



**Examination Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 9, 2009
Los Angeles, CA**

Members Present:

John Bettinger, DDS
Luis Dominicis, DDS
Huong Le, DDS
Bruce Whitcher, DDS

Members Absent:

Stephen Casagrande, DDS, Chair

Staff Present:

Richard DeCuir, Interim Executive Officer
Nancy Butler, Acting Enforcement Chief
Lori Reis, Complaint & Compliance Unit Manager
Dawn Dill, Licensing & Exam Unit Manager
Sarah Wallace, Administrative Analyst
Donna Kantner, Legislative & Regulatory Analyst
Jocelyn Campos, Enforcement Coordinator
Jessica Olney, Examination & Licensing Analyst
Karen Fischer, Licensing Analyst
LaVonne Powell, DCA Senior Staff Counsel
Kristy Schieldge, DCA Senior Staff Counsel

Dr. Bettinger called the committee meeting to order at 1:48 p.m. in the Chair's absence. Roll was called and a quorum was established.

EX 1: Approval of the July 22, 2009 Examination Committee Meeting Minutes

Dr. Dominicis requested that the minutes regarding the examination statistics be clarified to report that all 41 candidates took the Restorative Technique portion of the examination and passed. Dawn Dill, Licensing Manager clarified this issue and there was no further discussion.

M/S/C (Dominicis/Bettinger) to approve the July 22, 2009 Examination Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

EX 2: Examination Statistics

The Committee reviewed the examination statistics and noted that for dental examinations held at UOP and UCLA, a total of forty-one candidates took the exams. There was a 61% pass rate. There were 989 candidates who took the Law and Ethics Examination. The pass percentage was 99.

EX 3: Registered Dental Assistant Practical and Written Examination Statistics

The Committee reviewed the written exam statistics for Registered Dental Assistants. Dr. Bettinger summarized the statistics: There were 3481 candidates tested for the Registered Dental Assistant written examination. The pass rate was 51%. There were 2545 candidates tested, year-to-date, for the practical examination. The pass rate was 84%.

EX 4: Discussion and Possible Action to Review Licensure by Residency Requirements for Individuals Wanting to Take the California State Dental Examination

Dr. Bettinger introduced the agenda item and asked Legal Counsel if it should be referred to the Licensing, Certification, Permits Committee. LaVonne Powell, legal counsel stated that it could be, however in order for the Board to discuss this issue today, it should be discussed in this Committee at this time.

Dr. Earl Johnson, Orthodontics Association, commented that dentists who were trained at non-CODA approved dental schools but have been accepted into a graduate specialty program in the United States and complete the program, should be allowed to take the California Dental Examination. He is asking the Board to change the statute so that candidates who finish a CODA approved graduate program be allowed to take the State exam. Dr. Witcher suggested the Committee vet the issue more thoroughly before going forward with legislation. Further discussion on this item was tabled until the next meeting when Dr. Casagrande will be able to participate.

Public Comment

There was no additional public comment.

Adjournment

The committee meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.