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PUBLIC MEMBER MEDIA REPORT

The Missouri Dental Board held its regularly scheduled meeting on August 5-7, 2004, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 901 North First Street, St. Louis, Missouri, according to its Public Member, Maxine Thompson.

In open session, the Board discussed or took action on the following matters:

Dr. Jacob Lippert, Executive Director, Missouri Dental Association (MDA), noted that the winter session of MDA on January 21-22, 2005, will coincide with the winter Missouri Dental Board meeting. Discussions between the professional associations, legislators and other interested parties continue regarding the proposed Registered Dental Therapist legislation.

Missouri Dental Hygienists' Association (MDHA) President Deborah Henderson reported that the next meeting to discuss the proposed legislation and other manpower issues is scheduled at the State Capitol on September 13, 2004. The next MDHA meeting will be on November 12-13, 2004, at Tan-Tar-A in Osage Beach.

Sharlene Rimiller, Executive Director of the Missouri Dental Board, presented a quarterly report on budget and other fiscal and administrative matters. To be included in the 2006 budget will be a request for a decision item for attorneys' fees as a result of a recent Administrative Hearing Commission decision in a licensing case. License renewal notices will be sent to all active licensees on or about September 1, 2004, which will be for a two-year cycle. For the first time, renewal will be available on the Internet with a surcharge of 2% of the renewal fee. It should be noted that licensees will not have the capability to complete their Continuing Education Reporting forms on-line and as a result, the Board voted not to require the form as part of the renewal process. The form will still be available for the convenience of the licensee in tracking their continuing education hours. It is estimated that the number of licensed dentists renewing will continue to decrease while the number of dental hygienists' renewing is estimated to increase slightly. No increase in licensing fees is foreseen at this time. Legislation authorizing per diem for the Advisory Commission for Dental Hygienists was passed during the last session but a decision item will not be sought to fund the per diem as there are funds available in the Board's existing budget. The Board's Well-Being Committee rules will become effective on October 30, 2004.

The Board's Policy Review Committee (PRC) Chairman, Dr. Larry W. Jackson, reported on the Committee's meeting on Thursday, August 5th. During the discussion on the Board's rule banning the use of the Sargenti paste, several licensees testified in support of the Board rescinding the ban. Missouri is the only state with a rule banning this material. The PRC also discussed what is needed for the implementation of Senate Bill 1122, requiring permits and registration of non-for-profit corporations operating dental clinics. The new law will be enacted on August 28th. The Board approved the PRC's

recommendation on the permit/registration application. A certification form that the dentist will have to complete and provide to the Board with the application form was also approved.

Deborah Gerecke, Chairman of the Advisory Commission for Dental Hygienists, presented a report on the July 22nd Advisory Commission meeting. The Advisory Commission recommended that in response to an inquiry received from Pam Hollman, applying topical anesthetic while performing root planing and scaling is the same degree of supervision required to perform root planing and scaling and these procedures can be performed under general supervision. With regard to Ms. Hollman's question of whether a dentist is required to diagnose which pockets need placement of arestin or atridox, or if it can be done at the discretion of the dental hygienists at the time of performing deep scale and root planing, the Advisory Commission recommended that probing to determine pocket depth and placement of arestin or atridox are both non-surgical periodontal procedures that can be done under general supervision. The Board agreed with the Advisory Commission's recommendations. A survey from the American Dental Hygienists' Association was discussed. The questions on the survey asked if dental hygienists can perform subgingival/therapeutic agents (Arestin, Periochip, Atridox), bleaching procedures, fabrication of bleaching trays, and brush biopsy. Dental hygienists can perform these procedures under the appropriate level of supervision.

At its annual election of officers, the Board chose:

Eric J. Aubert, D.M.D., President
John L. Sheets, D.D.S., Vice President
E. Maxine Thompson, Public Member, Secretary

Dr. Eric Aubert will serve as the Board's representative to the Central Regional Testing Service (CRDTS) Steering Committee. Dr. Jacob Lippert will continue to represent the Board on the CRDTS Examination Review Committee. Ms. Patricia Lepp will continue to serve on the CRDTS Examination Review Committee for dental hygienists. The Committee assignments will remain the same. Dr. Rolfe McCoy will chair the Complaint Review Committee with members Dr. Eric Aubert and Dr. Fred Christman. Dr. Larry W. Jackson will chair the Policy Review Committee with members Dr. John Sheets, Ms. Patricia Lepp and Ms. Maxine Thompson.

Disciplinary hearings were held on two dentists. The deliberation on discipline was in closed session in accordance with Missouri law, but the disciplinary orders are an open record. The orders should be issued within a few weeks and will be available to the public upon request at that time.

The Missouri Dental Board regulates approximately 3,202 dentists, 618 dental specialists, and 2,638 dental hygienists.

Members of the Missouri Dental Board, all of whom were present at this meeting, are:

Patricia A. Lepp, R.D.H., President, Dental Hygiene Member, St. Louis, MO
Eric J. Aubert, D.M.D., Vice President, St. Louis, MO
John L. Sheets, D.D.S., Secretary, Cape Girardeau, MO
Larry W. Jackson, D.D.S., Member, Doniphan, MO
Rolfe C. McCoy, D.M.D., Member, Chillicothe, MO
E. Fred Christman, III, D.D.S., Member, Columbia
E. Maxine Thompson, Public Member, Cameron, MO

The Missouri Dental Board will meet again on October 28-30, 2004, in Kansas City, MO.
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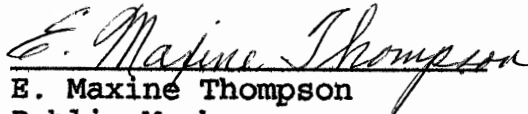
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