

**Government Affairs Meeting
Annual Session
May 4, 2018 ♦ 10:00am
Franklin Marriott Cool Springs
Arabian Room**

Call to Order

Roll Call:

Mr. Mike Dvorak

Ms. Shirley Fleener

Dr. Bill Powell

Dr. Chad Eslinger

Dr. Walter Owens

Dr. James Hight

Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp

Dr. Leon Stanislav

Mr. Jack Fosbinder

Dr. Keith Gilmore

Mr. Mark Greene

Dr. Randy Montgomery

Dr. Rhonda Switzer-Nadasdi—visitor

Dr. Rick Kinard

Topics: Legislative Issues

Jack Fosbinder:

Hygienist in Pediatrician office Issue-bill did not go to vote this year.

EFDA Bill-still a lot of discussion going on particularly around if the Hygienists can be called the “Program Director” and/or can teach the course or parts of the course. It was agreed the committee needs to decide what their position is. Jack suggested circulating a position paper in the coming weeks.

Another issue that came up was if it’s necessary to define what an EFDA is.

Rep. Brenda Gilmore’s bill was put off temporarily. We need to meet with her again to try and convince her not to file the bill. Dr. Walter Owens will be Rep. Gilmore’s advisor when it comes to issues of dentistry.

The Fluoride bill was discussed. It did not get a motion or a second. Jack does not think it is going to go anywhere.

Mark Greene: Opioids. The Governor’s original bill was very rigid. A 3-day prescription does not require any additional paperwork. Anything over that will be a partial fill and database check is

required as is the counseling and the diagnosis code. Mark explained a conflicting bill that the Governor has signed but believes our bill will supersede this bill.

Mark discussed coming up with a list of the most ICD-10 codes for dentists and also a form regarding the counseling. This bill is effective July 1, 2018.

Dr. Beauchamp brought up how Tenn-Care does not want to reimburse opioids.

Motion-Dr. Powell 2nd-Stanislav to approve the minutes from the last meeting.

Dr. Powell – DDS (Donated Dental Services) received funding from the state of \$85,000

TOSHA-we got a communication that Olivia Wann received a text message forbidding forehanded dentistry. We received a letter 2017 from TOSHA offering for Steve Hawkins to go to meetings to educate members on what they are supposed to do or not what to do. Mark talked to Steve Hawkins on Monday and was told Steve plans to stand down on this issue because he doesn't really know what he's doing. Hawkins is asking us to help him and educate them about Forehand dentistry.

Mike discussed ADA Leadership Conference.

Jack Fosbinder: Tenn-D-Pac. There is going to be significant turn over in the legislation which is going to affect our contact dentists. We need to have three PAC meetings this year since it is an election year. PAC board needs to meet in early July in order to get checks to primary candidates before black out period. Then another meeting in November. And then a kiss and make up meeting. Tentative meeting date for June 29.

Other business-Dr. Gilmore talked about some new inspection requirements coming.

Dr. Stanislav brought up if we've ever had a Legislative Award for legislators that have been really good to us. Sexton and Terry. Give them a plaque, and provide an opportunity for them to speak to TDA members.

Motion to show appreciation to Representatives Sexton and Terry by Stanislav, 2nd by Powell everyone approved.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.