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PUBLIC MEMBER MEDIA REPORT

The Missouri Dental Board held its regularly scheduled meeting on October 26-28, 2006, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 19677 E. Jackson Drive, Independence, Missouri.

President Rolfe C. McCoy, D.M.D., convened the regular open business session of the Board on Saturday, October 28, where the Board discussed or took action on the following matters:

Mrs. Patricia Lepp, R.D.H., and Dr. Rolfe McCoy presented a framed picture of the Missouri Dental Board to Dr. John L. Sheets in appreciation for his service as President of the Missouri Dental Board during the past year and for his years of service to the Dental Profession.

Representing the Missouri Dental Assistants Educators (MDAE), Ms. Kathy Jeffries and Ms. Kelly Tillery reported that the Basic Skills Mastery Examination and review course have been revised and will be ready to administer. The next meeting of the MDAE will be on November 28, 2006, in Jefferson City.

President Stacie Scrivner, R.D.H., of the Missouri Dental Hygienists' Association (MDHA), introduced President Elect Barbara Bragg Meyer, R.D.H., who will be installed at the next MDHA board meeting to be held at Tan-Tar-A, Lake Ozark, Missouri, on November 6, 2006.

Dr. J. C. Standlee, President Elect of the Missouri Dental Association (MDA), urged members of the dental profession to meet and become acquainted with Ms. Vickie Wilbers, the new Executive Director of the MDA. The House of Delegates and the Board of Trustees of the MDA will be meeting on November 3-5, 2006, in Jefferson City. Discussion topics will include legislation on Medicaid reform, the Dental Carve-out act, and the workforce practice model. It was noted that the American Dental Association (ADA) passed a Resolution at its annual meeting in Las Vegas to encourage states to pursue a new class of dental worker and is offering some funding to help in that legislative effort.

Missouri Dental Board Executive Director Sharlene Rimiller provided the Board with a financial report for fiscal year end 2006. The fiscal year ended with a fund balance larger than projected due to decreased spending and increased revenues. Mrs. Rimiller also reported that as of October 19, only 37% of dentists, dental specialists, and dental hygienists have renewed their licenses. Only 9.14% have renewed on-line, perhaps because of the surcharge which is charged to cover the credit card cost which the State will not pay. November 30, 2006, is the deadline for renewal.

Dr. Kevin Wallace, chairman of the Policy Review Committee (PRC), discussed issues related to the upcoming study of scope of practice/access to care as well as the issues related to Expanded Functions Dental Assistants (EFDA). An ad hoc committee to explore the dental workforce assessment has been formed and consists of Dr. Harold Kirby, representing the Department of Health, Karen Dent representing Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC); Mary Lou Young and LeeAnn Turnbaugh representing the MDAA; Dr. Michael Reed, Dean, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry; Lori Bruce and Deborah Polc representing the MDHA; and Dr. Jake Lippert and Dr. Matt Niewald representing the MDA. Dr. Wallace will represent the Board as well as other members of the PRC.

Board representative on the Dental Well-Being Committee Dr. Eric Aubert reported that efforts to create awareness of the Well-Being program throughout the State are being made. A proposal was offered to the Board to make three (3) hours of continuing education (CE) on chemical dependency a requirement for dentists and dental hygienists to renew their licenses. Currently, dentists are required to earn fifty (50) hours of Board approved CE every two years and dental hygienists are required to earn thirty (30) hours. The three (3) hours of chemical dependency CE would be a part of and not be in addition to the currently required hours. The Board voted to approve attendance at the ADA meeting on Well-Being next year by Investigator Mark Dudenhoeffer and Dr. Eric Aubert. The Well-Being Committee is also suggesting that the Board consider a \$10 across the board fee increase for all dentists and dental hygienists to better fund the activities of the Well Being program.

Deborah Polc, R.D.H., representing the Advisory Commission for Dental Hygienists, reported that the Commission is scheduled to meet on November 2, 2006, at Tan-Tar-A, in Lake Ozark, Missouri. Among the topics to be discussed will be community service work as a term for discipline.

Dr. Eric Aubert and Mrs. Patricia Lepp reported on their attendance at the annual meeting of the American Association of Dental Examiners. Several interesting topics of discussion were mentioned as well as the acceptance of the new ADEX examination. There is still some controversy surrounding the examination but board member Dr. Rolfe McCoy has now taken the computer based examination for dentists and Mrs. Patricia Lepp has taken the computer based examination for dental hygienists. Both reported it was a good clinical based examination. One dental hygienist and one dentist from each board can take the examination once a year.

Mrs. Sharlene Rimiller and Mr. Justin Smith reported on their attendance at the annual meeting of the American Association of Dental Administrators. Several interesting topics of discussion were mentioned but of particular interest was the session on Media Relations Training. Darcie Spears and Matt McColl, investigative reporter and photojournalist of KVBC-TV in Las Vegas, were among

the presenters. They used dental board administrators and acted out various scenarios to train the group on the do's and don'ts of dealing with the media in confrontational interviews.

The Board approved two courses on monitoring conscious sedation, provided the course sponsors modify their programs in accordance with the recommendations made by the Board's Conscious Sedation Committee. The courses will be presented by Western Anesthesiology Associates, Inc. and Allan J. Schwartz, D.D.S., C.R.N.A. Monitoring courses are required for the dental staff when the dentist is applying for or renewing a conscious sedation permit. During this discussion, it was noted that the Board will need to establish some guidelines for the on-site evaluations required for a dentist applying for or renewing a deep sedation/general anesthesia permit and is utilizing an anesthesiologist to administer the sedation. Currently, a committee of oral surgeons evaluates the dentist and dental office in accordance with guidelines established by the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) and part of that process involves the evaluation of the dentist and sedation team sedating a dental patient. The Board obviously does not have the authority to evaluate an anesthesiologist and it was recognized and approved to send Board Investigators in to inspect the dental facility and verify the credentials of the dental team before a permit is issued under these circumstances. Dr. Allan Schwartz was appointed by the Board to serve on the Board's Parenteral Conscious Sedation Committee.

President Dr. Rolfe McCoy provided a brief update on Friday's meeting with Dean Michael Reed of the University of Missouri-Kansas City, School of Dentistry. Topics of discussion included the school's foreign trained dentist program. Dr. Reed provided information regarding two different programs for foreign trained dentists, those that complete the program the same as any other student and those that are on the faculty who have earned a specialty degree from an accredited specialty program. There was also discussion with Dr. Reed on the new model of dentistry committee which involves the existing studies being done by the school on dental manpower and access to care.

Selected to represent the Board at the AADE mid-year meeting in March 2007 will be Mrs. Lepp, Dr. McCoy, and Board attorney Nanci Wisdom. Mrs. Rimiller was asked to attend the meeting of the AADA held in conjunction with the AADE.

The annual recognition of dental hygienists and dentists who have been licensed for fifty (50) years will be held at the State Capitol on January 11, 2007, in Jefferson City. Those to be honored are dental hygienist Carolyn J. Nichols, dental specialists Dr. Robert S. Cornwell and Dr. Michael Dyer, and dentists Dr. Ronald B. Burt, Dr. John G. Durham, Dr. Larry L. Felkner, Dr. Jerome E. Holtzman, Dr. Earl W. Miller, Dr. Bobby T. Moudy, Dr. Paul R. Perme, and Dr. Ronald C. Tonsi.

The Missouri Dental Board regulates approximately 3,170 dentists, 635 dental specialists, and 2,817 dental assistants.

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All members of the Board were present at this meeting.

The Missouri Dental Board will meet again on January 11-13, 2007, in Columbia, MO. For more information regarding the Missouri Dental Board, individuals may write to: Missouri Dental Board, P.O. Box 1367, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102, or call (573) 751-0040.

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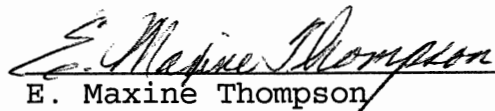
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