

**STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS,
BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

**MINUTES OF MEETING
JUNE 27, 2008**

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and AS 08.36.040 and in compliance with the provisions of Article 6 of AS 44.62, a scheduled meeting of the Board of Dental Examiners was held June 27, 2008, at the Atwood Bldg., 550 W 7th Ave., Conf. Room 1270, Anchorage, Alaska.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. David Eichler, Chairman at 8:35 a.m.

Roll Call

Those present, constituting a quorum of the board, were:

Dr. David Eichler, Chairman – Fairbanks
Dr. William Gerace, – Anchorage
Dr. Kevin Gottlieb – Anchorage
Cheryl Fellenberg – Dental Hygienist – Wasilla
Vicki Hauff – Dental Hygienist – Anchorage
Dr. Arne Pihl - Ketchikan
Dr. Rebecca Nesland – Anchorage
Dr. Newell Walther – Wasilla (arrived 8:49 a.m.)
Gregory Gursey – Public Member - Anchorage

In attendance from the Division of Corporations, Business & Professional Licensing, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development were:

Brenda Donohue, Licensing Examiner – Juneau

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Agenda Item 1 – Review Agenda

Dr. Eichler asked to review the Agenda. Ms. Donohue noted the additions to the Agenda as follows:

Item 5 – INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

- Investigative Report

Item 6 – MISC CORRESPONDENCE

- AADE-Invoice & Membership Cards
- Pediatric Dentistry Specialty Board
- Sandra Pence, UAA Instructor for DH Program

Item 7 – APPLICATION REVIEW

- CE Course Approval Applications
 - Traditional vs Microbiological Periodontal Risk Assessment & Therapy
 - Nitrous Oxide/Oxygen Sedation
 - Bioesthetic Orthognathic Surgery

Item 10 – REGULATIONS

- HB319 Regulation Outline
- DANB Letter to Dr. Logan
 - WA State Restorative Exam Blueprint
 - AZ Coronal Polishing Template

Item 15 – OFFICE BUSINESS

- Election of Officers
 - Chairperson
 - Vice-Chairperson
 - Secretary/Treasurer

Agenda Item 2 – Review Minutes

Following review of the February 7-8, 2008 meeting minutes, a correction was noted on page 5, line 4, change “the” to “that”.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Gurse, seconded by Dr. Gottlieb and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve the February 7-8, 2008 minutes as corrected.

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Agenda Item 3 – Ethics Report

Dr. Eichler queried board members if anyone had any possible ethics violations to report. There was no response, indicating no ethics reports were necessary.

Ms. Donohue noted the board packets contained a copy of the new Executive Branch Ethics Act Manual, and asked the members to review this document. Ms. Donohue reminded the Board that Ms. Judy Bachman, from Dept. of Law, had conducted the new ethics training at their December 2007 meeting.

Agenda Item 4 – Budget Review

The board reviewed the budget presented as of May 13, 2008, and felt they were on track. There were no questions regarding the budget.

As they were ahead of schedule, the board moved on to Agenda Item 6 – Misc. Correspondence until the Investigator joins the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Agenda Item 6 – Miscellaneous Correspondence

AADE – Invoice for membership dues for 7/1/2008 through 6/30/2009. Mr. Gurseay requested his membership be terminated because, as the Public Member, he will not be attending AADE meetings.

Sandra Pence – Letter from Ms. Pence, Program Director for the UAA Dental Hygiene Program, requesting “full-time students” be removed from AS 08.32.095, as there are many part-time students enrolled in the program. The Board will include this request with the Legislative Recommendations included in the Annual Report. Ms. Donohue will follow-up with Ms. Pence.

AADE – Registration and Agenda information for the Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX, Oct 15-16, 2008.

Following discussion the board felt this was important that Ms. Donohue attend the AADE and AADA meetings as she will gain a better understanding of how the national dental administrator and examiner organizations operate, make valuable contacts, and gain first-hand knowledge of national issues regarding dental licensing.

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Upon a motion by Dr. Pihl, seconded by Dr. Neslund and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve Ms. Donohue to attend the AADA 2008 Annual Meeting, Oct. 12-14, 2008 in San Antonio, TX. and the AADE Annual Meeting immediately following on Oct. 15-16, 2008.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Pihl, seconded by Dr. Neslund and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to appoint Dr. Newell Walther as the Board's representative to attend the AADE Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX, Oct. 15-16, 2008.

AADE – Call for “Citizen of the Year” nominations. It's past the date to submit nominations, however, the Board would consider nominating Dr. Robert Warren for next year. Information only.

ADA – CODA Review Committee Opening. No board member expressed interest. Information only.

ADA – Joint Commission on National Dental Examination's on-line newsletter. Information only.

Amparo Tang – Sec. Govt. Affairs, American Dental Hygienists' Assoc. – Letter inquiring can hygienists apply oraqix? If so, under what level of supervision? Must hygienist hold special certificate? The Board determined it is okay for a dental hygienist to apply oraqix. Ms. Donohue will reply to Mr. Tang.

Terence Honeysett – Letter asking for any advice the Board can offer regarding obtaining an Alaska dental license for a foreign-trained dentist. The only advice the Board can offer is that Dr. Honeysett must go through the application process and meet the requirements stated in the statutes and regulations. Ms. Donohue will reply to Dr. Honeysett.

During discussion it came to light that many accredited dental schools offer a two-year course to foreign-trained dentists. Upon completion of the course a student graduates from that school with their general dentistry degree, which qualifies them to apply for licensure in Alaska.

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Peter Milgrom, DDS and Phillip Weinstein, PhD – Letter advising the Board regarding a Dental Ethics and Conduct continuing education course they offer. The Board noted the course would not qualify for CEs in Alaska as it is not directly related to dental patient clinical care. Information only.

Agenda Item 5 – Investigative Report

Susan Winton, Investigator, joined the meeting, at 9:15 a.m., to present the Investigative Report.

Ms. Winton advised the Board that Judge Wolverton has issued a decision in Dr. Douglas Ness' appeal case, and upheld the Board's actions except the four-month suspension. Following review of the decision with the Board chair, the division, on behalf of the Board, has appealed the decision.

Ms. Winton asked if the board had any question regarding the Investigative Report. There being none, she noted the following updates to the report: there were nine open investigations, nine new complaints since the last board meeting, no closed investigations, five closed complaints, and two licensees successfully completed their probation.

Next Ms. Winton explained to the Board she is working on an Omnibus Bill the division will propose to the Legislature, and that deals mostly with centralized statutes, with a few board-specific portions that will include changes and corrections. In effect, the division will do the work and save the boards the time it takes to propose changes, then find a friendly legislator to sponsor the legislation.

An example of a portion of the bill, Ms. Winton just wrote a centralized statute that provides authority for boards to require criminal history, background check and fingerprints for applicants. Using the centralized statute, each board can then decide if they want to do that, and write their own regulations. Through this effort the division is trying to unify procedural and disciplinary measures across all boards.

The Board inquired about including changes to two statutes, 08.32.095, changing the wording "full-time student" to "student", and 08.36.246, changing the wording in (a)(3) from "board eligible" to "board candidate", and deleting (a)(4)(B). Ms. Donohue and Dr. Neslund will work on contacting Ms. Winton next week on this request.

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Discussion ensued regarding the Review Panel process, and prioritizing complaints. Ms. Winton explained that not all boards have a Review Panel, and each board handles the input of an expert witness differently. Dr. Eichler noted the Review Panel consists of only two members, as in accordance with the Open Meetings laws, three members would constitute a board meeting.

The board determined to enter executive session to discuss disciplinary actions.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Pihl, seconded by Dr. Neslund and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2), and the Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of discussing disciplinary actions..

Entered into Executive Session at 9:49 a.m.
Out of Executive Session at 10:07 a.m.

There being no further Investigations business, Dr. Eichler thanked Ms. Winton for her time, and she left the meeting.

Dr. Eichler appointed himself and Dr. Pihl to serve on the Discipline Review Panel for the July 2008 – Sept. 2008 quarter.

Recess: 10:10 a.m.
Back from Recess: 10:20 a.m.

Agenda Item 7 – Application Assignments and Review

Assign Questions for Credential Candidates

Dr. Eichler assigned credential review interview questions to the board members.

Credential Application Review

The board reviewed the credential application of the following in preparation for the personal interview:

Rebecca A. Greening, DDS
Terry J. Preece, DDS
Barbara A. Churchill, DDS

Reviewed by Dr. Eichler
Reviewed by Ms. Fellenberg
Reviewed by Dr. Neslund

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Ronald B. Taylor, DDS
Thomas A. Milavec, DMD
Ronald C. Adair, DDS

Reviewed by Dr. Gottlieb
Reviewed by Dr. Pihl
Reviewed by Ms. Hauff

The applications appear to be in order for meeting the requirements for dental licensure by credentials.

Continuing Education Course Applications

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Pihl, seconded by Ms. Fellenberg and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to confirm the Board's policy to deny approval of any continuing education course sponsored or presented by any practitioner who has an ongoing or unresolved adverse action alleging violations with the Board of Dental Examiners or any investigation alleging violations which may result in disciplinary action, in this or any other state.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Gurse, seconded by Dr. Neslund and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to postpone the vote on the previous motion until the Board verifies the language with Ms. Winton, Investigator.

Dr. Gerace proceeded to review the following applications for course approval:

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Gerace, seconded by Ms. Hauff and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve the following continuing education course as meeting the requirements in accordance with 12 AAC 28.410:

TMD-Definition of Terms, Diagnosis and Treatments, sponsored by the Anchorage Dental Society, for four (4) hours education;

Modern Removable Partial Denture Philosophy, sponsored by the Anchorage Dental Society, for three (3) hours education;

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Practical Review of Pharmacology & Dentistry and A Practical Review of Common Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office, sponsored by the Anchorage Dental Society, for six (6) hours education;

Advanced Restorative Dentistry, sponsored by Kenai-Kodiak District Dental Society, for eight (8) hours education;

20th Annual Alaska Federal Services Dental Meeting, sponsored by Southcentral Foundation Dental Dept., GC America, for fourteen (14) hours of education;

Traditional vs Microbiological Periodontal Risk Assessment & Therapy, sponsored by Alaska State Dental Hygienists' Association, for four (4) hours education;

Nitrous Oxide/Oxygen Sedation, sponsored by Univ. of Alaska Dental Hygiene Program, for six (6) hours education;

Bioesthetic Orthognathic Surgery, sponsored by OBI – Oragnathic Bioesthetics Inst., for three (3) hours education.

Agenda Item 8 – Public Comment

Mr. Rick Younkings, Chief, Investigations, and Ms. Susan Winton joined the meeting for Public Comment.

Ken Anderson – representing himself. He stated his interest is in the legal restriction of who may exercise control over professional dental matters and exactly what those matters might include in regard to dental auxiliaries. He explained that after reading 12 AAC 28.730, which outlines the control over professional dental matters and operation of dental equipment, he is still not clear about how this relates to dental auxiliaries. Specifically, he wants to discuss the ownership, employment and supervision structure in the practice where he is employed. Ms. Winton interjected that she may be able to address Mr. Anderson's questions. She advised him that if a person has a complaint concerning a licensee complying with the law, the appropriate first step is to contact her, the Board's Investigator, and submit a complaint. She will then conduct an inquiry into the complaint and determine if there is any violation. If there is, she will determine the appropriate disciplinary action, with input from the Review Panel members.

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Ms. Winton explained to Mr. Anderson the Board cannot pre-investigate a possible complaint. If Mr. Anderson thinks there is a licensee in violation of the law, it is his duty to file a complaint with her.

Dr. Eichler added that the Board has reviewed the question of a non-dentist owning a dental practice, and as long as the non-dentist owner does not exercise control over the professional, clinical dental matters, it is okay. Ms. Winton added that clearly a non-dentist owner cannot be providing the required supervision to dental auxiliaries employed in the practice. Only a dentist can provide that supervision.

Mr. Anderson thanked the Board for their time.

Next Dr. Harry Greenough spoke to the Board, representing himself. He wanted to know if he could have an informal discussion with the Board regarding how to go about having his license reinstated. Dr. Greenough's license was suspended 2/1/99, and surrendered 5/21/99. He was issued a Cease and Desist 6/6/02 for practicing without a license. He has not practiced dentistry in over five years.

Dr. Eichler advised Dr. Greenough the law does not allow the Board, or any member of the Board, to meet with him, informally and off-the-record. The only advice to offer is that Dr. Greenough apply for reinstatement of his license and comply with the requirements as stated by law. If Dr. Greenough wants a conversation on due process he needs to seek out an attorney. It is not appropriate to have this conversation with any board member.

Mr. Younkings asked for permission to address Dr. Greenough. He advised the first step would be for Dr. Greenough to make application for reinstatement of his license. He told Dr. Greenough that if he has questions about how to do that, he would be happy to help with those questions. Once the application is presented, the Board will review and determine the appropriate action, based upon Dr. Greenough meeting the requirements for licensure. He explained that if the Board denied the application, Dr. Greenough would then have the opportunity to request an administrative hearing, and the issue of due process would be addressed there.

Dr. Greenough thanked the Board for their time.

There was no other public in attendance.

Mr. Younkings and Ms. Winton left the meeting.

The Board returned to Agenda Item 7 – Application Review.

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Agenda Item 7 – Application Review

Following discussion, Dr. Pihl restated his motion regarding the Board's policy to deny approval to a sponsor or presenter of a continuing education course who has ongoing or unresolved adverse actions against their license.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Pihl, seconded by Mr. Gurseay and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to confirm the Board of Dental Examiners policy to deny any continuing education sponsorship or instructional approval to anyone with an ongoing or unresolved adverse action alleging disciplinary action or having alleged violations which may result in disciplinary action.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Gerace, seconded by Dr. Gottlieb, and failed by unanimous vote, it was:

RESOLVED to approve the continuing education course approval application for "Root Form Implants For Every Situation", sponsored by Douglas G. Ness, DDS, for seven (7) hours education.

Agenda Item 9 – Legislation

Dr. Eichler reviewed HB 319 and HB 383, which passed the Legislature, and are awaiting the Governor's signature. HB 319 provides for restorative function certificates for dental hygienists and dental assistants, collaborative agreements between dental hygienists and dentists, and a coronal polishing certificate for dental assistants. HB 383 amends AS 08.36.234(a)(1)(D) to allow licensing of a dentist who has been engaged in either continuous active clinical practice, or a full-time dental supervisory position in an agency of, or the armed forces of, the United States.

Following discussion, Dr. Eichler appointed Vicki Hauff, Dr. Neslund and Dr. Walther to a committee to draft proposed regulations to define the education, training, experience and continuing education requirements to qualify for the restorative function and coronal polishing certificate and the collaborative agreement. The committee will prepare a draft to bring to the Sept. 12, 2008 meeting.

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Agenda Item 10 – Regulations

The discussion on regulations, started under Agenda Item 9- Legislation continued.

Dr. Neslund reminded the Board the first renewal of general and specialty licenses, independent of each other, is coming up at the end of this year. In her discussions with ADA it is clear there is no way around the Limitation of Practice form signed by applicants who receive a specialty license. In accordance with 12 AAC 28.905 – Ethical Standards, when a practitioner accepts a specialty license they agree to limit their practice to that specialty. She has discovered this is not the perception of the dentists throughout the state who hold both a general and a specialty license.

In her survey of specialty practitioners, Dr. Neslund has discovered that those who hold both licenses believe that holding the general license also, allows them to practice general dentistry. That is in direct conflict with the requirement in the ADA's Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct, adopted as the ethical standards required of Alaska licensed dentists in 12 AAC 28.905. This standard requires a licensed specialist to limit their practice to their specialty. If a practitioner plans to practice general dentistry, they cannot advertise that they are a specialist.

Dr. Eichler will prepare an article to be included in the Alaska Dental Society monthly publication to alert specialty dentists to these requirements.

The only way the Board can see to address the issue of a practitioner holding both a general license and a specialty license is to amend 12 AAC 28.905 to include an exception for Alaska licensed dentists, to the requirement of limiting their practice if they become licensed as a specialist. This issue will require further research, and will be discussed again at the Sept. 12 meeting.

Next Dr. Neslund brought to the attention of the Board a letter from the Pediatric Dentistry Board, asking the Board to review their regulations and consider clarification language that eliminates the use of the "Board Eligible" status. A Pediatric Dentist is either a Board Candidate or a Diplomate. The dentist is either a Diplomate, or actively pursuing certification. The Board Candidate has five years to complete the process and become a Diplomate. If not successful in the five-year period they would have to reapply and start the process over. Dr. Neslund will research this further to see if we need to change any regulatory language.

Recess for lunch 12:10 p.m.
Back from lunch 1:07 p.m.

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Agenda Item 11 – Personal Interview for Dental Applicants by Credentials

Applicants Barbara A. Churchill, DDS, Ronald Adair, DDS and Thomas Milavec, DMD, joined the meeting for the personal interview.

Dr. Eichler welcomed the applicants to the meeting and explained the interview process.

Barbara A. Churchill, DDS

Dr. Neslund reviewed the application of Dr. Churchill. The board proceeded in asking the standard interview questions.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Neslund, seconded by Dr. Gottlieb and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve Dr. Barbara Churchill for dental licensure by credentials.

Ronald C. Adair, DDS

Ms. Hauff reviewed the application of Dr. Adair. The board proceeded in asking the standard interview questions.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Hauff, seconded by Dr. Gottlieb and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve Dr. Ronald Adair for dental licensure by credentials.

Thomas A. Milavec, DMD

Dr. Pihl reviewed the application of Dr. Milavec. The board proceeded in asking the standard interview questions.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Pihl, seconded by Dr. Neslund and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve Dr. Thomas Milavec for dental licensure by credentials.

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Rebecca A. Greening, DDS

Dr. Greening joined the meeting via teleconference. Dr. Eichler reviewed the application of Dr. Greening. The board proceeded in asking the standard interview questions.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Eichler, seconded by Dr. Gottlieb and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve Dr. Rebecca Greening for dental licensure by credentials.

Terry J. Preece, DDS

Dr. Preece joined the meeting via teleconference. Ms. Fellenberg reviewed the application of Dr. Preece. The board proceeded in asking the standard interview questions.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Fellenberg, seconded by Dr. Neslund and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve Dr. Terry Preece for dental licensure by credentials.

Ronald B. Taylor, DDS

Dr. Taylor joined the meeting via teleconference. Dr. Gottlieb reviewed the application of Dr. Taylor. The board proceeded in asking the standard interview questions.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Gottlieb, seconded by Mr. Gurse and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve Dr. Ronald Taylor for dental licensure by credentials.

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Agenda Item 12 – Dental Hygiene Audit Review

Ms. Hauff and Ms. Fellenberg presented the continuing education audits for the dental hygiene license renewal of 12/31/07. Following discussion and review, the Board took the following action:

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Hauff, seconded by Dr. Neslund and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve the continuing education audit for the following dental hygiene licensees:

Jill L. Sunday	Royann Royer	Sharon K. King
Sheryl L. Loan	Elizabeth Neakok	Chrisie L. Trujillo
Mary K. Lenorman	Valerie Stokes	Mary K. Schopen
Julie R. Grobbel	Annette D. Cordle	Glennys L. O'Brien
Marta Dearmas	Kathleen J. Holt	Sherry G. Murphy
Heidi L. Catlett	Tammy L. Salzman	eticia A. Buccigross
Frank L. Pierce	Monica L. Thrasher	Lauren R. Mirsky
Laura A. Stewart	Jacqueline L. Erovick	Marilyn J. Linsell
Melody A. Morgan	Sandra D. Pence	Molly J. McCann
Traci C. Martinson	Lisa M. Vandenbosch	Laura E. Hollingsworth
Helen Y. Pintar	Ivonne G. Millea	Brandi R. Segraves
Kimberly E. Socha	Elizabeth C. Barnett	David R. Schram
Susan K. Gilbert	Rochelle N. Juszczak	Heather R. Botnen
Marina E. Vinnikova	Amber A. Johnson	Thuy-Vy D. Nguyen

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Fellenberg, seconded by Dr. Gerace and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve the continuing education audit for Catherine McQuigg, Dental Hygiene license # 741, pending receipt of documentation of three (3) additional CE hours earned during the 1/1/06-12/31/07 licensing cycle. The course, The EQ Edge: Emotional Intelligence & Star Performance, presented 5/4/07, for 7 CE's does not meet the requirements of 12 AAC 28.410, specifically, the content is not related directly to dental patient clinical care.

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Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Hauff, seconded by Dr. Pihl and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve the continuing education audit for Jeb Simpson, Dental Hygiene license #804, pending receipt of documentation of 4.55 additional CE hours earned during the 1/1/06-12/31/07 licensing cycle. The Board approved 4 hours of CE for CPR certification and 5.45 hours of CE for the following two courses, as meeting the requirement of being related directly to dental patient clinical care: “Session I” presented Oct. 4-5, 2007, and “Session II”, presented April 26-27, 2007, sponsored by the Richardson Group. The remaining 26.55 hours are not directly related to dental patient clinical care.

Agenda Item 10 – Regulations (continued)

Two regulation projects, initiated at the Board’s Sept. 14, 2007 meeting, to amend 12 AAC 28.105, 500, 910, 935, 940, 951, and 960, and also 12 AAC 28.952, were sent out for public notice. There were no written comments received. Therefore, the projects are presented for the Board to adopt. Although there were no written comments, the Board of Dental Examiners discussed the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken and determined there would be no costs incurred.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Fellenberg, seconded by Dr. Gottlieb and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to adopt the amendments to 12 AAC 28.105, 12 AAC 28.500, 12 AAC 28.910, 12 AAC 28.935, 12 AAC 28.940, 12 AAC 28.951, and 12 AAC 28.960.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Fellenberg, seconded by Dr. Gottlieb and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to adopt the amendments to 12 AAC 28.952.

Dr. Eichler signed the Adoption Orders. Ms. Donohue will give them to Mr. Maiquis to file.

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Agenda Item 13 – AADE Meeting Report

Dr. Walther presented a report of the AADE Mid-Year Meeting he attended in Chicago on March 9-10, 2008. The report outlined the Pros and Cons of a mandatory fifth predoctoral year – or postgraduate year, from the perspective of the ADA, ADEA, ASDA and AADE. His report will be attached as an integral part of the minutes.

Agenda Item 14 – Task List

Ms. Donohue will send out a new Task List with assignments. A copy of the list will be included as an integral part of the minutes.

Agenda Item 15 – Office Business

A. Travel Authorizations

Ms. Donohue collected signed TAs and travel receipts.

B. Meeting Dates for 2007-2008

The board confirmed the following scheduled meeting dates:

September 12, 2008 in Fairbanks

December 12, 2008 in Anchorage

The dates for the February/March 2009 meeting in Anchorage will be confirmed at the December meeting.

C. Sign Wall Certificates

The Chairman and Secretary signed wall certificates.

D. Election of Officers

Upon a motion by Dr. Gottlieb, seconded by Ms. Hauff and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to re-elect all incumbent officers.

Elected for the June 2008 to June 2009 period were: Dr. Eichler, Chair, Dr. Gerace, Vice-Chair, and Ms. Fellenberg, Secretary/Treasurer.

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E. Agenda Items for September 12, 2008 Meeting

- Letter to dental specialty license holders explaining “Limit Practice” requirement
- Review 12 AAC 28.905 – Ethical Standards – decide if want to add an exception to requirement to limit practice for Alaska licensed specialists
- Review proposed regulations developed by committee for coronal polishing & restorative function certificates for dental assistants, and restorative function license endorsement and collaborative agreements for dental hygienists
- Review specialty license renewal form
- Report how/if the Medical Board monitors & registers xray equipment

Agenda Item 16 – Unfinished Business

Ms. Fellenberg brought up the issue of the requirement in 12 AAC 28.920 that CPR courses must be based upon training equivalent to that required by the American Heart Association or American Red Cross. The Board discussed accepting only courses given by the AHA or the ARC, however, chose not to restrict an applicants/licenses options to only those two providers. It was determined that Ms. Donohue will follow-up on any courses when it's not stated on the card that they are in accordance with the AHA or ARC requirements, as the need arises.

Dr. Eichler asked Ms. Donohue the status of the radiology equipment registration and inspection program. She responded the program is currently still being worked on by the division's IT section, which is working on the problems with this program. He then inquired if the program has the capability to cross-check in order to determine who is not in compliance with registering their equipment. Ms. Donohue explained that, when the database is working correctly, there should be a mechanism to flag registered equipment that needs to be inspected. However, if a machine has not been registered, there is no mechanism to find this out. Not all licensed dentists would have equipment to register as they may be an employee, and it is the owner or lease holder's responsibility to register the equipment. Additionally, there is no program to inspect dentist's offices to determine the equipment in those offices is registered.

Ms. Donohue explained to Dr. Eichler that she'd had a conversation with Jim Towle of the AK Dental Society, and that Mr. Towle stated he'd had a conversation with an inspector who knew of a significant number of dentists who had chosen not to participate in registering and inspecting their equipment. Ms. Donohue advised Mr. Towle that if he, or the inspector, is aware of any dentist who is not complying with the law, it is his responsibility to contact the Board's Investigator and lodge a complaint. She explained to Mr. Towle there is no provision for random inspections of offices to assure compliance

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with registering x-ray equipment. The only mechanism available to deal with non-compliant licensee is through the complaint and investigation process.

Agenda Item 17 - Adjourn

There being no further business Dr. Eichler called for a motion to adjourn.

Upon a motion by Ms. Hauff, seconded by Dr. Gerace and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Dental Examiners.

The board adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Brenda Donohue, Licensing Examiner

APPROVED:

David Eichler, DMD
Chairman
Board of Dental Examiners

Date: _____

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TASK LIST FROM JUNE 27, 2008 MEETING**

Ms. Fellenberg

- Dental Hygiene CE Audit
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Dr. Gerace

- Review Course Approvals for continuing education.

Dr. Eichler

- Discipline Review Committee for July-Sept. 2008
- Prepare letter for ADS Newsletter advising dental specialty license holders of Limitation of Practice requirement

Dr. Arne Pihl

Discipline Review Committee for July-Sept. 2008

Dr. Kevin Gottlieb

Vicki Hauff

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Annual Newsletter

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- Attend AADE Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX.

Licensing Examiner

- Work on board's web site – updating/adding information
- CE Course approval letters to applicants
- Ask if Dept. of Law's billing can be broken-out by case
- Check with Medical Board to see if & how they monitor & register xray equipment