



DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
1432 HOWE AVENUE, SUITE 85, SACRAMENTO, CA 95825-3241
TELEPHONE: (916) 263-2300
FAX: (916) 263-2140
www.dbc.ca.gov



DENTAL BOARD TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES

February 20, 2003

The meeting of the Dental Board was called to order at 6:20 pm. Roll was called and all members were present via telephone except Ms. Tricia Osuna. A quorum was established.

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Regulatory Language on Licensure by Credentials

Legal Counsel, Ms. Norine Marks provided a brief explanation as to why this issue had to come before the board again. At a meeting of the board on December 13, 2002, the board adopted language on Licensure by Credential and authorized the Interim Executive Officer to approve the language if there were no negative comments received within the 15-day comment period. A letter of opposition was received from the California Primary Care Association (CPCA). As a result, the board must review the comments and determine whether or not to adopt or amend the proposed language.

Dr. Newton Gordon commented that the letter from CPCA was full of misinformation and misinterpretation of the law and regulations. He did not see the validity of the arguments in relation to the goal the board is trying to achieve.

Dr. Ariane Terlet asked if Ms. Regina Boyle, attorney for CPCA, was present and would like to comment on the letter. Legal Counsel, Norine Marks, reminded the board that they were not obligated to take public comments on this issue because the public comment period was closed. Dr. Alan Kaye polled the board as to whether or not they would allow Ms. Boyle to address the letter. The board voted (5 to 4) not to hear additional comments.

It was m/s/c (Drury-Klein/Pinkerton) to adopt the proposed language as previously noticed in the 15-day notice.

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Dental Consultants for Clinical Exam

Committee Chair, Dr. George SooHoo provided a brief explanation for this request. Representatives from all five dental schools provide the board input on what is being taught to the students in the areas of amalgam, composite, and fixed prosthetics. Dr. SooHoo requested the following dental school representatives be approved as dental consultants to the dental board in restorative dentistry: Patrick Oshita of LLU, Fred Berry of LLU, Richard Stevenson of UCLA, Larry Jenson of UCSF, Brian Kenyon and Larry Loos of UOP, and Richard Kahn of USC. Dr. SooHoo also requested that these individuals be reimbursed all travel expenses and paid per diem.

It was m/s/c (Baron/Hundley) to approve the list of consultants as subject matter experts, paying per diem plus expenses, and delegating to Ms. Cynthia Gatlin the decision to do so pending budget review.

Agenda Item 4 – Approval of Subject Matter Expert Committee for Reconstructing the Written Examination in the following areas: - Endo - Ethics - Law - Perio - Pros

Exam Committee Chair, Dr. SooHoo requested approval of the attached committees to start immediately reconstructing portions of the written exam using the existing exam plan, while working with the Office of Exam Resources to establish a new exam plan and to do an occupational analysis.

Dr. Newton Gordon expressed his concern with one individual serving on multiple committees. Ms. Drury-Klein reminded the board of an approved motion to appoint an ad hoc committee to review the perio portion of the clinical exam and to include Ms. Shanda Wallace and Ms. Katie Dawson as members of that committee. These two individuals were not listed as part of the Perio Committee proposed by Dr. SooHoo. Ms. JoAnn Galliano of CDHA clarified that their request was to establish an ad hoc committee with Ms. Wallace and Ms. Dawson as members to review the clinical aspect of the Perio Exam and not the written.

It was m/s/c (Terlet/Hundley) to approve, in concept, for Dr. SooHoo to work with representatives of the dental schools, as well as with Office of Exam Resources, to reconstruct portions of the written examination.

Agenda Item 5 – Approval of CDA Scientific Session Presentation – “Tips from the Pros”

It was m/s/c (Klein/Gordon) to approve members to attend as official board representatives at CDA Scientific Session April 26, 2003 and be reimbursed for related expenses.

Agenda Item 6 – Approval of AADE Meeting on National Calibration of Examiners Forum

Board president, Dr. Alan Kaye, previously approved Dr. George SooHoo, to attend AADE's meeting on National Calibration of Examiners. Executive Officer, Ms. Cynthia Gatlin, recently attended a departmental meeting with the Director of Consumer Affairs to discuss the budget impact on all boards and bureaus. It was made clear that there should be no out-of-state trips approved unless it is paid for by the inviting organization. Also, boards were directed to reduce their in-state travel budget by 35%. Ms. Gladys Mitchell informed the board that the AADE would pay for a board member's flight, one day's per diem and hotel accommodations for one night.

Mr. David Baron exited conference call at 7:45 pm.

It was m/s/c (Gordon/Klein) for Dr. George SooHoo to represent CA at the Calibration Forum and Dr. Ariane Terlet to represent the board on Licensure for Internationally Educated Practitioners.

Agenda Item 7 – Approval of Dr. SooHoo to Speak to the Inland Valley Dental Study Club

No action was taken on this item. It was confirmed that the authority to approve speaking engagements was delegated to the board president.

Agenda Item 8 – Approval of Observers for the Exam

At the request of Examination Chair, Dr. George SooHoo, the following representatives of the California Dental Association, were invited to observe the clinical portion of the dental clinical examination:

Mr. John Galbraith and Ms. Judy Babcock will attend the exam being held February 20-23, 2003 at USC and Dr. Stan Sarabian and Dr. Dennis Kalebjian will attend the March 27-30, 2003 exam at UOP.

It was m/s/c (Hundley/Gordon) to approve. Mr. Pinkerton (abstain)

Agenda Item 9 – Approval to Attend WREB

No action required.

Agenda Item 10 – Public Comment

Ms. JoAnn Galliano of CHDA reminded the board of a previous motion to establish an ad hoc committee to review the clinical aspect of the Perio Exam, with Ms. Wallace and Ms. Dawson as members. CDHA is awaiting action on this issue.

Mr. Scott Clark of San Francisco, CA, addressed the board regarding his wife, who is a foreign trained dentist. Mr. Clark asked for clarification for the basis of accepting applications for the Restorative Technique Exam. Ms. Mitchell informed the board that staff is looking into the possibility of streamlining the process for accepting applications. At this time, the filing periods have not been established for the RT Exam.

Agenda Item 11 – Closed Session for Exam Appeal

It was m/s/c (Hundley/Gordon) to deny the appeal of candidate number 1330.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.