

Special Public Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 30, 2019
5:00 p.m.
Conference Room A
Phone #: 1-888-742-5095
Conference Code: 8676021058

Call to Order

Dr. Doug Wolff, Immediate Past President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

Dr. Patricia Rake, Vice President
Ms. Ruth Dahl, Secretary
Dr. Doug Wolff, Immediate Past President
Dr. David Gesko, Board Member

Board Staff Present

Bridgett Anderson, Executive Director
Kathy Johnson, Legal Analyst

Others in Attendance (Per sign in sheet)

Dick Diercks – Park Dental; Carmelo Cinqueonce – MDA; Dave Resch – MDA; Teri Yougndahl, LDA – Sedation Inspector; Beth Rynders – MEDA; Julie Kupfer – MEDA; Herb Schulte – MDA; Pamela Yang – MEDA; Kelly Scheurer – MEDA; Dede Carr – MEDA; Ann Lensing – MEDA; JoAnn Brandt – MEDA; Natalie Kaweckyj, LDA – ADAA; Kelli Olson – MnDAA; Wendy Ahlos – MnDAA; Stephen McDonnell, DDS – MDA; Kathy Lapham – MEDA, Minneapolis Community Technical College; Bussa Ihaemert – MEDA

Call In

Ms. Christy Jo Fogarty, DH, ADT, President; Dr. Carl Ebert, Board Member; Ms. Heidi Donnelly, Board Member; Mr. John Manahan, Board Member; Dr. Hassan Ismail, Board Member; Mary Schiff, LDA; Charlotte Randall – St. Cloud Technical and Community College; Karen Menendorf – St. Cloud Technical and Community College; Rita Gordan; Julie Docken – Academic Instructor, Bemidji; Chris Cladsen – Program Director and Academic Instructor, Moorhead; Carrie Benorn – Northwest Technical College; Jerry Maynor – St. Cloud Technical and Community College; Rita Peterson – Hennepin Technical College; Danny Dondy – South Central College; Leanne Shamely – Central Lakes College; Lucy Schumacher – Hennepin Technical College; Cathy Bimick – Hennepin Technical College; Katie Falberg – South Central College; Jacky Hailer – Century College; Hannah Wendow – Metro Dental Care

Reports (This can include discussion items)

None

Unfinished Business

a. DASLE Exam Outcomes

Ms. Anderson shared with attendees that the pass rate for the DASLE is about 54%. She noted that this low pass rate elicits negative reactions from individuals, especially since there is a dental assisting shortage throughout the state. From their perspective, the DASLE represents an impediment to getting licensed as a dental assistant in Minnesota. Ms. Anderson highlighted that the pass rate has been historically low and that it continues to have small improvements with time. She also noted that in the past, course instructors would develop questions for the DASLE. Those questions were then included in a pool of questions. The Allied Committee then designed the exam by selecting various questions from that pool. Ms. Anderson also noted that different topic areas in the exam have different fail rates. She also mentioned that instructors sometimes utilize different textbooks when preparing students for the exam. This variation in study material may contribute to how prepared students are for the exam content.

Dr. Wolff highlighted that many individuals are concerned about the disparity between the pass rates of the DANB exam and the DASLE. He suggested adopting the DANB in lieu of the DASLE. Ms. Donnelly noted that the DANB is national and not specific to Minnesota. Dr. Ismail noted that national exams may not test applicants on tasks that they would be able to perform as a Minnesota licensee. Ms. Anderson discussed identifying the potential risks to public health and safety based on the expanded function categories.

Attendees noted that when students wait a significant amount of time to take the DASLE after they graduate, they might not do as well as those who take it sooner. Board members and attendees discussed the different aspects and implications of possibly removing DASLE as a licensure requirement for dental assistants. The Board members agreed to initiate a Task Force that will delve further into this issue.

MOTION: Dr. Wolff made a motion to suspend the DASLE and accept the DANB exam as a requirement for dental assisting licensure in Minnesota.

SECOND: Dr. Rake

After discussion, the motion was withdrawn by Dr. Wolff.

New Business

None

Announcements

None

Adjourn

MOTION: Dr. Wolff made a motion to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Unanimous.



Reviewed by: _____

Board President

7/12/2019

Date