

Government Relations Annual Report – 2016

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As per the MOP:

- * Presented report after each meeting attended, at each BOD meetings and Annual Session
- * Selected a spokesperson to represent the legislative interests of CDAA
- * Served as contact person with other individuals and organizations
- * Provided legislative representation at the following meetings:

June 18, 2015	Legislative Workshop, Sacramento
Aug 27/28, 2015	Dental Board/DAC, Sacramento
Nov 12, 2015	Meeting with CADAT/FADE, Sacramento
Dec 1, 2015	Phone call w/ CADAT President re legislative issues
Dec 2/3, 2015	Dental Board/DAC, Los Angeles
Dec 8, 2015	Phone conference with CADAT/FADE/lobbyist to prepare for meeting w/ DBC EO Fischer and President Burton
Dec 16, 2015	Ill, unable to attend meeting
Dec 18, 2015	Phone conference with CADAT/FADE/lobbyist to debrief the meeting w/ DBC EO Fischer and President Burton
- *Note: FADE is no longer retaining the services of the lobbyist.

March 3, 2016	Dental Board/DAC, San Diego
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Sunset Review

As a result of Sunset Review, AB 179 was signed by the governor in October 2015 and will go into effect in January. The Dental Board was 'renewed' until 2020.

The RDA Practical Exam is addressed in this bill; it was originally addressed in AB 178, but the efforts of opponents of AB178 resulted in language related to the practical exam being removed. So, the choice for continuing or discontinuing the Exam now rests in the hands of the Dental Board, who is completing its Occupational Analysis. The RDA Practical will continue unless the Dental Board between now and July 1, 2017 votes to suspend it once the Occupational Analysis is complete.

Other things that will be affected by AB 179 include an increase in application and renewal fees for the RDA and the OA and DSA permits as well as CE provider fees and new RDA Program or new course fees; it also now includes term limits for the Dental Assisting Council of 2 terms.

Staff

New staff has been hired in the Dental Assisting section; they are "fully staffed" now. The analyst (Lucy) is 'dedicated to the regulatory workshops and they are full speed ahead'.

Regulatory Workshops

The following workshops have been scheduled and will be held in Sacramento. These workshops will focus on the language that needs to be changed and updated for dental assisting and dental assisting educational programs. Some may be scheduled in southern California as sites are available.

March 18

April 29

June 10

July 15

September 16

October 28

December 16

Dental Board

Board President: Steve Morrow, DDS (1/2018)

Vice President: Judith Forsythe, RDA (1/2017)

Secretary: Steven Afriat, Public member (1/2017)

Fran Burton, public (1/2017)

Stephen Casagrande, DDS (7/2016) year of grace?

Yvette Chappell-Ingram (1/2016) will do second term

Katie Dawson, RDHAP (1/2017)

Luis Domincis, DDS (1/2016) year of grace

Kathleen King (1/2018)

Ross Lai, DDS (1/2017)

Huong Le, DDS (1/2019)

Meredith McKenzie, ESQ (1/2016) will do second term

Thomas Stewart, DDS (1/2017)

Bruce Whitcher, DDS (1/2019)

Debra Woo, DDS (1/2017)

Dental Assisting Council (Standing Committee of the Dental Board)

The CDAA Board has reached out to the Dental Assisting Council to have dialogue, but we have been unsuccessful thus far at having anyone join us. RDAEF position is open, accepting applications until March 30

Teresa Lua, RDAEF

Anne Contreras, RDA, Vice Chair

Pamela Davis-Washington, RDA

Judith Forsythe, RDA, Board Member, Chair

Tamara McNealy, RDA

Emma Ramos, RDA

Bruce Whitcher, DDS

RDA Practical Exam

November Practical exam statistics were distributed. Average pass rate of 62%; a very high number of no-shows.

BreEZe System

The Dental Board has transitioned to the use of the BreEZe System for all licentiates. Applications, renewals and license verification will all take place online now. Current licentiates need to set up their profile on the website. The DCA is now posting your Address of Record (AOR) for public view on the website. If a licensee does not wish to have their address of record displayed on the Board's BreEZe license verification website, you may email DAProgram@dca.ca.gov and request that your address of record (AOR) be marked private. You will need to provide the following:

1. Complete name. First, Middle, Last (no middle initials)
2. RDA, OA, DSA and/or RDAEF and/or other license number/s
3. Last 4 of your SSN
4. Current phone number

Occupational Analysis

The Occupational Analysis is complete and the DBC anticipates having results at the May meeting, which may be acted upon, including an assessment of the written exam and the practical exam. The intent of the Occupational Analysis is to learn what licensees are doing, then link the test content and the job duties.

OPES will recommend to the DBC to remove the language of 'minimally acceptable competence' and replace with either a certain percentage OR 'criterion-referenced passing score'.

Future Events:

March 18, 2016	Regulatory language workshop, Sacramento
April 29, 2016	Regulatory language workshop, Sacramento
May 11/12, 2016	DBC / DAC Meeting, Anaheim
June 10, 2016	Regulatory language workshop, Sacramento
July 15, 2016	Regulatory language workshop, Sacramento
August 18/19, 2016	DBC / DAC Meeting, TBA – Sacramento?
September 16, 2016	Regulatory language workshop, Sacramento
October 28, 2016	Regulatory language workshop, Sacramento
Dec 1/2, 2016	DBC / DAC Meeting, TBA – Los Angeles?
Dec 16, 2016	Regulatory language workshop, Sacramento