

MINUTES

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
CONFERENCE CALL
1:00 P.M., Wednesday, December 7, 2005
Synergy Business Center, Kingstree Building, Room 304-11
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC

On Wednesday, December 7, 2005, at 1:00 p.m., Dr. William H. Bragdon, President, of Greenville, called the meeting to order. Members of the Board present were: Dr. William D. Cranford, Jr., Vice President, of Rock Hill; Dr. John D. Snowden, Secretary, of Florence; Dr. Michelle D. Bedell of Blacksburg; Dr. Amon A. Martin, Jr., Past President, of Seneca; Dr. Charles E. Millwood of Cayce, and Tanya Riffe, RDH, of Ravenel. It was noted for the record that Dr. C. Timothy Assey and Mrs. Genie Duncan were excused from this meeting.

Rion Alvey, Administrator, Terri Zeman, Administrative Assistant, and Annie Heyward, Administrative Specialist, were in attendance at the meeting. Richard Wilson, Deputy General Counsel, was also present.

Dr. Bragdon announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the main entrances of the Kingstree Building, Synergy Business Center, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. He noted that a quorum was present at all times.

The first order of business was to discuss the status of the ADEX / CITA Examination. Dr. Bragdon noted that the Board had previously voted (July 2005) to accept the results of the ADEX examination for dentists and dental hygienists for 2005. Subsequently, the Board voted to have the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA) administer the ADEX exam at MUSC. Dr. Bragdon noted, however, that due to some political issues, CITA has withdrawn from ADEX at this time. CITA has decided to boycott the ADEX process based on the fact that the Northeast Regional Board Testing Agency (NERB) has not turned over property rights of the Dental Simulated Clinical Examination (DSCE) portion of the exam to ADEX. The DSCE is a computer-based portion of the exam.

It was noted that the Board could contract with the Central Regional Dental Testing Agency (CRDTS) to administer the ADEX exam in Charleston. The students at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) are anxious to take the ADEX exam because it offers mobility. They have been told that they will have the option of taking SRTA or ADEX in 2005. Because the DSCE is part of the original ADEX exam, it was the consensus of the Board that its decision to accept the ADEX exam includes the DSCE as part of the complete exam.

Motion: Dr. Snowden moved that the South Carolina Board of Dentistry withdraw from CITA and move forward to contract with CRDTS to administer the ADEX exam at MUSC. The motion was seconded by Dr. Millwood. During discussion, a question came up as to what the Board would do if CRDTS does not give the DSCE as part of its ADEX exam. Dr. Snowden expressed his concern that the ADEX exam is still up in the air at this time because some key factors are unknown. Dr. Bedell noted that time is a huge issue and ADEX is not ready. The Board voted on the motion with all in favor. The motion carried.

Dr. Bragdon will find out if CRDTS offers the DSCE as part of the overall ADEX exam.

Motion: Dr. Bedell moved that if CRDTS does not offer the DSCE exam at this time, and does not have the DSCE as part of its complete exam by December 31, 2005, the South Carolina State Board of Dentistry will not participate with the ADEX exam for the 2005-2006 testing cycle. Motion received a second from Dr. Millwood. Motion carried with all voting in favor.

Dr. Bragdon noted that a mock board is scheduled to be given at MUSC the last weekend in January 2006.

Tanya Riffe noted for the record that the decisions made by the Board today should include the wording “with the exception of the dental hygiene portion of the ADEX examination” because the ADEX hygiene exam is not complete at this time. Riffe also noted that NERB is not giving the dental hygiene portion of the ADEX exam for 2006.

Dr. Bragdon asked the Board to consider a credentialing committee to review the applications for dental licensure by credentials. Dr. Snowden, Dr. Bedell and Dr. Bragdon will comprise the Credentialing Committee to review these applications. Mrs. Heyward will send future applications to all three of these members for their review.

The next Board meeting is Friday, January 13, 2006 at the Board office; the State Board Specialty Exams are scheduled on Saturday, January 14, 2006, at the Board office.

Dr. Bragdon asked Dr. Millwood to give a report on the status of the Recovering Professionals Program (RPP) in January.

Mr. Alvey reported that the recent disciplinary panel hearings were administratively successful and that the Board’s decision to institute panel hearings as part of its disciplinary process was a good move for the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Rion Alvey
Administrator