeier about changing reimbursement for patients with disabilities. Dr. Kosinski said there are discussions at the ADA and CODA level about having a possible Dental specialty in Special Needs. The Board had a lengthy discussion about the importance of providing dental care to patients with special needs.

CDCA – Mr. Rayman, Chair; stated that the January 7th CDCA meeting was done virtually. Mr. Rayman informed members that it will now be known as CDCA-WREB-CITA. Mr. Rayman stated that they not increasing the costs of the exams and are hoping to meet in person in Texas in 2023. Dr. Cottrell told members that NY had a wonderful turnout during the State Caucus breakout.

ADEX – Dr. Seidberg, Chair; stated that there was no report to give.

Wellness – Dr. Cassata, Chair informed Board Members of the fund balance and informed members on what all the funding was used for.

OLD BUSINESS:

Radiation Update – Discussed in the Practical Review of Dental Regulations Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

COVID Updates- Dr. Cottrell stated that she doesn't have any updates to give.

CODA Site Visits- Dr. Cottrell stated that we have only been asked to do two CODA site visits. Dr. Chu agrees to do the CODA site visit at the NYS Presbyterian and Oral Maxillofacial Surgery and Dr. McEntee agreed to be the backup. Dr. Robertson agreed to the GPR site visit at Brooklyn Methodist Hospital.

FUTURE MEETING DATE:

Friday, June 10, 2022, in Saratoga or on Zoom.

ADJOURN: Motion for adjournment 11 43 a.m. (Seidberg/Kosinski)
Motion to go into Executive Session 12:01 p.m. Motion was unanimous.
Discipline Cases were discussed.
Motion to move out of Executive Session at 1: 41 p.m. (Cassata/Hamm)