

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORTS – 2020-2021

BOARD REPORT I – July 13, 2020

Consent

MOTION: By Dr. Terryl Propper, Immediate Past President, to accept the following Consent items:

- Board of Trustees Minutes
 - Meeting June 5, 2020
 - Meeting June 6, 2020
- Presidential Appointments and Council/Committee Liaisons
- Elavon Termination Letter
- TDA Statement on Racism and Social Injustice
- Council and Committee Changes:
 - Tenn-D-Pac Board, Memphis Representative, Dr. Chuck Keltner to Replace Dr. Larry Higginbotham
 - Council on State Agencies, Awards, Ethics and Judicial Affairs, Eighth District Representative, Dr. Dale Blevins to Replace Dr. Jennifer Cornell
 - Council on Dental Benefit Programs, Fourth District, Dr. Lisa Stanley (vacant position)

Approved.

Consent item 1.3.4) was removed by Dr. Anthony Carroccia, Eighth District Trustee, for further discussion.

MOTION: By Dr. Carroccia, that the following names be removed from the Anesthesia, Sedation and Scope of Practice Committee.

- Dr. Brandon Roller, First District
- Dr. Joshua Hethcox, Second District
- Dr. Lindsey Nagy, Second District
- Dr. Chuck Felts III, CADS
- Dr. Walter Chitwood, Fourth District
- Dr. Steven Daniel, Fourth District
- Dr. Terry Sawyer, Nashville
- Dr. William Hunter IV, Sixth District
- Dr. Jamie Hutton, Sixth District
- Dr. Jason Sammons, Seventh District
- Dr. Kevin Kennedy, Eighth District

Approved.

Membership

Dr. DeWayne McCamish, Interim Executive Director, presented an email document and graphic from Ms. Brittany Hall, Membership Manager, regarding the change in the ADA dues structure and concerns expressed about impact to recent dental school graduates and Active Life members. Ms. Hall reported on the financial implications to members of eliminating the Active Life dues discount. Dr. John Petty, Speaker of the House, said that the dues structure is outlined in our Bylaws and a change must be approved by the House of Delegates. The discussion ended and Bylaws changes will be considered at a future meeting.

Ms. Hall provided a spreadsheet of Members Pending Cutoff by component as of July 11, 2020. There are 117 members that were made non-members as of July 11th.

Financial

Dr. McCamish researched several banks and reported that Pinnacle Bank will manage our money market account.

The Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) funds are available to the TDA. The TDA has several more weeks to decide whether to accept the loan.

MOTION: By Dr. Propper, that the TDA accept the EIDL loan funding. Motion failed.

The 2019-2020 TDA audit will begin August 3rd by Patterson Hardee Ballentine CPAs. The audit will be conducted virtually.

Executive Director Search

Dr. McCamish reported to the Board about the current search for a new executive director. Compensation and other benefits were discussed which will be relayed to Tuft & Associates, the search firm contracted by the TDA. (Note: Mrs. Amy Williams, Staff Liaison, was excused from the meeting from 7:10 – 7:20 p.m. during this segment of the meeting.)

Arizona CE Proposal

Dr. McCamish presented a non-dues revenue proposal from the Arizona Dental Association for a virtual continuing education program of around 18 hours with a strong list of courses available. The TDA would market to our members and share with the AzDA in the fees received.

MOTION: By Dr. Propper, that the TDA partner with the Arizona Dental Association in this virtual CE program. Approved.

Endorsements

Best Card: This endorsement for credit card processing begins on September 18, 2020.

AWA: Dr. McCamish recommended that the TDA terminate their endorsement with Adler Wallach and Associates (AWA), a collection service, and endorse instead Transworld Systems (TSI). The TDA has not received revenue from AWA since 2016-2017 fiscal year.

MOTION: By Dr. Walter Fain, Vice President East Tennessee, that TDA terminate the endorsement agreement with AWA and endorse TSI. Approved.

ePrescribe and iPrescribe: Electronic prescribing will soon be required (January 2021). The board discussed a few different electronic prescription apps and programs. Dr. McCamish will research and report back at the next meeting.

Annual Session

President Beauchamp reported that our hotel agent for the 2021 meeting indicated that the hotel may be open to renegotiating room rates. Also, Dr. Beauchamp provided the names of members of the Annual Session Committee, which is now complete.

Oral Health Initiatives Committee

President Beauchamp has discussed the Oral Health Initiatives Committee with the committee chair and is considering sunsetting this committee at the next Board meeting.

Dental Graduates and State Board Exam

Dr. McCamish reported that Governor Lee replaced Executive Order #36 with Executive Order #50 to allow graduating dental students to take their State Board Exam with manikins versus live patients until August 31, 2020.

Board of Dentistry Report

Dr. Rhett Raum, Liaison to the Tennessee Board of Dentistry, reported on their recent meeting on July 9, 2020. Some of the items mentioned were the Visual Investigator Project developed in conjunction with SAS to allow for better tracking on complaints and move to a digital format, 52 dentists are being monitored from a court or board order, and new legal counsel is Paetria Morgan Esq. Dr. Raum provided a detailed document for reference.

New Business

Dr. Chip Clayton: President Beauchamp expressed thanks to Dr. Chip Clayton, Nashville Trustee, for helping to manage TDA building issues during this time before a new executive director is hired.

Excess KN95 Masks: Dr. McCamish reported that some districts have asked about distribution of excess masks from the recent TDA give-away to members. Per Dr. Clayton, the intention was that the district trustee would distribute to their local charitable entity(s) as they see fit. Dr. Hope Watson, Second District Trustee, will send an email to the trustees and component executive directors to assess remaining masks and develop a plan.

Dr. Roy Thompson, ADA Sixth District Trustee: Dr. Thompson said that the ADA in Washington DC has lobbied to move dentistry higher on the essential healthcare list for a better position to obtain PPE and vaccines. Dr. Thompson is talking to the ADA about how to keep dentists working, should there be a resurgence of the coronavirus.

Jack Wells Award Criteria: Dr. Carroccia asked that the Council on State Agencies, Awards, Ethics and Judicial Affairs revisit criteria for the Dr. Jack E. Wells Memorial Dedication to Dentistry Award, specifically that nominees not be an active member of the TDA Board of Trustees.

BOARD REPORT II – August 10, 2020

Consent

MOTION: By Dr. Anthony Carroccia, Eighth District Trustee, to accept the following Consent items:

- Board of Trustees Minutes July 13, 2020
- AWA (Adler, Wallach & Associates) Termination Letter
- TDA Foundation Report of Meeting July 24, 200.0.20
- TDA Communications
 - Social Media Report Q2

- TDA Website Stats and Communications Overview
- Sample Letter Sent to Families of Deceased Members in Past Year as Reported at the 2020 House of Delegates

Approved.

Tennessee Wellness Foundation Report

Dr. Angela K. Burns, Tennessee Wellness Foundation Liaison, expressed appreciation for being allowed to report to the Board regarding their concerns and activities. Dr. Burns reported that:

- Dr. David Sain, Director, makes presentations to over 2,000 dental professionals per year, however during the pandemic the number will be less.
- Chemical Dependency CE Presentation will be offered online on the Wellness website.
- The Wellness Foundation grant was approved by the State of Tennessee for another year.
- Their annual retreat is scheduled for October 23-24, 2020.
- The number of participants in the program is larger than ever, and they expect numbers to rise due to stress during the coronavirus pandemic.

Dr. DeWayne McCamish, TDA Interim Executive Director, mentioned that TDA will host a one-hour Chemical Dependency CE webinar with Dr. Stephen Loyd, speaker, on September 15th at 6:00 p.m. Central. This is in response to several component directors who reached out to the TDA for assistance because of canceled in-person district meetings.

Legislative Update

Mr. Mark Greene, TDA Contract Lobbyist, reported on the status of bills at the end of the legislative session in June, which were documented in materials provided to the Board. Mr. Greene also shared the results of some contested primary elections held on August 6th. Per Mr. Greene, a Special Session of the legislature has been called and is limited to the COVID-19 liability bill, telehealth legislation and a few bills regarding protests and vandalism around the state Capitol. Regarding upcoming bills to watch, Mr. Greene has heard of a bill being developed to create a mid-level practitioner. Also, regarding the January 1, 2021 deadline to eprescribe controlled substances, Mr. Greene clarified that dentistry is exempt from eprescribing if the dentist prescribes less than fifty Schedule II prescriptions per year.

Tenn-D-Pac

President Beauchamp referred to the submitted Tenn-D-Pac report which reflected contributions totaling \$27,000 given to thirty-six primary campaign races. President Beauchamp also assigned Dr. William Powell, Second District, and Dr. Chip Clayton, Nashville Trustee, to review the Tenn-D-Pac Bylaws for updates and possible reduction in size of the Tenn-D-Pac Board.

Membership

Dr. McCamish presented a membership synopsis graphic from Ms. Brittany Hall, Membership Manager, showing that the Tennessee Dental Association is #2 in the nation for member growth as of July 31, 2020. The information provided a comparison of member numbers

from 2019 to 2020 and the areas of increase in member number, market share, active license, and active license market share.

Financial

Dr. Jay Davis, Treasurer, presented the TDA Financial Statement as of June 30, 2020 and noted areas of differences from budgeted amounts. While there was impact from the cancelation of the Annual Session, the decrease was less than expected.

Dr. McCamish updated the Board regarding the annual audit, which is in progress and should be completed by the end of August.

Bylaws Review Regarding Removal of Officer or Trustee for Cause

Per referral from the House of Delegates, President Beauchamp assigned the Constitution & Bylaws Committee the task of wording for our Bylaws regarding the course of action for removal of an officer or trustee for cause.

Annual Session 2021

President Beauchamp reported that the Annual Session Committee Leadership Team met on August 3rd to discuss possible scenarios and options for the meeting scheduled for June 25-27, 2021. President Beauchamp stated the discussion was positive and on-going.

President-elect Report

President-elect Susan Orwick-Barnes, Second District, said that she is not opposed to the Renaissance Nashville Hotel as the venue for the meeting in 2022, especially if it helps in renegotiating the 2021 hotel contract. Dr. Orwick-Barnes has requested a site-visit of the hotel at the end of August.

President-elect Orwick-Barnes said that the ADA has provided a series of virtual meetings for the state presidents-elect across the country, which has been informative and enjoyable.

Oral Health Initiatives Committee

President Beauchamp asked the Board if anyone had a project for the Oral Health Initiatives Committee. Dr. Orwick-Barnes suggested that the committee might consider the HPV (human papillomavirus) issue. Dr. Beauchamp will speak with the committee chair about this.

Dr. Roy Thompson, ADA Sixth District Trustee

Dr. Roy Thompson, Fourth District member and ADA Sixth District Trustee, reported that he will speak to the Texas Dental Association caucus and asked Board members to send him questions that might help prepare him for questions he may receive. Dr. Thompson said that the ADA is working hard on their budget due to significant losses during the pandemic, and that resources will be taken from reserves.

ADA Council on Dental Benefit Programs, Dr. Hope Watson Council Member

Dr. Hope Watson, Second District Trustee and ADA Council on Dental Benefit Programs Vice Chair, reported that the ADA announced in June 2020 the endorsement of Bento, a software technology company that seeks to modernize dental benefits administration. Advantages are real-time eligibility and benefit verification, cost transparency, fast payment, and simplified administration system.

Dr. Watson said that most of the TDA districts report having delivered over half of their masks. Dr. Watson recommends that the districts keep their remaining masks for future use.

Editor Search Committee Report

Dr. McCamish reported to the Board about the Editor Search Committee meeting on July 14th. The committee recommended that the TDA move forward with the regular Journal format and pursue accreditation by MedLine and PubLine. There was much discussion on the purpose of the Journal, financial loss in creating and publishing the Journal, and the low probability of achieving accreditation by MedLine and PubLine. The Board did not support the committee's recommendation and asked Dr. McCamish to request that they consider other options.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director Search: Dr. McCamish reported that the search for a new executive director is going well. On August 28th, the Executive Director Search Committee will interview approximately eight candidates. On September 8th, Dr. Rick Guthrie, Chair of the ED Search Committee, will meet with the Board to discuss the committee's findings and recommend candidates for final interview with the entire Board of Trustees for selection. It was noted that the final candidates will also meet the staff virtually.

MOTION: By Dr. Walter Fain, Vice President East Tennessee, that the TDA Executive Committee conduct the final interview for the Executive Director and make a recommendation to the full Board, and that resumes and full interviews of the final candidates be available to all Board members for comments to this selection committee. Motion failed.

Building and Property: Dr. McCamish reported that the City of Franklin approved the changes made to the retention pond. He reported on damage to the TDA building roof from a storm and subsequent leaks. He has received repair estimates from several companies and will select a repair company soon.

Virtual CE through Arizona Dental Association: The TDA has partnered with the Arizona Dental Association for a virtual CE course. Advertising and member notification are rolling out from our communications department.

Virtual Chemical Dependency and Prescribing CE Webinar: The TDA will host a one-hour Chemical Dependency and Prescription Writing CE webinar provided by Dr. Stephen Loyd. Information to our members will be provided soon.

CARES Provider Relief Fund: Dr. McCamish said that he submitted an application for the TDA Relief Fund to be reimbursed for the masks purchased for the TDA members.

Endorsement

MOTION: By Dr. Susan Orwick-Barnes, that the TDA endorse DrFirst and their application iPrescribe. Approved.

BOARD REPORT III – October 12, 2020

Consent

MOTION: By Dr. Chip Clayton, Nashville Trustee, to accept the following Consent items:

- TDA Communications
 - Social Media Report Q3
 - TDA Communications Overview
- Council on Dental Benefit Programs, Fourth District Representative, Dr. Lisa Stanley to Fill Vacant Position
- Letter to Dr. David Sain, Tennessee Wellness Foundation, with Check for 2019-2020 Share of Chemical Dependency Continuing Education Tests
- Wellness Committee Report
- TDA Calendar of Activities
- Council and Committee Meetings with President Beauchamp
 - Annual Session Committee Meeting, September 9, 2020
 - Council on Dental Benefit Programs, August 31, 2020
 - Council on Membership, Communications and Relief, August 31, 2020
 - New Dentist Committee, August 31, 2020
 - Oral Health Initiatives Committee, September 1, 2020
 - Council on State Agencies, Awards, Ethics and Judicial Affairs, September 1, 2020
- TDA Insurance Agency Annual Report
- Letter to Governor Bill Lee Regarding Essential Care Providers and COVID-19 Tests

Approved.

The August Board of Trustees minutes were removed for a separate vote.

MOTION: By Dr. Trey Carney, Seventh District Trustee, that the minutes of the August 10, 2020 meeting be approved as submitted. Approved.

Legislative Update

Mr. Mark Greene, TDA Contract Lobbyist, reported that his biggest concern regarding legislative issues in 2021 is limited access to legislators. With distancing protocols still in place and perhaps extending into 2021, communication will be more challenging. A major issue is expected regarding the term of dental anesthesiologist, which the Tennessee Medical Association opposes.

Tenn-D-Pac

President Beauchamp referred to the submitted Tenn-D-Pac report which reflected contributions totaling \$36,500 given to seventy-six general campaign races. President Beauchamp reported that the Tenn-D-Pac Board of Directors will consider at their next meeting a reduction in the composition of the Board from twenty-four to seventeen members and raising the dues for Capital Club membership to \$150 annually.

Board of Dentistry

Dr. Rhett Raum, Board of Dentistry Liaison, reported on their meeting October 8-9, 2020. The Board of Dentistry approved a change to Rule 0460-01-.01 regarding the addition of the definition of Dental Anesthesiology. There is \$4.1 million in the BOD's carry-over account, which is more than recommended by the state, however Ms. Alicia Grice, the Department of Health Financial Director, does not recommend any changes to the licensure fee structure at this time given the uncertainty of the next few years. Ms. Dea Smith, BOD Executive Director, notes that Tennessee now has over 20,000 licensees for the first time, which includes dentists, hygienists, dental assistants, and facilities. Dr. Raum referred to his report for more information regarding the meeting.

TDA Financial Audit

Ms. Julie Mayer, Auditor, Patterson Hardee & Ballentine, presented the TDA audit for fiscal year end June 30, 2020, and for related entities: TDA Relief Fund, Tenn-D-Pac and TDA Foundation. Ms. Mayer said that they gave a clean opinion of the financial reporting of the association with no weaknesses discovered. Ms. Mayer said that it was a pleasure to be the TDA's auditors and looks forward to working again with the TDA next year.

MOTION: By Dr. Clayton to approve the FYE June 30, 2020 audit as presented by Patterson Hardee & Ballentine. Approved.

Membership

Dr. DeWayne McCamish, Interim Executive Director, presented the Membership Report. Total TDA membership is higher than it has ever been with 2,511 members and a 67.8% Active License market share. Dr. McCamish reported on members' excellent response to the Chemical Dependency continuing education offerings in the *TDA News* and the webinar. In just one month, we have exceeded previous years' total tests taken.

Financial

Dr. Jay Davis, Treasurer, presented the TDA Financial Statement as of June 30, 2020 (final) and the financial statement as of August 31, 2020. Dr. Davis also shared the report on the TDA's mortgage loan as of August 31, 2020. Dr. Walter Fain, Second District Trustee, recommended that the Board be thinking now of a financial plan for when the TDA building mortgage is paid, which should be in the next few years.

MOTION: By Dr. Davis to approve the financial report. Approved.

Dr. McCamish told the Board that the TDA building first floor tenant, Core10, asked that the TDA forgive their rent obligation for October to December 2020 due to COVID-19 issues. Dr. McCamish reported that the TDA offered to defer payment to 2021 or set up a balloon note at the end of their lease. Core10 has not responded to these offers and is current with their rent payments.

Bylaws Changes

MOTION: By the Constitution & Bylaws Committee to make recommended bylaws changes to bring the TDA dues structure into alignment with the ADA dues structure. Approved.

MOTION: By the Constitution & Bylaws Committee to make recommended bylaws changes to references to the *Journal of the Tennessee Dental Association* and the Editor to allow flexibility with the publication. Approved.

MOTION: By the Constitution & Bylaws Committee to make suggested revisions to the Council & Committee Handbook to update with current structure and policies. Approved.

President Beauchamp thanked the Constitution & Bylaws Committee for their hard work in updating our governing documents.

Editor Search Committee Report

Dr. McCamish reported to the Board that the Editor Search Committee, who met on August 17, 2020, listened to the Board's recommendation regarding the future of the Journal and use of the TDA newsletter for CE articles.

MOTION: By the Editor Search Committee, that the TDA publish 2-3 articles bimonthly in the TDA newsletter submitted to UTHSC for vetting with an editor assigned to manage the process (UT faculty member) and editor honorarium determined by the Board of Trustees. No vote was taken.

After discussion, Dr. McCamish will go back to the Editor Search Committee and inform them that the Board believes that the editor and the article authors should be TDA members and that the payment be a 50/50 split of revenue from the tests instead of an honorarium. Also, Meharry is included in article submissions.

ADA Annual Session October 15-19, 2020

President Beauchamp told the Board that the TDA delegation to the ADA House of Delegates have been trained on the electronic platforms necessary to participate in the virtual meeting. One of the biggest issues is regarding elder care, and the most exciting thing is Dr. Roy Thompson's campaign for ADA President-elect.

Annual Session 2021

President Beauchamp reported that she and Dr. Kathy Hall, 2021 Annual Session Chair, along with Dr. Susan Orwick-Barnes, President-elect, and Dr. Hope Watson, 2022 Annual Session Chair, participated in a site tour of the Renaissance Nashville Hotel. Mr. Ben Prom, Conference Direct Agent, recommended that re-negotiation of the 2021 contract be strategically timed for best result. Per Dr. Beauchamp, she is hoping for a shorter, smaller, in-person meeting. The House of Delegates will be virtual in 2021 at a date to be determined.

President-elect Report

President-elect Orwick-Barnes reported that she and Dr. Watson were impressed with the renovated Renaissance Nashville Hotel and are committed to hosting the 2022 annual meeting there, especially as it may help with the 2021 contract renegotiation.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director Search: Dr. McCamish gave a timeline of the process of searching for and selecting the new TDA Executive Director, Mrs. Andrea Hayes. Dr. McCamish was pleased to

announce that Mrs. Hayes will begin as of November 1, 2020 and will work with Tuft & Associates on the transition to TDA ED.

Staff Update: Dr. McCamish said that the TDA employs an excellent staff at the executive office. Ms. Lisa Rife, hired in June as Reception/Administrative Assistant, is quickly getting up to speed and has been assigned endorsements as one of her areas of responsibility.

Bento: Dr. Watson, who is also the ADA Vice-Chair of the Council on Dental Benefit Programs, arranged a Zoom meeting on September 24th with a representative from Bento, a technology company which offers an alternative to traditional dental insurance by enabling practices to administer and offer in-office plans. Dr. McCamish received a sample agreement and found it to be very one-sided. He has reached out to the Bento representative and will report back on Bento's response.

Cares Act: The TDA was turned down for the CARES Act, however the TDA has applied for an employee retention grant of \$36,000.

Dentistry is Essential Health Care: The TDA sent a letter to Governor Bill Lee asserting that dentistry is essential health care and asked that dentists be included in the distribution of the point-of-care Abbott BinaxNOW Ag Card test for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

Video Public Awareness Spots: Dr. McCamish reported that the Wisconsin Dental Association has produced two high-quality video spots and is able to customize them for other states. Dr. McCamish asked that the Board consider allocating \$10,000 to purchase these customized videos and use them on the TDA website, social media outlets and digital advertising spots.

MOTION: By Dr. Orwick-Barnes, that the TDA allocate \$10,000 to purchase and use two customized videos from the Wisconsin Dental Association. Approved.

BOARD REPORT IV – January 25, 2021

Consent

MOTION: By Dr. Hope Watson, Second District Trustee, to accept the following Consent items:

- TDA Foundation Report 2020
- Tenn-D-Pac Treasurer's Report 2020
- TDA Relief Fund Report 2020
- Trustees' Worksheet for Council & Committee Appointments for 2021-2022 / For approval at March 8, 2021 Board Meeting
- TDA Communications
 - Social Media Report Q4
 - TDA Communications Overview
- Dental Lifeline Network Report and Roster
- ADA Council on Government Affairs Report from Dr. Leon Stanislav
- Letters to the Governor and Department of Health Commissioner
 - To Governor Bill Lee Requesting Dentists Authorized to Administer Vaccines, January 7, 2021, and January 19, 2021
 - To Governor Bill Lee Requesting Dentists Receive Vaccine in First Group
 - To Dr. Lisa Piercy Requesting COVID Vaccination Plans
- Committee on Government Affairs, Minutes from Meeting December 11, 2020

- Interfaith Volunteer Recap 2019-2020
- TDA Foundation
 - TDAF Report from Dr. Robert Hopper, President
 - TDAF Minutes from Meeting July 24, 2020
- President Beauchamp’s State of the Association Address, January 15, 2021

Approved.

Legislative Update

Mr. Mark Greene, TDA Contract Lobbyist, reported on many legislative issues and concerns in what appears to be another atypical year. Topics included the vaccine, dentist anesthesiologists, employment of dentists in rural health centers, TennCare waiver, and direct to consumer dentistry. Mr. Greene will also be providing a weekly report during the legislative session.

Editor Search Committee

Dr. Jack Gotcher, Chair, and Dr. James Ragain, members of the Editor Search Committee, reported on the committee’s meeting on October 21, 2020, and brought the following motions from the committee:

MOTION: The editor of the articles should be a TDA member if possible.

MOTION: Authors of the articles are encouraged, but not required to be a TDA member.

MOTION: Knowing the volume of work, time and preparation required by any editor, the ESC strongly recommends compensation in the form of an honorarium.

All three motions were approved.

Executive Committee Actions

The following Executive Committee actions since the last Board meeting were approved by the Board:

- Recommendations for Board of Dentistry members for terms ending March 31, 2021.
- TDA Application for PPP (Paycheck Protection Program)

Board of Trustees Minutes from October 12, 2020

The Board approved the minutes from the October 12, 2020 meeting.

Board of Dentistry Report

Dr. Rhett Raum, Liaison to the Tennessee Board of Dentistry (BOD), reported regarding the recent meeting on January 7, 2021. Dr. Raum said that the dental schools are concerned regarding the clinical licensure exam and whether to prepare for live patient or manikin-based exams. The BOD’s legal counsel will relay to the Governor’s office their recommendation to suspend the live-patient exam requirement through the end of 2021. They also recommended a change in the rules to add the option of a “manikin non-patient based anterior and posterior based component.” A full report of the meeting was provided to the TDA Board for information on the many items covered.

Financial

Dr. Jay Davis, Treasurer, presented the TDA Financial Statement as of December 31, 2020 and highlighted areas of significant change from last year at this time. Dr. Davis also shared the report on the TDA's mortgage loan as of December 31, 2020. Per Dr. Davis, because CD rates are currently very low, the two CDs that matured in October were rolled into a savings account at Pinnacle for ready access. The tenant, Core10, who asked for rent forgiveness for the fourth quarter of 2020 did not respond to the options the TDA presented and have continued to pay their rent.

MOTION: By Dr. Anthony Carroccia, Eighth District Trustee, to approve the financial report. Approved.

Membership

Mrs. Andrea Hayes, Executive Director, presented the Membership Report as of December 31, 2020, by component, specialty, age, and other break downs. Total TDA membership is higher than it has been since 2009. This past year has been our highest number of renewals, however this month, we have a much higher number of retirement affidavits. Mrs. Hayes and Ms. Brittany Hall, Membership Manager, will monitor this. Our members have sent in record numbers of CE certificates for the ACE Program due to the many online one-hour CEs that have been completed during the pandemic as well as December 31, 2020 being the end of the biennium. Mrs. Hayes said that the goal is to have all CEs entered by the end of February.

Council on State Agencies, Awards, Ethics and Judicial Affairs

Fellowship Award: The Board approved the following 2021 Fellowship Awardees: Rachel Hymes, First District; Ryan Bowles, Second District; Mark McOmie, Chattanooga Area; Douglas Holliday, Nashville; Rajan Kshatri, Nashville; Garry Grimes, Seventh District; Anthony Carroccia, Eighth District; Scott Weiskopf, Memphis; and Steven Zambrano, Memphis.

Jack Wells Award Criteria: At their July 13, 2020 meeting, the Board of Trustees asked the council to consider criteria for the Jack Wells Award, specifically that nominees are not an active member of the Board.

MOTION: By the Council, that this be referred back to the Board with a recommendation to include in Board guidelines that a Jack Wells Award nominee cannot be a sitting member of the Board of Trustees. Approved.

Dr. Jack Wells Dedication to Dentistry Award: Dr. Zachary Carden, Chattanooga Area Dental Society, was selected by the Trustees of the Board to receive the Jack Wells Award at the 2021 Annual Session.

Annual Session 2021

President Beauchamp reported that the Annual Session Committee Leadership Team would like to move forward with a modified in-person meeting for the June 25-26, 2021 Annual Session. Mrs. Hayes provided a proposed schedule for a dentist-only meeting which would include a Botox course on Friday, reception Friday night, and three to four continuing education courses on Saturday. There would be no exhibitors. Sponsorships could be explored.

MOTION: By Dr. Susan Orwick-Barnes, President-elect, that the TDA have a modified in-person meeting for the June 2021 Annual Session. Approved.

Due to no exhibitors at the meeting, the TDA will refund exhibit fees to those exhibitors who chose to roll over their 2020 exhibit fee to the 2021 meeting.

House of Delegates Date: The date for the virtual House of Delegates will be Saturday June 12, 2021. The virtual Reference Committee will be the day prior, June 11, 2021.

President-elect Report

President-elect Orwick-Barnes submitted a report of the year to date and said that compiling the report reminded her of how busy the TDA has been. Dr. Orwick-Barnes also reported on the HPV survey that was sent to our members at the request of Dr. Justin Gatwood, UT School of Pharmacology. Dr. Gatwood has received a grant with a goal to have dental clinics work in conjunction with local pharmacies to increase vaccinations to prevent HPV cancers.

Executive Director Report

Bento Endorsement: Mrs. Hayes reported that this endorsement was finalized. If any Board members would be interested in utilizing their service in exchange for support of the product, they are to contact Mrs. Hayes.

Video Public Awareness Spots: The videos approved at the last Board meeting have been produced and are currently running on YouTube and Spotify. They are titled “Safe” and “Don’t Delay.”

Update on Core10: The Core10 CEO contacted Mrs. Hayes regarding additional space in the building or the possibility of sub-leasing space on their floor. Mrs. Hayes responded that there is no unleased space in our building, however their lease agreement does allow for sub-letting space within certain parameters.

Transition and TDA Office Update: Mrs. Hayes reported that she had a 90-day review with President Beauchamp and President-elect Orwick-Barnes. There was a component executive director meeting in November, and she will continue to meet with them quarterly. Mrs. Hayes attended the First District meeting and the Second District virtual meeting. She has attended and been a participant in many state and ADA virtual meetings. She has registered as a lobbyist in Tennessee, is working with Mark Greene to learn more about legislative issues and attended the ADA lobbyist virtual conference. Mrs. Hayes said that she met individually with each staff member during her first two weeks as the TDA ED. Since then, there is a weekly staff meeting, either socially distanced in the Boardroom or by Teams video conference. The office worked remotely December 21-23 due to the positive COVID test of a staff member. Mrs. Hayes said that the staff has worked very hard for the TDA this year and has pulled together during very stressful situations. Mrs. Hayes noted that the staff has worked under three different executive directors in 2020, which is a challenge for anyone to learn and adapt to different leadership styles. She said she is very proud of the TDA team.

President Beauchamp asked Dr. Chip Clayton, Dr. Bursleson and Dr. Davis to be a group that Mrs. Hayes can consult regarding building maintenance issues.

Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.
The Board concluded Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

New Business

ADA Council on Dental Benefit Programs: Dr. Watson, also Vice Chair of the ADA Council on Dental Benefit Programs, updated the Board on actions taken by that ADA council.

Officer Installations: President Beauchamp asked trustees to contact her if their district would like her to perform their officer installations.

ADA State Public Affairs Oversight Work Group: Dr. Raum said that he is part of the ADA State Public Affairs Oversight Work Group and suggested that the TDA might want to apply for a grant to assist with some of the legislative issues ahead.

BOARD REPORT V – March 8, 2021

Board of Trustees Minutes from January 25, 2021

MOTION: By Dr. Hope Watson, Second District Trustee, to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2021 meeting. Approved.

Consent

MOTION: By Dr. Anthony Carroccia, Eighth District Trustee, to accept the following Consent items:

- Tennessee 2020 Annual Report on Oral Health Services
- Annual Attorney Report, 2020, Blake Matthews
- TDA Insurance Agency Directors for 2021-2022
- Executive Director Report
- Governmental Affairs Committee Minutes, February 19, 2021
- Executive Committee Minutes
- Resolutions
 - Dues Alignment
 - Editor and Journal References
- Dental Lifeline Network Program Highlights February 2021
- Governor Lee Executive Order 77 Regarding Dental Student Exams

Approved.

Legislative Update

Mr. Mark Greene, TDA Contract Lobbyist, reported that he is now providing the TDA office a weekly legislative update for distribution to members. Access to legislators is opening gradually, which is positive.

- Priority is to defeat the Rural Health Center bill which would allow non-dentists to own dental clinics. Notification of the bill with talking points to TDA members proved to be a successful campaign and has helped get traction to defeat that bill.
- The bill regarding Dentist Anesthesiologists continues to be a challenge. The bill would prevent dentists from using the term anesthesiologist, even though Dentist Anesthesiologist is a nationally recognized specialty.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Jay Davis, Treasurer, presented the TDA Financial Statement as of January 31, 2021 and highlighted areas of significant change from last year at this time. Dr. Davis also shared the report on the TDA's mortgage loan as of January 31, 2021. The Budget & Finance Committee will meet in April regarding the budget for 2021-2022.

MOTION: By Dr. Carroccia, to approve the financial report. Approved.

Board of Dentistry Report

Dr. Rhett Raum, Liaison to the Tennessee Board of Dentistry (BOD), reported that Dr. Phillip Kemp is the new President of the Board of Dentistry. The BOD has not yet appointed their new executive director. President Beauchamp said that Ms. Jennifer Putnam, Deputy Director, Health Licensure and Regulation at Tennessee Department of Health, asked the TDA to sponsor legislation that would allow the dental student examination to utilize a live human patient or a non-patient-based model. The TDA is forming that bill.

Annual Session 2021

Mrs. Andrea Hayes, Executive Director, stated that the TDA signed a new agreement with the Renaissance Nashville Hotel with no penalties associated. President Beauchamp said that the opening of the connected 5th + Broadway multilevel food, fashion and entertainment center will provide excitement and interest for attendees.

President-elect Report

President-elect Susan Orwick-Barnes provided highlights on the ADA's Power of Three reports. She is also considering her year as president and called for her first Board meeting the day after the annual session, Sunday, June 27, 2021, at the Renaissance.

Presidential Rotation

President Beauchamp proposed a change to the current presidential rotation and asked for discussion. The proposed rotation divided the state into four segments with approximately the same number of members in each segment:

- #1 First and Second Districts – 662 members
- #2 CADS, Fourth and Sixth Districts – 566 members
- #3 Nashville – 646 members
- #4 Seventh, Eighth and Memphis – 688 members

The Board will discuss this again at the next Board meeting.

Outstanding District

President Beauchamp announced that the Fourth District Dental Society won the Outstanding District Award for 2020.

Council & Committee Appointments

The Board reviewed the list of appointments to councils and committees for the 2021-2022 year. The chair of the Council on Membership will be considered at the next Board meeting.

MOTION: By Dr. Trey Carney, Seventh District Trustee, that the list of Councils and Committees be approved as presented. Approved.

New Business

TennCare: President Beauchamp has asked Dr. Jim Gillcrist, TennCare Dental Director, to provide an update on what is happening with TennCare.

KN95 Masks and Philanthropic Clinics: Dr. Watson said that she was contacted about distribution of unclaimed KN95 masks purchased by the TDA Relief Fund to philanthropic clinics. The Board gave consensus approval.

Next Meeting: The next Board meeting will be a Zoom meeting on May 10, 2021.

BOARD REPORT VI – May 10, 2021

Board of Trustees Minutes from March 8, 2021

MOTION: By Dr. Trey Carney, Seventh District Trustee, to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2021 meeting. Approved.

Consent

MOTION: By Dr. Stueart Hudsmith, Memphis Trustee, to accept the following Consent items:

- Component Society Annual Reports
- Executive Committee Report, April 12, 2021
- Executive Director Annual Report
- Dental Lifeline Network – March 31, 2021

Approved.

Legislative Update

Dr. Leon Stanislav, Government Affairs Committee Chair, reported on great work by Mr. Mark Greene, TDA Contract Lobbyist, in the state legislature this year with success in lobbying to defeat the Rural Health Clinic bill and the bill to deny the term Dentist Anesthesiologist. Mr. Greene reported the background on both bills as well as several others. There was discussion and agreement that more extensive EFDA training programs would assist with access to care concerns.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Jay Davis, Treasurer, presented the TDA Financial Statement as of March 31, 2021 and highlighted areas of significant change from last year at this time. Dr. Davis also shared the report on the TDA's mortgage loan as of April 30, 2021.

Dr. Davis and Mrs. Andrea Hayes, Executive Director, presented the budget proposed by the Budget & Finance Committee of \$1,674,411 for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Dr. Rhett Raum, Board of Dentistry Liaison who is also an ADA Alternate Delegate, asked if the costs from the ADA Pre-caucus should be added to the budget given the recent notice that the pre-caucus will

be held in Louisville, Kentucky, a month before the ADA meeting. Mrs. Hayes will check with the Kentucky executive director for more information on the meeting and report back to the board. It was mentioned that this budget predicts a deficit of \$108,211. Per Mrs. Hayes, the Budget & Finance Committee discussed a dues increase but determined this was not the year to raise dues, considering COVID pandemic ramifications to practices as well as certain categories of dues being altered by the ADA.

MOTION: By Dr. Davis, to approve the proposed budget for 2021-2022. Approved.

Board of Dentistry Report

Dr. Raum presented a report of the April 8, 2021 Tennessee Board of Dentistry meeting. Several items of note were specifically mentioned, including the appointment of the new BOD executive director, Ms. Ailene Macias.

Council on Membership Chair

President Beauchamp reported that discussion is on-going regarding a chair for the Council on Membership, Communications & Relief.

Resolution Regarding Removal of an Officer or Trustee

Dr. John Petty, Speaker of the House and Chair of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee, reported regarding the 2020 resolution BT2-20-2 Removal of an Officer or Trustee which was referred back from the House of Delegates for research. The C&B Committee consulted with Mr. Blake Matthews, TDA General Counsel, and Mrs. Hayes, and they recommended that this resolution not be adopted as the Tennessee Non-Profit Corporation Act already gives wide latitude to remove officers for any reason. Regarding trustees, they are elected by their district and may only be removed by their district.

MOTION: By the Constitution & Bylaws Committee, that the TDA Board of Trustees request BT2-20-2 be withdrawn from consideration by the House of Delegates. Approved.

Presidential Rotation

President Beauchamp and Mrs. Hayes presented a graphic outlining a presidential rotation very similar to the current four-year rotation but slightly altered for a more even distribution of members within each segment of the rotation. Also, there would be no formula for a specific district supplying the president-elect candidate(s) within that rotational year. Rather than rely on the previous “handshake” agreement, this rotation would be added to the Board Policy Manual for transparency.

MOTION: By Dr. Terryl Propper, Immediate Past President, to accept the proposed presidential rotation. Approved.

Annual Session 2021

Mrs. Hayes said that a mini brochure promoting the Annual Session was mailed to all TDA members to encourage registration for the meeting.

President-elect Report

President-elect Susan Orwick-Barnes said that the 2022 Annual Session is scheduled for May 12-14, 2022 at the Renaissance Nashville Hotel, pending final signatures on the agreement. Mrs. Hayes said this is very close to being finalized.

President-elect Orwick-Barnes provided a list of Board meetings scheduled for the next year, which will be a mixture of virtual and in-person meetings.

MOTION: By Dr. Propper, to accept Dr. Orwick-Barnes' appointments to the Annual Session Committee. Approved.

Membership Reports

Mrs. Hayes presented membership reports as of April 30, 2021 that indicate our numbers are ahead of previous years. Mrs. Hayes directed attention to the Members Pending Cutoff report and asked the trustees to review the names from their district to follow up directly with the member or inform the executive office of any relevant information.

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COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORTS

Council on Dental Benefit Programs Dr. Douglas Hunter, Chair

Meeting 1 ❖ Zoom Video Conference ❖ August 31, 2020 Meeting with TDA President, Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp

Members Present: Drs. Doug Hunter, Chair, Rachel Hymes, Brad White, Dennis Sigman

Also Present: Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp, President; Dr. Hope Watson, Board Liaison; Dr. DeWayne McCamish, Interim Executive Director; Ms. Amy Williams, Staff Liaison

Members Absent: Drs. Ryan Wilson, Lisa Stanley, David Barnes, Jason Lily, Alan Salomon

President Jeannie Beauchamp called the Zoom video meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Central. Dr. Beauchamp welcomed everyone to this introductory meeting designed to establish a connection and share goals for the council in 2020-2021.

Dr. Hope Watson, Board Liaison and ADA Vice Chair of the ADA Council on Dental Benefit Programs, said that she would like to see the council get behind Bento, newly endorsed by the ADA. Bento is a dental benefits technology company with advanced cloud-based solutions. The Bento program creates transparency in dental care because it streamlines payments and allows patients and dentists to come up with appropriate dental care plans without interference from a third-party. Dr. Beauchamp suggested that the council be educated on the Bento program so that the council members can take the information to their districts. Dr. Watson will explore securing an ADA representative to meet with the council to educate them regarding Bento.

Dr. Doug Hunter, Chair, reported that most of the calls he receives as chair of this council are from dentists who do not understand their dental benefit insurance agreements and are confused when claims are rejected. Dr. Hunter suggested that an educational program for our members would be beneficial. Dr. Watson said that the ADA has great resources and can provide a webinar for our districts. Also, Dr. Watson will share information with the council about a webinar on September 17th that she and an ADA representative are presenting to the Second District titled “Top Dental Plan Concerns.”

President Beauchamp said that she will ask Dr. Hunter, as council chair, to record a 1-2-minute video about the council that will be shared with the TDA membership to show how the TDA is working on their behalf. She also asked that any members of the council who do not participate in meetings during this year to be mentioned to next year’s president, Dr. Susan Orwick-Barnes, in order to find a replacement with the time and/or interest to be part of the council.

Meeting 2 ❖ Zoom Video Conference ❖ September 24, 2020

Bento In-Office Plans Presentation

Members Present: Drs. Doug Hunter, Chair, Rachel Hymes, Brad White, Lisa Stanley, Dennis Sigman, Jason Lilly

Also Present: Mr. Landon Lemoine, Bento Vice President of Growth; Dr. Hope Watson, Board Liaison; Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp, President; Dr. Susan Orwick-Barnes, President-elect; Dr. Allen Burleson, Secretary; Dr. Jay Davis, Treasurer; Dr. Trey Carney, Executive Committee; Dr. Mitch Baldree, Executive Committee; Dr. DeWayne McCamish, Interim Executive Director; Ms. Lisa Rife, Staff Liaison; Ms. Amy Williams, Staff Liaison

Members Absent: Drs. Ryan Wilson, David Barnes, Alan Salomon

Dr. Doug Hunter, Chair, called the Zoom meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Central.

Dr. Hope Watson, Board Liaison and ADA Vice Chair of Council on Dental Benefit Programs, reported that the ADA has recently endorsed Bento who provides an alternative to dental insurance. Bento's platform and technology provides easy setup of in-office dental plans and managing those plans without a third-party provider.

Mr. Lemoine presented power point slides explaining how Bento works and then demonstrated the process from setting up a program for a company, office utilization and patient use with a mobile app. It is very simple, stream-lined, and paperless. Although the program is endorsed by the ADA, each state has their own direct agreement with Bento. Mr. Lemoine will send a sample agreement for review.

After Mr. Lemoine left the Zoom meeting, a poll was taken as to whether those present would be interested in using Bento for their office. Yes – 10; No-2

Council on Membership, Communications and Relief

Dr. Vicki Guffey, Chair

Zoom Video Conference ❖ August 31, 2020

Meeting with TDA President, Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp

Members Present: Drs. Vicki Guffey, Chair, Andrew Conkin, Maggie Pitts, Emalie Hutton, Norrie Bryant, Valencia May, Walter Fain, David Meister, Larry Higginbotham, Dr. Susan Orwick-Barnes

Also Present: Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp, President; Dr. DeWayne McCamish, Interim Executive Director; Ms. Brittany Hall, Membership Manager; Ms. Lourdes Arevalo, Communications Manger

Members Absent: Drs. Jason Blair, Jim Ed Lane, Tim Carter

Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp, TDA President, began the meeting at 6:15 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting. She stated she was happy to host the meeting and give the group the opportunity to discuss ideas for membership.

Dr. Walter Fain, Vice President East Tennessee, stated the key is personal contact (emails, phone calls, etc.). He and other members of SDDS have been actively involved in reaching out to non-members. He indicated he worked with Ms. Brittany Hall, Manager of Membership Services, to clean up our list of members for accuracy. Once the membership list was up-to-date, Dr. Fain had about 18 dentists in their district ready to contact non-members. SDDS also send personalized letter before the calls. Phone call were the second touch points.

Ms. Hall indicated the best months for member recruitment/reaching out are the months of January and February. Quarter year dues are beginning September 7. This is when non-members can register at no costs – good time for outreach. As of Aug. 15, TDA is second in growth in the entire nation. This is the first time in 10 years that the TDA has the highest market share and TDA is two members away from 2500 (highest membership growth in 10 years). There is room for growth in new dentist category.

Dr. Beauchamp and Dr. Fain indicated it would be good to let members know TDA is second in nation in membership growth. Ms. Lourdes Arevalo, TDA Communications Manager, will try to add into the Sept/Oct newsletter issue.

Dr. Fain indicated TDA needs to thank members and let them know importance of membership.

Dr. DeWayne McCamish, Interim Executive Director, stated dental students need to be informed of the TDA. Instructors in dental schools are key. There are a few of the UT instructors are members of the and TDA needs to be more involved.

Ms. Hall stated TDA is present at UT and Meharry three times during the year. Memphis Dental Society members go to UT and Ms. Hall goes to Meharry. It would be preferable to also have a dentist from the area attend the events at Meharry as well to encourage students/show support.

Dr. Larry Higginbotham, Vice President West Tennessee, stated Memphis Dental Society invites UT seniors to January meeting and use the time to promote organized dentistry. Perhaps this could be an option for NDS.

Council on State Agencies, Awards, Ethics and Judicial Affairs
Randall C. Montgomery, Chair

Meeting 1 ❖ Zoom Video Conference ❖ September 1, 2020
Meeting with President Jeannie Beauchamp

Members Present: Drs. Randall Montgomery, Chair, Newsom Baker, Hal Jones, Tony Vaughn, Dale Blevins

Also Present: Dr. Mike Lamb, Board Liaison; Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp, President; Dr. DeWayne McCamish, Interim Executive Director; Ms. Lisa Rife and Ms. Amy Williams, TDA Staff

Members Absent: Drs. Tracy Pack, Bill Hunter III, Stanley Young, Steve Fergus

President Jeannie Beauchamp called the Zoom video meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Central. Dr. Beauchamp welcomed everyone to this introductory meeting designed to establish a connection and share goals for the council in 2020-2021.

President Beauchamp said that she welcomes ideas from the council on ways to recognize members for their achievements or service.

Dr. Randy Montgomery, First District and Chair, said that he is working with Ms. Amy Williams, Staff Liaison, to establish a central online option for placing the award nomination documents. Also, the council will consider tweaking the criteria for the Jack Wells Award per a request from the TDA Board of Trustees.

President Beauchamp asked the council how they suggest honoring the 2020 awardees since the Annual Session was canceled. The council prefers delaying the awards ceremony until the 2021 meeting in hopes of making an in-person presentation. At the council's request, the 2020 awardees were recognized at the 2020 House of Delegates virtual meeting as well as featured in the July-August 2020 newsletter. If the 2021 meeting is virtual, then the council will re-visit how to honor them and the 2021 awardees. Dr. DeWayne McCamish, Interim ED, said that the AAO (American Association of Orthodontists) also decided to honor their 2020 awardees at their 2021 meeting.

Meeting 2 ❖ Email Meeting ❖ December 10, 2020

Members Responded: Drs. Newsom Baker, Hal Jones, Tracy Pack, Tony Vaughn, Stanley Young, Dale Blevins, Steve Fergus

Members No Response: Drs. Randy Montgomery, Bill Hunter

The Council on State Agencies, Awards, Ethics & Judicial Affairs approved the following dentists to be recommended to the Governor of Tennessee for Board of Dentistry member terms expiring March 31, 2021:

EAST TENNESSEE GRAND DIVISION:

Dr. Walter Fain (Second)
Dr. Jan Henley (Second)
Dr. Paul McCord (CADS)
Dr. Maricela Rodriguez (CADS)*

WEST TENNESSEE GRAND DIVISION:

Dr. Scott Edwards (MDS)
Dr. Goodloe Keltner (MDS)
Dr. Mike King (Seventh)
Dr. Dan Meadows (MDS)*

*Current member, eligible for reappointment.

MOTION: By the council, that the names above be submitted to the TDA Board of Trustees for approval and further recommendation to the Governor of Tennessee for consideration for Board of Dentistry members. Approved.

Meeting 3 ❖ Zoom Video Conference ❖ January 12, 2021

Members Present: Drs. Randall Montgomery, Chair, Newson Baker, Hal Jones, Tony Vaughn, Stanley Young, and Dale Blevins

Also Present: Dr. Mike Lamb, Board Liaison; Mrs. Andrea Hayes, Executive Director; and Mrs. Amy Williams, Staff Liaison

Members Absent: Dr. Tracy Pack, Bill Hunter, Steve Fergus

Chair Dr. Randall Montgomery called to order the Zoom meeting of the Council on State Agencies, Awards, Ethics and Judicial Affairs at 5:00 p.m. Central Time. A quorum was present, and business proceeded.

Fellowship Award

MOTION: By Dr. Newsom Baker, Second District, and seconded by Dr. Hal Jones, Chattanooga Area, that the following Fellowship Awardees be approved and forwarded to the Board of Trustees for consideration:

- Rachel Hymes, First District
- Ryan Bowles, Second District
- Mark McOmie, Chattanooga Area
- Douglas Holliday, Nashville
- Rajan Kshatri, Nashville
- Garry Grimes, Seventh District
- Anthony Carroccia, Eighth District
- Scott Weiskopf, Memphis
- Steven Zambrano, Memphis

Approved.

Dr. Jack E. Wells Dedication to Dentistry Award

MOTION: By Dr. Dale Blevins, Eighth District, and seconded by Dr. Jones that the following nominations for the Dr. Jack E. Wells Dedication to Dentistry Award be approved and forwarded to the Board of Trustees for selection:

- Zachary Carden
- James Hight
- Dan Meadows

Approved.

Jack Wells Award Criteria

Dr. Montgomery presented a referral from the Board of Trustees (meeting July 13, 2020) to the council to revisit the criteria for the Jack Wells Award, specifically that nominees are not an active member of the Board. Although the council could see the awkwardness or bias that might result, council members believe this to be a Board internal matter and should not be part of criteria for selection.

MOTION: By Dr. Jones, that this be referred back to the Board with a recommendation to include in Board guidelines that a Jack Wells Award nominee cannot be a sitting member of the Board of Trustees. Approved.

Other Business:

Honoring Awardees – The council is concerned about low attendance at a possible modified in-person Annual Session where awardees are honored. There is also concern about delaying honoring awardees another year. Discussion will continue when plans for the 2021 Annual Session are solidified.

Budget – The council will need to increase their budget to cover the cost of the Fellowship Award pin mold and production, depending on when the 2020 and 2021 awardees are honored. The council was instructed to watch for an email regarding this as plans are settled.

COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS

Anesthesia, Sedation and Scope of Practice Committee Dr. Anthony Carroccia, Chair

2020-2021 Report

There were no scheduled meetings held from 2020-2021.

It was thought that government at its various levels would take charge of the dentist/dental student giving vaccinations, which they did do.

As Chair, I submitted a letter in support of the Dentist Anesthesiologists to the TN House and Senate Health Committees which was well received and had positive impactful comments back from those who did respond. As we know, that bill was defeated this year.

On 7 December 2020, the TNBOD Anesthesia Committee discussed our committee's proposals to revise the sedation facility inspection form. The items were received well and most changes were accepted to put before the BOD at the January 2021 meeting where they were accepted resulting in an updated form.

A final bit of business that does require resolution is the consideration of registered dental assistants being allowed to administer as well as monitor nitrous oxide/oxygen sedation to patients under direct supervision. This Committee put forth this proposal of allowing RDAs who have completed the same 14 hour ADA outlined course for such administration/monitoring inhalation sedation under the [teaching guidelines](#). This course would be the same as the one that the state requires the hygienists to have under [0460-05-.02 \(2\)](#). In June 2109, the TDA BOT unanimously approved the concept. However, with SARS CoV2 and Executive Director issues, this item had been put on the back burner. Now is the time to tie up the loose ends and decide the best way to present the concept to the BOD for their consideration.

TDA Journal Editor Search Committee Dr. Jack Gotcher, Chair

Meeting 1 ❖ Zoom Video Conference ❖ July 14, 2020

Committee Members on the call

- Dr. Jack Gotcher (Chair)
- Dr. Paul Cullum
- Dr. Zachary Carden
- Dr. James Ragain

Other Present

- Dr. DeWayne McCamish
- Ms. Brittany Hall
- Ms. Lourdes Arevalo

Call to Order

A meeting for the Editor Search Committee was called to order by Dr. Jack Gotcher, Chair, at 5:36 p.m. CT.

Committee Assignment

To identify and seek candidates that can serve as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of the Tennessee Dental Association*, advise Board of Trustees on who best meets the needs of the publication and recommend, if needed, alternative publication options.

Motions Taken

On a motion from Dr. Jack Gotcher, Chair, the committee unanimously approved to move forward with a clinically oriented peer-reviewed scientific journal.

Documents Reviewed

- TDA Editor Search Committee Overview provided by the TDA Staff.

Topic Discussed

- Dr. Gotcher provided an overview of the committee's primary responsibilities and assignment.
- The Editor Search Committee discussed proposed options for the Journal, the benefit of MEDLINE and PubMed accreditation, the historical overview of the Journal, loss of MEDLINE accreditation in Dec. 2018, the importance of a peer-reviewed accredited publication for clinical faculty, and the direction the Journal should head into moving forward.
- The committee decided to move forward with a clinically oriented peer-reviewed scientific journal and discussed the application process. It was recommended candidates should submit the following application materials: CV, letter of interest, a vision statement and a conflict-of-interest disclosure (if any).

Next Steps

- The Editor Search Committee will present its recommendations to the Board of Trustees on August 10, 2020 via Zoom Conferencing.
- The Editor Search Committee will search within their respective circles for a potential candidate.
- The TDA staff will provide the Editor Search Committee a draft job description for review and approval.
- The TDA staff will provide the Editor Search Committee a proposed

Meeting 2 ❖ Zoom Video Conference ❖ August 17, 2020

Committee Members on the call

- Dr. Jack Gotcher (Chair)
- Dr. Zachary Carden
- Dr. James Ragain

Others Present

- Dr. DeWayne McCamish
- Ms. Lourdes Arevalo

Call to Order

A meeting for the Editor Search Committee was called to order by Dr. Jack Gotcher, Chair, at 5:40 p.m. CT.

Committee Assignment

To identify and seek candidates that can serve as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of the Tennessee Dental Association*, advise Board of Trustees on who best meets the needs of the publication and recommend, if needed, alternative publication options.

Motions Taken

On a motion from Dr. Ragain, the committee approved to move forward with publishing 2-3 articles bimonthly in the TDA newsletter submitted to UTHSC for vetting. An editor will be assigned to manage the process.

Documents Reviewed

TDA Journal Financial Recap of past three issues (Oct. 2017, April 2018, and November 2018)

Topic Discussed

Dr. McCamish presented the committee with the Board of Trustees decision regarding the committee's recommendation to move forward with a clinically oriented peer-reviewed scientific journal. The BOT recommended the committee consider alternative publication options including

- a joint journal with UT
- a journal that is not MEDLINE/PubMed accredited
- a newsletter that aligns with CERP-approved guidelines to offer CE articles for members

• Dr. McCamish also discussed the Board's hesitation with pursuing a clinically oriented peer-reviewed journal and the financial overview of the past three issues of the TDA Journal. *Note: the financials on publication of the last three TDA Journals were corrected to reflect a change in the honorarium provided to the Scientific Editor.*

- The committee discussed the options suggested by the Board and demonstrated interest in producing either a joint journal with IT and aligning TDA newsletters with CERP-approved guidelines to include articles
- Dean Ragain expressed support for a newsletter that aligns with CERP, indicating the CE option is a good opportunity for junior faculty.
- The committee decided to move forward with a newsletter that aligns with CERP-approved guidelines to offer CE opportunity for members.

Among the items discussed were:

- o The number of articles that would be included per issue. The committee decided to have no more than 2-3 articles per newsletter.
- o The editor for the CE articles. Dean Ragain suggested a faculty member at UT can serve as the editor, put together a board and distribute content to experts for review and approval.
- o The Honorarium that would be provided for the faculty. The Committee decided to leave this decision to the BOT.

Next Steps

- The Editor Search Committee will present its revised recommendation to the Board of Trustees at the next meeting.
- Dr. Ragain will identify possible candidates from UT’s faculty to serve as the editor for the CE articles.
- The TDA staff will provide the committee with a CERP guidelines for review.

Closing

Dr. Gotcher thanked the committee for their work. TDA will provide recommendations at the next Board of Trustees Meeting.

Meeting 3 ❖ Zoom Video Conference ❖ October 21, 2020

Committee Members on the call

- Dr. Jack Gotcher (Chair)
- Dr. Paul Cullum
- Dr. James Ragain

Others Present

- Dr. DeWayne McCamish, Interim Executive Director
- Andrea Hayes, Future Executive Director
- Lourdes Arevalo, Communications Manager

Call to Order

A meeting for the Editor Search Committee (ESC) was called to order by Dr. Jack Gotcher, Chair, at 5:40 p.m. CT.

Topic Discussed

- Dr. McCamish informed committee members of the Board of Trustees did not approve the following motion submitted by the ESC:
 - MOTION: By the Editor Search Committee, that the TDA publish 2-3 articles bimonthly in the TDA newsletter submitted to UTHSC for vetting with an editor assigned to manage the process (UT faculty member) and editor honorarium determined by the Board of Trustees.
- The Board of Trustees recommended to move forward with the publication of 2-3 articles in the newsletter with the following requirements:
 - Editor and article authors must be TDA members
 - Compensation for the editor should be a 50/50 split of revenue from the tests instead of an honorarium
- The ESC discussed accepting the Board's recommendation or presenting a revised recommendation to the Board.
- On the requirement of TDA membership for both the editor and article authors the ESC agreed the requirement was too restrictive and presents a barrier in the quality of applicants, article submissions, and future sustainability.
 - Dr. Ragain suggested the editor should be a TDA member, but article authors should be open to various sources which would include but not limited to UTHSC and Meharry.
 - Dr. Gotcher stated some residents would never be TDA members as they are from out of state/country.
- Regarding the compensation for the editor as a 50/50 split of revenue from the tests, the ESC mentioned that the recommendation does not consider the pre-planning and administrative work required by the editor.
 - Dr. Gotcher suggested an honorarium would be better in consideration of the amount of time and work that would be done by the editor. The Board's suggested compensation recommendation is dependent on the number of people who take the CE/subscriptions
 - Dr. McCamish mentioned the 50/50 split would create some additional work for TDA staff to manage and keep accurate accounting.

Motions Taken

MOTION: The editor of the articles should be a TDA member, if at all possible.

ESC unanimously approved this motion.

MOTION: Authors of the articles are encouraged, but not required to be a TDA member. ESC unanimously approved this motion.

MOTION: Knowing the volume of work, time and preparation required by any editor, the ESC strongly recommends compensation in the form of an honorarium. The committee unanimously approved this motion.

Next Steps

- Dr. Gotcher and Dr. Ragain requested to present the ESC's revised recommendations to the Executive Committee or to the Board at their next meeting whichever is scheduled to occur first.
- Dr. McCamish agreed to contact Dr. Beauchamp to confirm Dr. Gotcher and Dr. Ragain would be allowed to attend via Zoom during the ESC discussion.
- The ESC will be informed of the next EC or BOT Meeting as soon as specific dates are confirmed.

Closing

Dr. Gotcher thanked the committee for their time. ESC will present their recommendations at the next EC or Board meeting.

Governmental Affairs Committee Dr. Leon Stanislav, Chair

Meeting 1 ❖ Zoom Video Conference ❖ July 18, 2020

Members Present: Drs. Leon Stanislav, Chair, Bill Powell, Chad Eslinger, Kathy Hall, Walter Owens, Paul Cullum, James Hight Jr., Jeannie Beauchamp, Roy Thompson

Also Present: Dr. Keith Gilmore (TNAGD Board of Dentistry Liaison), Mr. Mark Greene (TDA Contract Lobbyist), Mr Jack Fosbinder (Tenn-D-Pac Consultant), Mr. Tony Thompson (TNAGD Lobbyist), Ms. Andrea Bennett-Punke (TN Pediatric Dentistry Lobbyist), and Dr. DeWayne McCamish (Interim Executive Director)

Members Absent: Drs. Randy Montgomery, Christina Rosenthal

Call to order: Dr. Leon Stanislav, Chair, called the Zoom video meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Central.

Minutes

MOTION: By Dr. Kathy Hall, Nashville, to approve the minutes of the meeting December 13, 2019, and strategy meeting February 12, 2020. Approved.

Pandemic Update

Dr. DeWayne McCamish, TDA Interim Executive Director, reported that the most common call received at the executive office is for protocol if a patient or staff member reports that they tested

positive for COVID-19. The TDA staff forwards ADA information to the caller. Another common question received at headquarters is what to do if a parent comes in the office and refuses to wear a mask.

We received an alert from the ADA regarding possible PPE shortages according to trends across the country. The TDA sent a notice to our members to be aware of this possibility.

Dr. Roy Thompson, ADA Sixth District Trustee and TDA Past President, said that he is working behind the scenes at the ADA to find out what qualifies for essential healthcare worker and where dentistry is on that continuum. Being concerned about a possible resurgence, Dr. Thompson wants to move dentistry higher on the continuum to stop dentistry closures, receive PPE from FEMA, and receive vaccines earlier, when available.

TDA Lobbyist

Dr. McCamish reported that Mr. Jack Fosbinder resigned as the TDA Contract Lobbyist as of June 30, 2020 and was awarded Honorary Membership by the TDA at their recent House of Delegates meeting. Mr. Fosbinder will continue to work with the TDA as a consultant to the Tenn-D-Pac.

Mr. Mark Greene was hired effective July 1, 2020, as the TDA's Contract Lobbyist with an impressive resume of experience with lobbying in Tennessee and as a familiar face from working with the TDA for years as the TNAGD Lobbyist.

Highlight of Major Bills and Actions of the Tennessee Legislature/Mark Greene:

- **Direct to Consumer Dental/DIY Dentistry:** We opposed this measure, and it was taken off notice. It will probably appear in future sessions.
- **Health Care Empowerment Act/Direct Care Agreements:** Because this bill was broader than our bill last year and encompassed dentistry, we supported this bill, which passed.
- **Dental Hygiene:** This bill would allow “dental hygiene diagnosis,” allow a hygienist to apply a sealant before examination by dentist, and a provision to allow a dentist to supervise up to 10 hygienists at a volunteer mobile clinic. The first two items were dropped, but the TDA reluctantly agreed not to oppose an amended bill to allow the dentist to supervise up to 10 hygienists at a volunteer mobile clinic.
- **Faculty on Board of Dentistry:** The TDA had no objection to allowing dental school faculty to be appointed to the Board of Dentistry. This was not considered an essential bill during the abbreviated COVID-19 session; however, it may appear in future sessions.
- **Summary Suspension of License:** This amendment would have required licensing boards to immediately suspend licensure for a licensee under indictment for certain prescribing offenses or sexual misconduct. The TDA was concerned that such suspension without trial may result in prosecutorial overreach and could prevent an innocent practitioner from mounting a defense. This bill was not deemed to be essential by the House and was not on the June calendar, therefore did not pass. This is good for the TDA and allows time to work on this bill before it comes up next year.

- Tennessee Recovery and Safe Harbor Act: Ms Andrea Bennett-Punke (Pediatric Dentistry lobbyist) reported that this bill was developed to provide liability protection for employers from lawsuits filed by employees for employment-related COVID-19 transmission. The bill created intense debate between the Senate and House and did not pass, primarily due to the bill being retroactive to March when the first COVID-19 case was reported. The Governor asked that the Senate and House work out their disagreement and address this again later.
- Special Session of the Legislature: Mr. Tony Thompson (TN AGD lobbyist) said there are reports of a Special Session of the legislature to address telemedicine, immunity, protests, and potentially a few others. It is doubtful that lobbyists will have access to these sessions.
- Budgetary Matters:
 - The \$750,000 budgeted program for a West Tennessee pilot project, in which hygienists provide preventative care in county health departments and refer emergencies and restorations to dentists based at the regional health department, was abandoned when the impact of COVID-19 on state revenues was projected.
 - The Senate and House Finance Committees have said that the state will not transfer funds accumulated by various licensing boards to the state's general fund during this time of decreased state revenue. The Tennessee Board of Dentistry has a balance of approximately \$1.2 million.
 - Funding for a prenatal dental program is being considered because of latitude given to the state in managing its Medicaid prescription drug program under the proposed TennCare waiver application. This would have to be approved by CMS and then by the legislature and is, therefore, not for immediate attention.

CSMD EHR Integration

Dr. Keith Gilmore, TNAGD lobbyist, said that the process was not difficult to complete and believes it could be beneficial. Dr. Stanislav expressed his concerns about cost, integration issues, and the privacy issues.

Electronic Prescription Writing

ePrescribing will be required in Tennessee for controlled substance prescriptions beginning January 1, 2021. Dr. Stanislav suggested that members should not delay implementing this procedure well in advance of the deadline due to the process of accomplishing this requirement.

Louisiana Bills Affecting Dentistry

Dr. McCamish reported on two bills that passed in Louisiana that have effect on dentistry. Louisiana passed a bill regarding preexisting conditions which prevents an insurer from disallowing coverage due to preexisting conditions after a twelve-month waiting period. Another bill prohibits systematic down coding to essentially pay the dentist less, and the bill requires the insurer to explain why the procedure is not covered.

Future Legislative Issues

The following are future legislative issues:

- The DIY dentistry bill will be back. We will monitor the sponsor for this bill.
- Return of the Assignment of Benefits Prohibition.
- Hygienist concerns.
- Right-to-work issues are concerning.
- Teledentistry, telehealth and telemedicine bills and legislation.

New Business

Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp, TDA President, asked that the Governmental Affairs Committee to make a video for members regarding what the GAC does.

Dr. Hall inquired about status of a change to the statute on live patient examinations. No one on the committee had knowledge about a bill to eliminate the live patient-based exams.

Meeting 2 ❖ Zoom Video Conference ❖ December 11, 2020

Members Present: Drs. Leon Stanislav, Chair, Bill Powell, Kathy Hall, Walter Owens, James Hight Jr., Jeannie Beauchamp, Roy Thompson

Also Present: Dr. Keith Gilmore (TNAGD Board of Dentistry Liaison), Mr. Mark Greene (TDA Contract Lobbyist), Mr. Tony Thompson (TNAGD Lobbyist), Ms. Andrea Bennett-Punke (TN Pediatric Dentistry Lobbyist), and Mrs. Andrea Hayes, TDA Executive Director

Members Absent: Drs. Randy Montgomery, Chad Eslinger, Christina Rosenthal, Paul Cullum

Call to order: Dr. Leon Stanislav, Chair, called to order the Zoom video meeting of the Government Affairs Committee at 9:00 a.m. Central.

Minutes

MOTION: By Dr. Bill Powell, Second District, to approve the minutes of the meeting July 18, 2020. Approved.

Remarks TDA Executive Director

Mrs. Andrea Hayes, the new TDA Executive Director, reported that she is learning and working with Mark Greene, TDA Lobbyist. Communication from TDA members is focused on:

1. COVID-19 vaccines and dentists' priority in the rollout.
2. e-Prescriptions requirements taking effect in January.

Mr. Mark Greene, TDA Lobbyist, and Topics of Interest

Upcoming Session and access

- There are not clear answers yet to the schedule of the 2021 legislative session.

Vaccines

- ADA passed a resolution in support of dentists administering vaccines. The Tennessee statute prevents dentists from administering vaccines. The TDA has offered assistance to the Department of Health if they seek an executive order to allow dentists to administer the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Dentists are positioned well to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in Phase 1a2, however, it could be February or March before the vaccine is administered to dental professionals and others in this group.
- Legislation was passed in special session that will make it very difficult to be sued by employee for exposure to COVID-19 in the workplace.
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Rural Health Clinics

TDA has been approached by a Trenton, Tennessee-based group of rural health clinics (RHC) to create an exemption to allow dentists to work directly for the clinics. The TDA will meet via Zoom with their representatives on Monday, December 14th to listen to their request and find out more about the organization before we take a position. Mandy Young is the lobbyist representing the RHCs.

West Tennessee Pilot Project

Last year, the state budgeted approximately \$750,000 for pilot project to increase access to care in rural Northwest Tennessee. The project called for a dentist based in Jackson with five hygienists connected via teledentistry. The TDA received assurances from the Department of Health that this would not open the RDH scope of practice to change. The pilot project was dropped because of budget shortfalls due to COVID, but it is back this year as a budget request. We will take a wait-and-see approach as it may not get funded. Mark prefers we do not take a formal position on this issue now because of the optics of coming out publicly against access to care in one of the most underserved areas of the State.

Dental Anesthesiologist Recognition

A group representing physician anesthesiologists in Tennessee objects to the term “dental anesthesiologist.” We currently have this issue moving forward and it will be up to the TMA to respond to it.

Direct to Consumer Dental Services (SmileDirect Club)

There was a bill last year to allow non-licensed individuals to take digital impressions saying taking these photos is not the practice of dentistry. The TDA takes the position that this is the practice of dentistry. The bill had an effective sponsor in Rep. Kevin Vaughan. Mark Greene and Tony Thompson (AGD) had an opportunity to visit with Rep. Vaughan and learn more about his support of this issue and explain the TDA’s position.

Medicaid Waiver/Block Grant

This bill sought permission from the federal government to manage the drug program more efficiently and use the money saved to provide prenatal dental care for pregnant women, aimed at reducing disease transmission to the fetus. This does not appear to be moving forward.

New Business

Dr. Stanislav brought the following informational items from Dr. Rhonda Switzer-Nadasdi, CEO of Interfaith Dental Clinic:

- Safety Net pot of money has grown from \$19.5 million to \$21.5 million, which is evenly divided between faith-based clinics and Federally Qualified Health Clinics. Other parties are trying to access that money. The Safety Net money is outside of the Department of Health.
- Tennessee Smiles Program: Dr. Phillip Kemp is trying to revitalize the Tennessee Smiles Program.
- Delta Dental: Delta has a prosthetic organization with money to do dentures. This does not seem to be an on-going project.
- Teledentistry: Dr. Switzer noted that TennCare does not pay for teledentistry.

Meeting 3 ❖ Zoom Video Conference ❖ February 19, 2021

Members Present: Drs. Leon Stanislav, Chair, Bill Powell, Chad Eslinger, Kathy Hall, Paul Cullum, James Hight Jr., Jeannie Beauchamp

Also Present: Dr. Roy Thompson, Ex Officio, Dr. Keith Gilmore (TNAGD Board of Dentistry Liaison), Mr. Mark Greene (TDA Contract Lobbyist), Mr. Jack Fosbinder, Tenn-D-Pac Consultant, Mr. Tony Thompson (TNAGD Lobbyist), Ms. Andrea Bennett-Punke (TN Pediatric Dentistry Lobbyist), and Mrs. Andrea Hayes, TDA Executive Director, Mrs. Amy Williams, Staff Liaison

Members Absent: Drs. Randy Montgomery, Walter Owens, Christina Rosenthal,

Call to order: Dr. Leon Stanislav, Chair, called to order the meeting of the Government Affairs Committee on February 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Central.

Minutes

MOTION: By Dr. Bill Powell, Second District, to approve the minutes of the meeting December 11, 2020. Approved.

Mr. Mark Greene, TDA Lobbyist, Regarding Legislative Session 2021

Mr. Mark Greene reported that 1,200 bills were filed last week for the 112th General Assembly. He highlighted the following bills of interest to dentistry:

Vaccines

The TDA will oppose anti-vaccine legislation.

Rural Health Clinics

Mr. Greene says opposing this will be difficult because it appears to be about improving access to care. Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp will contact TennCare regarding their stance on this bill.

Board of Dentistry

The Board of Dentistry is up for Sunset Review. The bill to continue should pass routinely.

Transparency in healthcare pricing has been introduced. The bill is problematic in many ways. This will be followed but is not expected to go anywhere.

The TDA has introduced two caption bills which can be amended later, if needed.

The Board of Dentistry asked the TDA to carry legislation concerning a change to the rules regarding dental school exams to include the option of a nonpatient-based component. Dr. Roy Thompson said that he would like to include the ADA's OSCE (Objective Structured Clinical Exam), as well. Dr. Thompson will arrange an informational presentation on the OSCE for the Board, pending the Board's availability.

MOTION: By Dr. Jay Hight, Seventh District, to extend until May 2022 the current Board of Dentistry's procedure for dental school exams which suspends a live patient requirement, in order to allow time to educate members, develop our position and write legislation regarding a change in the exam. Approved.

Allow Dental School Faculty on Board of Dentistry

A bill was reintroduced to allow dental school faculty to be appointed to the Board of Dentistry. Mr. Jack Fosbinder reminded the committee that the first version was amended and to confirm that the amended version is used.

Dental Anesthesiologist Recognition

Although Dentist Anesthesiologist (DA) is a nationally recognized specialty, a bill has been filed which restricts the term anesthesiologist to physicians. The TDA will oppose this bill because it not only takes away the title but also takes away the ability for DAs to receive reimbursement.

Discount Dental Cards

Mr. Greene will closely watch this bill in an effort to protect dentists from being coerced into accepting discount dental cards.

Telehealth

Mr. Tony Thompson, TNAGD Lobbyist, reported that this is more about electronic records than telehealth.

New Business

- Mr. Greene will provide a weekly communication to TDA throughout the legislative session.

New Dentist Committee Dr. Julia Prince, Chair

Meeting 1 ❖ Zoom Video Conference ❖ August 31, 2020 Meeting with TDA President, Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp

Members Present: Drs. Julia Prince, Chair, Van Guthrie, Les Hunter, Jay McLemore, Candace Coleman

Also Present: Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp, President; Dr. DeWayne McCamish, Interim Executive Director; Ms. Brittany Hall, Staff Liaison

Members Absent: Drs. John Michael Coulter, Daniel Holsinger, Joseph Blalock, Ryan Roberts

President Jeannie Beauchamp called the Zoom video meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Central. Dr. Beauchamp welcomed everyone to this introductory meeting designed to establish a connection and share goals for the council in 2020-2021.

President Beauchamp said that the new dentists are crucial for the success of the TDA and asked that the New Dentist Committee reach out with ideas or plans to reach this demographic.

Dr. Julia Prince, Chair, said that the lack of in-person meetings has made it difficult for their normal outreach to new dentists. Dr. Beauchamp encouraged them to think of new ways to reach out to keep the TDA relevant to this group.

President Beauchamp asked if the committee members would be interested in a virtual New Dentist Reception or cocktail reception, if the TDA meeting in 2021 is virtual. The members indicated that they would be open to trying this. Dr. Candace Coleman, Eighth District, shared that she is registered for an upcoming meeting that will have Zoom rooms where the group can divide into smaller groups to connect with others in their geographical area or specialty. This could be an interesting option for the TDA meeting.

Dr. DeWayne McCamish, Interim ED, said that the NDC was vital to reaching graduating dentists and those moving into the full-dues category to encourage them to be part of the TDA. There was discussion about having a NDC representative at the UT and Meharry signing days.

Dr. Prince asked Ms. Brittany Hall, Manager of Membership Services, to send each council member the list of new members in their district. Ms. Hall said would do that and could send ADA novelty items to distribute, if wanted. President Beauchamp recognized Ms. Hall for her excellent work this year as the TDA is currently #2 in membership growth in the ADA.

Meeting 2 ❖ Zoom Video Conference ❖ March 22, 2021

Members Present: Drs. Julia Prince, Chair, Van Guthrie, John Michael Coulter, Taylor Englers, Jay McLemore, Candace Coleman

Also Present: Dr. Alaina Marinella, CADS substitute; Mrs. Andrea Hayes, Executive Director; Ms. Brittany Hall, Staff Liaison; and Mrs. Amy Williams, Board Liaison

Members Absent: Drs. Daniel Holsinger, Ryan Roberts, Les Hunter

Dr. Julia Prince, Chair, Memphis Dental Society, called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Central on March 22, 2021.

There was discussion regarding the need for a new chair of the committee as Dr. Prince's term will end in June. Several were willing to serve as chair, if needed. Dr. John Michael Coulter, Second District, offered to be chair of the committee and attend the meetings of the TDA Board of Trustees as the NDC representative.

MOTION: By Dr. Prince, that Dr. John Michael Coulter serve as New Dentist Committee chair for the 2021-2022 year. Approved.

Ms. Brittany Hall, Membership Manager and New Dentist Committee Liaison, will send the committee members the list by district of membership non-renewals and asked for their assistance in identifying any persons who may have moved out of their district or in contacting them to encourage membership in the TDA.

Oral Health Initiatives Committee Dr. Rhonda Switzer-Nadasdi, Chair

Zoom Video Conference ❖ September 1, 2020 Meeting with President Jeannie Beauchamp

Members Present: Drs. Rhonda Switzer-Nadasdi, Chair, Rachel Hymes, John Osborn, Karim Hasnani, Jay Davis, Norrie Bryant, Rose Keeling

Also Present: Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp, President; Dr. DeWayne McCamish, Interim Executive Director; Ms. Amy Williams, Staff Liaison

Members Absent: Drs. Rick Bateman, Danny Chacko, Mark Dill, Joseph Faiz, George Adams Jr., Scott Edwards

President Jeannie Beauchamp called the Zoom video meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Central. Dr. Beauchamp welcomed everyone to this introductory meeting and said that this committee represents the real purpose of dentistry and one close to her heart.

President Beauchamp said that this committee was formed several years ago, however it seems to be floundering without a specific purpose at present. She asked if there was more for the committee to accomplish or if it was time to retire the committee until a new direction was presented.

Dr. Rhonda Switzer-Nadasdi, Nashville Dental Society and Chair, asked what is outlined in the TDA Strategic Plan for the committee to accomplish. She said that the members of this committee understand the access issues in Tennessee, but they need to connect with other committees of the TDA to move ideas forward.

Ideas mentioning regarding access initiatives:

- TennCare fees more in-line with actual costs.
- Adult TennCare / at least cover adult extractions.
- Pregnant women care.
- Dental school loan repayment for those who work in rural areas.
- Make TennCare more user-friendly.

Ms. Williams will send to Dr. Switzer-Nadasdi the section of the TDA Strategic Plan regarding Advocacy as well as review previous committee reports submitted to the Board of Trustees.

President Beauchamp asked that the committee determine actions that they want to pursue legislatively and present those to the Governmental Affairs Committee before the January 2021 legislative general assembly begins.

PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE
Dr. Greg Kemp, Chair

2020-2021 Report

The 2020 Peer Review Committee was comprised of the nine-component society Peer Review Chairs: Dr. Ernest Cooper, First District; Dr. Pablo Foncea, Second District; Dr. Joseph Payne, Chattanooga; Dr. Robert Tuma, Fourth District; Dr. Doug Holliday, Nashville; Dr. Richard Robinette, Sixth District; Dr. John McLemore, Seventh District; Dr. Leon Stanislav, Eighth District and Dr. Jodi Rump, Memphis.

The TDA received 52 calls from patients requesting mediation. Out of those calls that met dentist membership requirements and scope of mediation criteria, the Peer Review Committee processed 9 total cases. The mediation results for 2020 were:

- 5 Patient Refund (a refund does not admit fault)
- 2 Not reviewable
- 2 Still in Mediation

The case load distribution by component society is as follows:

- First District- 0
- Second District- 3
- Chattanooga Area- 0
- Fourth District- 1
- Nashville Dental Society- 2
- Sixth District- 0
- Seventh District- 0
- Eighth District- 1
- Memphis Dental Society- 2

These numbers are fewer than in most years, most likely because of the COVID-19 pandemic which reduced the number of patients treated during the year.

Tenn-D-Pac Meeting
Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp, Chair

Meeting 1 ❖ Zoom Video Conference ❖ July 18, 2020

Members Present: Drs. Jeannie Beauchamp, Chair, Leon Stanislav, Bill Powell, Roy Thompson, Mike Law, Mike King, Chuck Keltner, Mitch Baldree, David Magee, Allen Burleson, John Petty, Chip Clayton, James Ragain, Susan Orwick-Barnes, Mrs. Julie Maroda

Also Present: Dr. Dale Blevins, Mr. Jack Fosbinder, Mr. Mark Greene, Dr. DeWayne McCamish

Members Absent: Drs. Randy Montgomery, Tom Gardenhire, Dennis Sigman, Terryl Proper, James Avery, Paul Cullum, Dr. Keith Gilmore, Mrs. Trish Nash

Call to order: Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Minutes:

MOTION: By Dr. Leon Stanislav, Secretary/Treasurer, to approve the minutes of the meeting on May 20, 2020. Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Dr. Stanislav reported that the current bank balance is \$217,645.54.

Election of Officers:

Dr. Beauchamp noted that there will be future discussion about the Tenn-D-Pac Bylaws that will possibly reduce the number of voting members of the committee. Mrs. Julie Maroda, Alliance President, said that the Alliance would be in favor of one representative, Mrs. Linda Powell.

Contested Primary Election Contributions and Leadership Contributions:

Mr. Jack Fosbinder, Tenn-D-Pac consultant, suggested that the PAC donations discussed for this meeting focus on the Senate and House contested primary elections plus a few in leadership.

MOTION: By Dr. Stanislav to make campaign contributions to thirty-six individuals (list attached) in the amount of \$27,000. Approved.

Rusty Crowe Campaign for U.S. Congress:

The ADA PAC (ADPAC) contacted the TDA regarding a possible contribution to Rusty Crowe's campaign for the U.S. Congress. The board will recommend that ADPAC contribute \$1,000 to Rusty Crowe's congressional campaign.

2020 Fund Drive:

Dr. Beauchamp recommended that there be no separate fund drive for the PAC in 2020 due to COVID-19 financial strains experienced by our members.

Meeting 2 ❖ Zoom Video Conference ❖ September 22, 2020

Members Present: Drs. Jeannie Beauchamp, Chair, Leon Stanislav, Bill Powell, Tom Gardenhire, Roy Thompson, Mike Law, Dennis Sigman, Mike King, Chuck Keltner, Mitch Baldree, David Magee, Allen Burleson, John Petty, Chip Clayton, Susan Orwick-Barnes, Mrs. Linda Powell, Mrs. Julie Maroda

Also Present: Dr. Dale Blevins, Mr. Jack Fosbinder, Mr. Mark Greene, Dr. DeWayne McCamish, Mrs. Amy Williams

Members Absent: Drs. Randy Montgomery, Terryl Propper, James Avery, Paul Cullum, James Ragain, Mrs. Trish Nash

Call to order: Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes:

MOTION: By Dr. Bill Powell, Second District, to approve the minutes of the meeting on July 18, 2020. Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Dr. Leon Stanislav, Secretary/Treasurer, reported that the current bank balance is \$193,983.84. A graph was shared that showed funds raised in each of the past three years were less than contributions given to legislators which is gradually reducing the bank balance. The Board decided to do a mailing to the entire membership before the election in November.

Bylaws:

Composition: Dr. Beauchamp asked Dr. Chip Clayton, Board Liaison, and Dr. Bill Powell to review the composition of the Board of Directors and suggest a reduction in the 24-member Board. The recommendation of Dr. Clayton and Dr. Powell is:

- 9 District Representatives (stays the same)
- 6 TDA Board officers (President, President-elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Speaker of the House)
- 1 Alliance of the TDA Representative
- 1 Chair of Governmental Affairs Committee

Total Members 17

Ex Officio members:

- Dean of UT
- Dean of Meharry
- TDA Executive Director

Members eliminated are the three grand division at large members, Board of Trustees liaison, two Alliance reps, and the Editor. This is a reduction of 7 members. Note that the Meharry Dean was added as an ex officio member.

Dues Statement and Recommended Amount: Dr. Clayton and Dr. Powell asked that the Board consider raising the dues statement recommended PAC contribution to \$150, which is also the threshold for being a Capital Club member.

These two changes are Bylaws changes and will be voted on at the next Tenn-D-Pac meeting, date to be determined.

Election Campaigns and Contributions: Mr. Jack Fosbinder, Tenn-D-Pac Consultant, and Mr. Mark Greene, TDA Lobbyist, provided insight regarding the candidates running for the November 2020 elections. The Board approved seventy-six candidate contributions totaling \$36,500. The list is attached.

New Business: Dr. Stanislav, also chair of the Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC), asked if the PAC Board would like to meet in conjunction with the GAC at their December meeting. The answer was affirmative. The date options of December 4 or 11 will be confirmed soon. *

Meeting 3 ❖ Zoom Video Conference ❖ October 27, 2020

Members Present: Drs. Jeannie Beauchamp, Chair, Leon Stanislav, Secretary/Treasurer, Bill Powell, Roy Thompson, Mike Law, Mike King, Mitch Baldree, Allen Bursleson, John Petty, Chip Clayton, Terryl Propper, Susan Orwick-Barnes, Mrs. Linda Powell

Also Present: Dr. Dale Blevins, Dr. Keith Gilmore, Mr. Jack Fosbinder, Dr. DeWayne McCamish, Mrs. Andrea Hayes, Mrs. Amy Williams

Members Absent: Drs. Randy Montgomery, Tom Gardenhire, Dennis Sigman, James Avery, Paul Cullum, James Ragain, Chuck Keltner, David Magee, Mrs. Trish Nash, Mrs. Julie Maroda

Call to order: Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp, Chair, called to order the Tenn-D-Pac Board Zoom meeting at 5:32 p.m. on October 27, 2020.

Minutes:

MOTION: By Dr. Chip Clayton, Board of Trustees Liaison, and seconded by Dr. Bill Powell, Second District member, to approve the minutes of the meeting on September 22, 2020.
Approved.

Bylaws Changes:

Composition: Mr. Jack Fosbinder, Tenn-D-Pac consultant, recapped the recommended changes to reduce the Board composition from 24-members to 17-members as follows:

9 District Representatives
6 TDA Board officers (President, President-elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary,
Treasurer, Speaker of the House)
1 Alliance of the TDA Representative
1 Chair of Governmental Affairs Committee

Total Members 17

Ex Officio members:

Dean of UT
Dean of Meharry
TDA Executive Director

MOTION: By Dr. Roy Thompson, Fourth District Member, and seconded by Dr. Mitch Baldree, East Tennessee Member at Large, to approve CB-20-1 regarding the composition of the Tenn-D-Pac Board. Approved.

Dues Statement and Recommended Amount:

MOTION: By Dr. Clayton and seconded by Dr. Powell, to approve CB-20-2 regarding raising Capital Club membership dues to \$150. Approved.

These two Bylaws changes will go into effect January 1, 2021.

Election

Dr. Beauchamp asked Dr. Stanislav to contact our TDA lobbyist Mr. Mark Greene for the results of the General Election on November 3, 2020. Mr. Fosbinder suggested that the Pac Board could meet again regarding the election outcome, if desired.

TDA Foundation Board Meeting Dr. Robert Hopper, President

Zoom Video Conference ❖ July 24, 2020

The TDA Foundation Board of Directors met virtually via a Zoom call on Friday, July 24, 2020 at 12:15 PM. There was a quorum present. Dr. Hopper greeted our two newest members, who were later voted on and confirmed. They are 6th District Representative Dr. Robert Wilhite and our new Middle Tn. Representative Jerry Newman who is with Henry Schein Company.

The minutes of the last board meeting were approved as written. It was noted in discussion that the University of Tenn. in 2019 received more than a third of budgeted funds from the Foundation and Dean Reagan had expressed his sincere appreciation.

Mr. Frank McMeen presented the financial report. He reported that the endowment fund as of June 1st was \$237,298.88. We received \$7,580.69 in interest that could be rolled back into the endowment since expenses were not as high as expected.

As of May 29th, 2020, there was \$237,298.88 in the TDAF checking account. After expenses we are shooting for a \$10,000 reserve plus income from dues and fund drives. Mr. McMeen stated that total donations from 2019 were \$37,036 with \$5000 from Dr. Petty's 5th District fund drive. Dr. Mitch Baldree reporting that our letter mail out resulted in \$25,0025.14 in donations. Another \$16,514 in honorariums was deposited bringing our total deposit back into the account of approximately \$49,000.

There was a motion on the floor by Dr. Lamb to roll \$7,589.60 back into the Endowment. The motion was seconded by Dr. Powell. After discussion, the motion passed.

The Fund Drive was discussed next by Dr. Hopper. He explained that we have had a drop in the number of people renewing their memberships due to the Covid outbreak and we could expect at least a 20% drop in membership with probably that much of a drop in funding. Luckily, 2017 and 2018 were good years giving us a good backing to face the expected drop.

After discussion of whether to write individual letters in each district, it was decided one letter on TDAF letterhead will be composed and sent to each member and signed by the representative of that district. It was noted that this year would be a tough year to ask for donations.

There will still be a place to make TDAF donations on the dues statement. There will be a request for \$50 on the dues statement. Dr. Petty was also commended on the \$5000 donation from his district fund drive.

There was a request to fund the UT Faculty Scholarship for \$5000 and whether to fund it fully. A motion was made by Mr. McMeen and seconded by Dr. Bill Powell to fund the Scholarship for \$1,000 dollars. The motion passed.

There was a request for funds for the University of Tennessee Summer Research program for \$18000 this year. Also, there was a request for East Tenn. for \$2,000 and \$1,000 for Faculty Endowment. Dr. Powell made a motion that we fund these requests for \$15,000. The motion was seconded by Dr. Baldree. The motion passed after discussion.

Dr. Hopper reminded everyone to email your conflict-of-interest forms to Brittany Hall.

It was brought up for discussion that it would be a good idea to write a letter to the TDA Board informing them of just what the TDAF does each year and how so many projects in the state are funded by the money we raise each year. It was even brought up that some board members on the TDA Board of directors have no idea of what we do. We on the TDAF Board need to let people know how much we do for dentistry around the state. Dr. Baldree suggested that we include our activities in the TDA update on the TDA newsletter to inform our members. Brittany said that the Newsletter has a new communications manager that she will work with to help us get heard.

2020 ANNUAL REPORT OF TENNESSEE DENTAL ASSOCIATION COUNSEL, BLAKELEY D. MATTHEWS

Blakeley D. Matthews, of the law firm of Cornelius & Collins, LLP, General Counsel for the Tennessee Dental Association, submits the following summary of services performed by the firm on behalf of the TDA during 2020:

- Provided counsel regarding the interpretation of TDA Constitution, Charter and Bylaws – primarily in relation to pandemic issues.
- Provided counsel to TDA Executive Director and Staff in relation to multiple employee matters. Involved the firm’s specialized employment counsel, as warranted.
- Worked with the firm’s specialized employment counsel to set up a website portal allowing TDA members to submit COVID-related questions and receive rapid responses. These Q & A responses remain on the portal for all members to utilize as a resource. The members received over 90 rapid responses to specific questions for a period spanning 8 months. This included queries as diverse as handling employee leave to filing for pandemic loan relief as a dental practice.
- Consulted with TDA Staff in dialogue with Governor’s office in relation to multiple pandemic-related orders affecting dental practice in Tennessee.
- Advised TDA President in her advocacy dialogue with Governor’s office regarding pandemic-based dental practice limitations.
- Provided counsel to TDA affiliates in relation to various pandemic-related orders issued at local levels.
- Provided advice and counsel to Executive Director regarding potential pandemic liability exemption statute.
- Provide advice and counsel to Executive Director regarding Tennessee Board of Dentistry rules governing admission to practice.
- Monitored Tennessee Board of Dentistry action on admission-to-practice rules per request of Executive Director.
- Provided advice and counsel to Executive Director in relation to ADA pandemic practice recommendations.

- Assist Executive Director, President and TDA Staff with social media and press release advice on pandemic issues.
- Assisted Executive Director in securing release from group booking contract obligations for 2020 annual meeting. Performed detailed research to support position that contract was subject to cancellation with damages claims.
- Provided advice and counsel to TDA Staff in relation to multiple sponsored/endorsement agreements.
- Provided advice and counsel to TDA Staff in relation to tenant lease issue.
- Assisted Board with drafting of employment/consultation agreement with Interim Executive Director.
- Assisted interim director with drafting of multiple employment agreements.
- Consulted with and providing advice to Executive Director in reference to tele-dentistry and tele-health practices.
- Assisted with drafting and establishing new legislative advocacy contract.
- Served as parliamentarian for 2020 virtual House of Delegates meeting.
- Provide advice to Interim Executive Director regarding features of employee benefit plan.
- Involved the firm's specialized employment counsel with TDA employee handbook revisions per request of Interim Executive Director.