

Iowa Dental Board Meeting April 5, 2024

I attended the Iowa Dental board meeting on April 5, 2024. Here is a summary of the meeting.

Open comments included comments from Dr. Jim Larson encouraging attendance at the IDEAS meeting in May.

Committees reported on their work. The continuing education committee recommended 2 courses for approval. The anesthesia committee recommended approving 2 applications for permits. The hygiene committee discussed the need for local anesthesia training courses. Their choice to recommend was in Louisville, Ky and offers 24 hours of CE.

The discussion continued regarding the project of regulatory review. Drafts of Ch. 1, "Administration"; Ch. 10, "General Requirements"; Ch. 11, "Licensure and Registration"; Ch. 12, "Dental and Dental Hygiene Examinations"; Ch. 13, "Special Licenses"; Ch. 14, "Renewal and Reinstatement"; Ch. 15, "Fees"; Ch. 17, "Dental Hygienists" are available for review.

A request for rule waiver was discussed and denied. A hygienist applied to be allowed to perform Botox injections.

In other business the board approved a request to allow a dentist to provide expanded function level 1 training. The board discussed orthodontic assistant scope of practice and expanded functions. They agreed that wires, elastics, chain, o-rings and "so forth" are within the practice of expanded function orthodontic assistants.

The final motion was to reappoint the IPRC members.

Respectfully submitted,
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