

Iowa Dental Board - June 3, 2022

The Iowa Dental Board meeting was held Friday, June 3, 2022 for attendance either in person at the Dental Board office or via Zoom. As per previous meetings attendees included representatives from the Iowa Dental Association (IDA) and the IDA lobbyists; the Iowa Dental Hygiene Association (IDHA) and their lobbyist; a representative from Delta Dental of Iowa; and licensees.

The board voted on the election of officers, Chair Gregory Ceraso DDS; Vice-Chair Lisa Holst, DDS; and secretary Jillian Travis, RDH.

Mental Health was approved as a topic for continuing education. The board declined to mandate mental health as a continuing education requirement for licensure.

The main topic for consideration was the discussion and vote on the proposed Notice of Intended Action: Related to Dental Assistant Rules and on the proposed Notice of Intended Action: Related to Expanded Function Rules. There was only minimal discussion about each of the notices. The board was uncertain about requiring a registered dental assistant to have practiced for 3 months or 6 months prior to training in expanded functions. The discussion and vote on the draft notices will be postponed until the next board meeting in August 5.

The draft notices will be published with the next dental board meeting materials. Please read the draft notices. If there are licensee concerns or comments about the proposed draft notices, licensees should attend the meeting and express their comments to the dental board.

The next dental board meeting is scheduled in August 5, 2022. Please attend the meeting. The meeting will be offered in person at the Iowa Dental Board office or via Zoom. The dental board truly respects and appreciates the attendance and involvement of dental licensees. Our presence and voices absolutely, positively make a difference. Please attend in person or via Zoom to support dentistry with your presence.

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