

November 3, 2023

## **Legislative report**

The Dental Board met on Friday November 3, 2023 via Zoom.

President Jim Larson thanked volunteers at IMOM. 1,081 patients were served. They did have to turn down patients on Saturday due to lack of volunteers. He also thanked those working on the rule review for the Dental Board. Lastly, he noted that radiography guidelines could change.

Executive Director, Tiffany Allison noted that this would be the last day for staff at the old location and that Tuesday, November 14 would be the first day at their new location. They will work remotely in between. They are working on job duties within the first 90 days, with a goal to align with the other groups. Website review and update will be discussed at the January meeting. A live date for changes is not currently set. Renewal period has ended, and 1,119 licenses lapsed, this is similar to previous years.

All submitted CE courses and sponsors were approved.

Jillian Travis from the hygiene committee recommended adding a hands-on component for local anesthesia review, in addition to the online coursework. This discussion was tabled for now.

The main topic of discussion was the Dental Board regulatory review. This is to be completed in 2024. They discussed chapter 10-general requirements, scope of practice for hygienists, and suggested separate chapters for the content. Suggestions or input can be directed to Crystal Branes.

Radiography shielding was discussed. Recent studies suggest that shielding is no longer required. The Bureau for Radiologic Safety website currently lists gonadal shielding as unnecessary but their text is ambiguous for thyroid shielding. Requirements for dosimetry monitoring are also ambiguous. It was suggested that someone will need to contact the Bureau that governs these regulations for clarification.

Dr. Brad Richtsmeier and Dr. Carol Moreno submitted requests to train assistants for various level 1 expanded functions. Both requests were approved.

The Zoom meeting was easy to attend, and I encourage others to attend in the future.

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