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**August 20, 2004  
Board Meeting  
Minutes**

The meeting convened at 9:05 am. Roll was taken and a quorum established.

Members Present:

Newton Gordon, DDS  
George SooHoo, DDS  
La Donna Drury-Klein, RDA  
David Baron, Public  
Richard Benveniste, DDS  
Kevin Biggers, Public  
Lawrence Hundley, DDS  
Alan Kaye, DDS  
Patricia Osuna, RDH  
Kamran Sahabi, DDS  
Ariane Terlet, DDS  
Chester Yokoyama, DDS

Members Absent:

Brandon Hernandez, Public  
Michael Pinkerton, Public Member

**Agenda Item 1 - Approval of Minutes:**

It was m/s/c (Benveniste/Hundley) to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2004 board meeting with the following corrections: Dr. Yokoyama clarified his quote by changing "they have never finished.." to "they have failed to...". The word Mandarin was misspelled.

**Agenda Item 2 - President's Report:**

Board President, Dr. Newton Gordon made the following statement: "Our accomplishments are indicators of a new era in the response of the board to public service and the profession. We have developed or set the stage for ongoing cordial and supportive relationships with both major groups – the consumers and the California Dental Association and its various components.

Our Enforcement is progressive with complaints managed judiciously and in a timely manner. The term "backlogged" have been removed from the lexicon of this unit. Legislation affecting dentistry is forward thinking and will ensure improved services to the public, increases in workforce as a primary focus. We must commend our

Examining Committee i.e., expert examiners for their dedication and service to the profession. The overall pass rate for Dental Hygiene and Dentistry are moving to a satisfactory level, but a confidence level of 90% must be achieved for correlation and validity of teaching and learning and examination. We still have far to go. We must be competitive with all examining groups, systems, while ensuring confidence in those entering the profession and at the same time provide the public with qualified and sensitive practitioners. A compounding issue is access to and disparities in dental care. The board must move out of its confines of licensing and enforcement and participate in activities to balance access to care. There are more than two hundred federally designated dental underserved regions in California.

Again, I would like to commend the people who have contributed immensely to the functioning of this board. I believe we have a troop here, which is doing a stellar job. I would like to give a special acknowledgement to what I call the workforce unit, and that goes to Dr. Terlet, Dr. SooHoo and Ms. La Donna Drury-Klein. The administrative staff have been doing a tremendous job in spite of having no money. Again, I must thank Ms. Gatlin and the troops in Sacramento for what they have done over the past year.

And finally, I could not have asked for a better supporting cast. Thank you."

### Agenda Item 3 – Executive Officer's Report:

Ms. Gatlin reported that the budget was closed with an excess of \$81.24. Ms. Gatlin requested a meeting with the Executive Committee to go over last month's budget and to discuss how to approach this year's budget. The Department of Consumer Affairs has notified each board that there will be no deficiency letters submitted this year.

- There will be an increase in Worker's Compensation this year.
- Ms. Heather Lampert is the new appointment secretary.
- All new proposed legislation need to be submitted to the Department no later than October 25<sup>th</sup>.
- The Budget Change Proposals (BCPs) were denied by the DCA. Ms. Gatlin spoke with the Budget Officer and he has pushed our proposals forward. We need an augmentation for the Diversion contract, operating expenses, ATS, for an outside contractor to conduct the occupational analysis and exam validation for the training and practices of the oral maxillofacial surgeons, which was part of the Sunset Review recommendations. More money has been requested for ongoing licensing, law & ethics and fees paid to experts reviewers for cases.
- The Spanish and Mandarin versions of the Facts About Fillings are now available on the Dental Board's website.

Dr. SooHoo commented his request for Computer Based Testing (CBT) - moving part of the licensing exam to the computer. He requested funding several years ago. He would like for that to be put back on the agenda. The exam is getting outdated and needs to go to CBT. After the Occupational Analysis Committee meeting, he would like to implement that as soon as the meeting is complete.

Changes to the RT exam is going to limit the number of candidates allowed to test at

the schools, because he is changing from a bench to actual typodonts on a manikin head. This change is going to restrict the number of what the schools can accommodate. Dr. SooHoo would like to add more examinations, subject to the budget, looking at the RT, whether the funding can come from whatever sources we find because there is going to be a problem in the future.

Dr. SooHoo also, requested a report for the board to look at the cost as far as giving the Restorative Technique Exam, the Clinical Exam and especially the Licensure by Credential program.

#### Agenda Item 4 – Enforcement Fiscal Year 2003/2004 Statistics

This item was provided as information only.

#### Agenda Item 5 – Adoption of Modified Text and Effective Date to 16 CCR § 1041 – RT Exam

It was m/s/c (Kaye/Klein) to adopt the modified text and delegate to Ms. Gatlin, the authority to continue with the rulemaking process in the event no negative comments are received.

It was m/s/c (Kaye/Klein) to set the effective date after January 1, 2005.

#### Agenda Item 6 – COMDA Report

Committee Chair, Ms. Shanda Wallace, acknowledged the outstanding job the COMDA staff is doing with running the examinations.

- 6.1 Approval of RDA Educational Programs and Radiation Safety Courses – This item was tabled.
- 6.2 Required Coronal Polishing and Radiation Safety Courses for RDAs – Affidavit in Lieu of Certificate – It was m/s/c (Klien/Osuna) to accept COMDA's recommendation in regards to the affidavit.
- 6.3 Proposed New Regulation – Approval of Coronal Polishing Courses – It was m/s/c (Hundley/Klein) to approve and set for hearing. COMDA will be allowed to make minor housekeeping changes.
- 6.4 Proposed New Regulation – Approval of Ultrasonic Scaling Courses – This item was postponed until the November meeting.
- 6.5 Proposed New Regulation – Approval of Teaching Methodology Courses – It was m/s/c (Kaye/Osuna) to accept and set for hearing.
- 6.6 Review of Necessity/Desireability of RDHAP Prescription Requirement - It was m/s/c (Klein/Biggers) to defer this item to the Access to Care Subcommittee and that the RDH representative of the board be placed on that committee.

#### Agenda Item 7 – Diversion Evaluation Committee Liaison Report

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Statistics for the Diversion Program was provided as information only.

### Agenda Item 8 – Continuing Education Committee Report

It was m/s/c to accept the report as presented by the committee chair.

### Agenda Item 9 – Examination Committee Report

It was m/s/c to accept the report as presented by the committee chair.

### Agenda Item 10 – Legislative Committee Report

It was m/s/c to accept the report as presented by the committee chair.

### Agenda Item 11 – Licensing Committee Report

It was m/s/c to accept the report as presented by the committee chair.

### Agenda Item 12 – Foreign Dental School Ad Hoc Committee Report

It was m/s/c to accept the report as presented by the committee chair.

### Agenda Item 13 – Anesthesia Committee Report

It was m/s/c to accept the report as presented by the committee chair.

### Agenda Item 14 – Exam Appeals Committee Report

It was m/s/c to accept the report as presented by the committee chair.

### Agenda Item 15 – Set Meeting Dates for 2005

It was m/s/c to set the first board meeting of 2005, January 27-28 in San Diego.

### Public Comment:

Comments were given by Ms. Deutsch.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.



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Examination Committee Meeting  
August 19, 2004  
Los Angeles, CA

### Minutes

**Members Present:**

George SooHoo, DDS, Chair  
LaDonna Drury-Klein, RDA  
Newton Gordon, DDS  
Alan Kaye, DDS  
Ariane Terlet, DDS  
Chester Yokoyama, DDS

**Staff Present:**

Cynthia Gatlin, Executive Officer  
Gladys Mitchell, Manager  
La Rita Abdul-Rahman, Secretary  
Norine Marks, Legal Counsel

The meeting was called to order at 11:55 am. All members of the committee were present and a quorum was established.

SPECIAL NOTE: Due to technical difficulties with the audio visual equipment, this committee meeting was not recorded.

AGENDA ITEM 9.1 - The minutes of the May 13, 2004 meeting were approved as written. (m/s/c Gordon/Kaye)

AGENDA ITEM 9.2 – Review of Modified Text to 16 CCR § 1041- RT Exam

The Committee reviewed the modified text to be approved by the full board. The Committee was satisfied with the proposed changes, as a result, no action was taken on this item.

AGENDA ITEM 9.3 – Appointment of New Dental Examiner

It was m/s/c to approve Ravipan Smith as a new Dental Examiner in Southern, CA.

AGENDA ITEM 9.4 – Infection Control Policy at Exams

Committee Chair, Dr. George SooHoo, will be putting together a committee to assist Ms. LaDonna Drury-Klein in establishing standardized infection control guidelines for each dental school. These guidelines are to be used by all proctors, examiners and staff during state board exams.

#### AGENDA ITEM 9.5 – Approval of CIF Format for Dental Licensure Exam

The Committee discussed moving the current licensing exam into the Curriculum Integrated Format. Implementation will be discussed in more detail once Drs. SooHoo and Terlet meet with the deans of all five schools.

#### AGENDA ITEM 9.6 – Auxiliary Examination Statistics

The historical examination statistics for each auxiliary program were provided as information only.

COMDA Committee Chair, Ms. Shanda Wallace, acknowledged the exam staff for the excellent job they are doing with administering exams.

#### AGENDA ITEM 9.7 – Dental Examination Statistics

The Pass/Fail Statistics for May and June, 2004, were provided as information only. Dr. SooHoo commended staff for getting the results mailed out in less than 30 days and for their overall involvement in making the exams run smoothly.

#### AGENDA ITEM 9.8 – Discussion of Licensure by Graduation Model

This item was included in the discussion for 9.5.

#### AGENDA ITEM 9.9 – Discussion of National Dental Licensure Exam

The Committee voted to support in concept, a National Exam. Drs. SooHoo and Terlet are working with the American Association of Dental Examiners (AADE) on this project.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dr. SooHoo announced that Dr. Gordon will be acting Chair of the Examination Committee beginning in September, while he is on active military duty.

No other comments were given and the meeting was adjourned at 12:34 pm.



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Continuing Education Committee Meeting  
August 19, 2004  
Los Angeles, CA

### Minutes

**Members Present:**

Ariane Terlet, DDS, Chair  
LaDonna Drury-Klein, RDA  
Patricia Osuna, RDH

**Member Absent:**

Michael Pinkerton, Public Member

**Staff Present:**

Cynthia Gatlin, Executive Officer  
Gladys Mitchell, Staff Manager  
La Rita Abdul-Rahman, Executive Secretary  
Norine Marks, Legal Counsel

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm. All members of the committee were present except Mr. Pinkerton. A quorum was established.

AGENDA ITEM 8.1 – Approval of Minutes

It was m/s/c (Osuna/Klein) to approve the May 13, 2004 minutes as written.

AGENDA ITEM 8.2 – Proposed CE Requirement for Oral Cancer Diagnosis

Board member, Dr. Richard Benveniste, submitted this proposal. It would require at least 2 hours of continuing education in oral cancer diagnosis. Dr. Benveniste was not present to address specific questions the committee had on this proposal. As a result, it was m/s/c (Osuna/Klein) to deny this request at this time.

AGENDA ITEM 8.3 – Development of Notice to CE Providers

Board Member, Ms. LaDonna Drury-Klein, expressed a need to develop a standardized guideline/checklist for all providers on what is required on certificates, advertisements, bi-annual reports, etc.

Dr. Terlet asked Ms. Drury-Klein and Ms. Osuna to draft a notice for approval at the November board meeting.

No public comments were given and the meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.