

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings from the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry. Since this bulletin goes out to all licensed dentists in the state I thought I'd take this opportunity to say a few words in support of membership in our national organization, the American Dental Association. I know that a growing number of you are choosing not to belong to the ADA and its various constituent societies for a variety of reasons. Some of you say the cost is too great for the benefits you might receive. Others may say that the organization no longer represents you in the manner you choose to be represented. You may even say you don't like the politics involved. Whatever the reason, you need to stop and think for a moment about the consequences of your non-membership. Whether you like it or not, the ADA is your representative in the national forum of ideas. By not belonging, you are choosing not to participate in this forum. My contention is this, if you are not a member, if you don't actively participate, then you will still be represented, but you will have no say in what the ADA, LDA, or your local dental society does. Contrary to what you might believe these organizations need your input. Dentistry is a great profession that I dearly love and it needs ideas from all of us to continue to be a great profession.

One of the things you should be aware of that the ADA is promoting is the elimination of live patients from the various board exams. This is being driven by both the students and the educators. In fact both groups are working toward

the complete elimination of exit exams from dental school. The ADA is listening to these groups because they are courting the students to become members of the ADA. The educators are in favor of this for an obvious reason: they don't want to look bad if their students fail the state board exam. New York has already extended dental school by a year and eliminated the exit exam. My question is this: how are you going to test graduates without using live patients for the procedures. Some have suggested computer simulation to test skills, but the computer can never test the same things that can be tested on a live patient.

There is also waiting in the wings a thing called Continuing Competency examinations. These exams are being promoted in lieu of the graduate board exam. They would be given at various time intervals by a group of examiners, in your office, at your cost. The time interval being talked about is every five years. This is being promoted by a liberal think tank called the Pew Commission. If you think I'm kidding, the outline manuals for these examinations are already in existence and ready to be implemented.

There are many other issues of which you should be aware, and I hope I have made you think about why you should be a member of the ADA and its state and local affiliates. Your ideas are just as important to the future of dentistry as are the ideas of our elected representatives to the ADA. Join the ADA, the LDA, and your local society. Get

involved in the election of your delegates to the ADA. If they don't represent your interests to your satisfaction, replace them with someone that does. If you are not a member, if you are not active, if you don't have time for meetings, then my friends, just sit back and watch dentistry change before your eyes into something you won't even recognize. It's your organization, your profession, and your livelihood and it can only be changed from within. We need your help.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for taking the time to read what I've written. It is as truthful and heartfelt as I know how to make it. I would also like to thank my fellow board members for their honesty, integrity, and hard work. It is an honor to lead such a group of men and women. Lastly I'd like to thank Barry and Linda at the board office. Without their help this would be an impossible task.

Conrad P. McVea, Jr., D.D.S., President
Louisiana State Board of Dentistry

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DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The following represents summaries of disciplinary actions taken in 2001 – 2002 by the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry or judgments rendered by the court in connection with civil and/or criminal proceedings and/or appellate proceedings involving registrants of this Board. In the event further judicial appeals are taken in any of these matters, they will be reviewed in the next issue of The Bulletin.

1. Betty H. Altman, D.D.S.

Violation – Failure to notify the board of change of office address in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.304 thereby forming a violation R.S. 37:776 (A) (24).

Final Disposition – Dr. Altman paid a fine in the amount of \$500.

2. Robert B. Banister, D.D.S.

Violation – Failure to notify the board of change of office address in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.304 thereby forming a violation R.S. 37:776 (A) (24).

Final Disposition – Dr. Banister paid a fine in the amount of \$500.

3. Joseph W. Barletta, R.D.H.

Violation – Allegations that he practiced dentistry without the benefit of a license in violation of R.S. 37:788 and that he performed duties other than those duties authorized for dental hygienists in violation of R.S. 37:766; that he violated an earlier consent decree in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (24).

Final Disposition – Mr. Barletta's license to practice dental hygiene was suspended for six months; commenced a period of probation for 10 years terminating on April 14, 2012; paid a fine in the amount of \$1,000 and reimbursed the board's costs; upon reinstatement of his license he was required to serve 200 hours of community service, and satisfactory completion of examination in jurisprudence.

4. Patricia E. Baranco, D.D.S.

Violation – Allegations that her treatment of a patient may have been below the prevailing acceptable standards in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (8).

Final Disposition – Reimburse the Board's costs; undergo remediation at LSU; and begin a period of probation for three years commencing on August 16, 2002.

5. Kathryn E. Beauguard, D.D.S.

Violation – Habitual indulgence in the use of drugs, narcotics, or intoxicating liquors in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (5); and prescribing

habit forming or other legally controlled substances in other than a legitimate manner in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (6).

Final Disposition – Reimburse the board's costs; surrender all controlled drug prescribing privileges; commence a six-year period of probation on August 16, 2002; undergo monitoring; and practice only in association with another dentist.

6. James R. Bush, D.D.S.

Violation – Allegations that he prescribed controlled dangerous substances in an excessive or illegitimate manner in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (6).

Final Disposition – Dr. Bush met with two members of the board on May 24, 2002 wherein he entered into a consent decree and paid a fine in the amount of \$2500 and reimbursed the board's costs; surrendered prescribing privileges for Schedules II and III; and began a five-year period of probation on May 24, 2002.

7. Terry J. Billings, D.D.S.

Violation – Allegations that his treatment of a patient was below the prevailing acceptable standards in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (8).

Final Disposition – Dr. Billings met with two members of the board on August 16, 2002 wherein he entered into a consent decree which calls for a fine in the amount of \$1,000, remediation and a one-year period of probation commencing on August 16, 2002.

8. Reynalda L. Cochran, R.D.H.

Violation – Failure to notify the board of her practice of dental hygiene within 30 days as required by LAC 46:XXXIII.703 thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:777 (A) (18).

Final Disposition – Ms. Cochran paid a fine in the amount of \$500.

9. Kim K. Courville, R.D.H.

Violation – Failure to satisfy continuing education requirements in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.1613 thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:777 (A) (18).

Final Disposition – Ms. Courville paid a fine in the amount of \$500 and was required to complete the remaining continuing education requirements by August 1, 2002.

10. Marcy A. David, R.D.H.

Violation – Failure to satisfy continuing education requirements in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.1613 thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:777 (A) (18).

Final Disposition – Ms. David paid a fine in the amount of \$1,500 and was required to complete the continuing education requirements by August 1, 2002.

11. Vincent L. Dileo, Jr. D.D.S.

Violation – Allegations relative to a dental practice which fails to satisfy the prevailing acceptable standards in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (8), and allegations of conduct intended to deceive or defraud the public in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (16).

Final Disposition – Dr. Dileo paid a fine in the amount of \$1,000 and reimbursed the Board's costs.

12. Richard F. Douciere, D.D.S.

Violation – Failure to complete continuing education requirements in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.1611 thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (24).

Final Disposition – Dr. Douciere paid a fine in the amount of \$500 and was required to complete the remaining continuing education by August 1, 2002.

13. John D. Harrison, D.D.S.

Violation – Failure to advise the board of practicing dentistry at a particular location within 30 days, in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.304 thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (24).

Final Disposition – Dr. Harrison met with two members of the board on November 30, 2001 wherein he entered into a consent decree and paid a fine in the amount of \$1,000 and reimbursed the board's costs.

14. Melinda E. Hickey, D.D.S.

Violation – Failure to notify the board of her office relocation within 30 days as required by LAC 46:XXXIII.304 thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (24).

Final Disposition – Dr. Hickey met with two members of the board on November 30, 2001 wherein she entered into a consent decree and paid a fine in the amount of \$500 and reimbursed the board's costs.

15. William F. Hensel, D.D.S.

Violation – Allegations that his treatment of a patient was below the prevailing standard of care in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (7) and (8).

Final Disposition – Dr. Hensel met with two members of the board on February 15, 2002 wherein he entered into a consent decree and paid a fine in the amount of \$2500; reimbursed

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the board's costs; and began a period of probation for two years beginning February 15, 2002.

16. Joseph H. Hidalgo, Jr. D.D.S.

Violation – Failure to complete continuing education requirements in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.1611 and 1619, thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (24).

Final Disposition – Dr. Hidalgo paid a fine in the amount of \$500 and was required to complete the continuing education requirements by August 1, 2002.

17. Stephen R. Hooper, D.D.S.

Violation – Failure to satisfy continuing education requirements in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.1611 thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (24).

Final Disposition – Dr. Hooper paid a fine in the amount of \$500 and was required to complete the continuing education requirements by August 1, 2002.

18. Vickie K. Kennedy, R.D.H.

Violation – Failure to satisfy continuing education requirements in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.1613 thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:777 (A) (18).

Final Disposition – Ms. Kennedy paid a fine in the amount of \$500 and was required to complete the continuing education requirements by August 1, 2002.

19. Edgardo L. Rabel, D.D.S.

Violation – Allegations that he did not maintain proper documentation regarding his treatment of a patient.

Final Disposition – Dr. Rabel met with two members of the board on May 24, 2002 wherein he entered into a consent decree and paid a fine in the amount of \$1,000 and reimbursed the board's costs.

20. Jason D. Parker, D.D.S.

Violation – Habitual indulgence in the use of drugs, narcotics, and intoxicating liquors in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (5).

Final Disposition – Dr. Parker met with two members of the board on May 22, 2002 wherein he entered into consent decree; reimbursed the board's costs; surrendered all controlled drug prescribing privileges; commenced a five-year period of probation on August 16, 2002; and undergo monitoring.

21. James M. Pittman, D.D.S.

Violation – Allegations that his treatment of patient was below the acceptable standards in this state in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (8); that he practiced dentistry in a place other than a clean, sanitary, and safe facility in violation of R.S. 37:775 (6) thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (15); and that he failed to follow Federal Centers for Disease Control guidelines in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.1203 thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (24).

Final Disposition – Dr. Pittman met with two members of the board on March 22, 2002 wherein he entered into a consent decree and paid a fine in the amount of \$5,000; reimbursed the board's costs; and began a five-year period of probation on March 23, 2002.

22. Corey A. Robertson, D.D.S.

Violation – Allegations that he failed to maintain proper control over his patient records in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.318 and R.S. 37:776 (A)(7)(8) and (24).

Final Disposition – Dr. Robertson met with two members of the board on November 30, 2001 wherein he entered into a consent decree and paid a fine in the amount of \$500 and reimbursed the board's costs.

23. Randall M. Schaffer, D.D.S.

UPDATE

In the 2001 edition of The Bulletin we reported that Dr. Schaffer had appealed his case to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals after his license to practice dentistry was revoked by the board in September 2000. The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the decision of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry and Dr. Schaffer has not appealed this decision to the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana. This matter is considered final.

24. Mary L. Sibley, R.D.H.

Violation – Failure to complete continuing education requirements in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.1619 thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:777 (A) (18).

Final Disposition – Ms. Sibley paid a fine in the amount of \$1,000.

25. Thomas S. Strickland, D.D.S.

Violation – Allegations that his treatment of a patient was below the prevailing acceptable standards in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (8); and that he practiced dentistry in a place other than a clean, sanitary, and safe facility in violation of R.S. 37:775 (6) thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (15).

Final Disposition – Dr. Strickland met with two members of the board on February 15, 2002 wherein he entered into a consent decree and paid a fine in the amount of \$500; reimbursed the board's costs; and he commenced a period of probation on February 15, 2002 for one year.

ADVERTISING VIOLATIONS

1. Chantal H.D. Ellis, D.D.S.

Violation – An advertisement with the phrase "Family Dentistry and Cosmetic Dentistry" in the same size print and which stated "no needles, no drill" in violation of LAC 46:XXXI-II.301 (E) (2) and (H) (3), forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (24).

Final Disposition – Dr. Ellis met with two members of the board on February 16, 2001 wherein she entered into a consent decree and paid a fine in the amount of \$500.

2. Gregory B. Ellis, D.D.S.

Violation – An advertisement with the phrase "Family Dentistry and Cosmetic Dentistry" in the same size print and which stated "no needles, no drill" in violation of LAC 46:XXXI-II.301 (E) (2) and (H) (3), forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A) (24).

Final Disposition – Dr. Ellis met with two members of the board on February 16, 2001 wherein he entered into a consent decree and paid a fine in the amount of \$500.

3. Thomas K. Murphy, D.D.S.

Violation – Radio advertisement which did not include the phrase "General Dentistry" or "Family Dentistry" in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.301 thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(24); and said advertisement did not include his name in violation of R.S. 37:775, thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(15).

Final Disposition – Dr. Murphy paid a fine in the amount of \$1500.

4. John C. Stevall, Jr. D.D.S.

Violation – Advertising brochure with several violations of LAC 46:XXXIII.301 thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(24).

Final Disposition – Dr. Stevall met with two members of the board on August 17, 2001, following which he entered into a consent decree and paid a fine in the amount of \$500.

NECROLOGY 2001-2002

Carolyn Liberto Brungardt - February 24, 2002
 Dr. James Camel - No date available
 Dr. Robert Devery - No date available
 Dr. Wayne W. Dilzell - April 24, 2002
 Dr. Edward J. Dupuis - November 27, 2001

Dr. Victor Halperin - February 7, 2002
 Dr. L. Floyd Heier - September 12, 2002
 Dr. Andrew J. Kreller - February 3, 2002
 Dr. Rene S. LeBlanc - No date available
 Dr. Lloyd M. Magruder - December 18, 2001

Dr. James W. McCurdy - December 30, 2001
 Dr. Isaac Savoie - No date available
 Dr. Phillip D. Sunseri - February 19, 2002
 Lisa Tusa, R.D.H. - No date available
 Dr. Joseph Tusa - June 14, 2002

DENTAL LICENSES LAPSED FOR NON-RENEWAL IN 2002 ACTION TAKEN MAY 24, 2002

Dr. George Alexander	3923	Dr. John Davis, Jr.	3818	Dr. Michael Johnson	4762
Dr. Brian Babin	4340	Dr. Martin Davison	4418	Dr. Kyong Kim	4626
Dr. Raymond Boudreaux, Jr.	2041	Dr. Michael Dobyns	5153	Dr. Enrique Laquesta	2835
Dr. Amy Brooks	4861	Dr. Marko Drincic	5074	Dr. Robert Lamb	3848
Dr. Larry Bullock	3624	Dr. William Dzyak	3766	Dr. Larry Layfield	4892
Dr. William Carvajal	4865	Dr. Thomas Gerrets, Jr.	5102	Dr. Vernon Leggett, Jr.	3564
Dr. Nancy Coldiron	3383	Dr. Barry Goodspeed	4280	Dr. Marny Lemons-Prince	5117
Dr. Fay Collins	5093	Dr. Neil Gorme	5105		
Dr. Stephanie Cornejo	5015	Dr. Frances G. Hartley	3780		

DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSES LAPSED FOR NON-RENEWAL IN 2002 ACTION TAKEN MAY 24, 2002

Jacque Acklen, R.D.H.	962	Lisa Cisneros Matus, R.D.H.	2996	Nina Flores, R.D.H.	3162
Beth Benoit, R.D.H.	2621	Cynthia Davis, R.D.H.	3072	Barbara Ford, R.D.H.	3343
Susan Bice, R.D.H.	3300	Charlene Davis-Tarnutzer, R.D.H.	860	Connie Glaize, R.D.H.	3139
Meta Billiot-Thayer, R.D.H.	2793	Thuy Dinh, R.D.H.	3157	Katherine Hanks, R.D.H.	2907
Marguerite Blackard, R.D.H.	1150	Dale Elfervig, R.D.H.	1719	Jennifer Hill, R.D.H.	2835
Brigitte Britton, R.D.H.	2913	Gretchen Elmer-Yax, R.D.H.	3079	Rachel Hockersmith, R.D.H.	3011
Lisa Buck, R.D.H.	3144	Luz Farraro, R.D.H.	3395	Diane Jeansonne, R.D.H.	1860
Karen R. Christiansen, R.D.H.	2995	Deann Fitch, R.D.H.	1267	April Jefferson, R.D.H.	3350

DENTAL LICENSES VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED IN 2002 DUE TO LACK OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

Ginger M. Gills, R.D.H.	5163	Deborah Klossner, R.D.H.	590
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DENTAL LICENSES VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED IN 2002 DUE TO RETIREMENT

Dr. Riley G. Armantrout	1753	Dr. Joanna L. Davis	5163	Dr. Frank W. Graziano	1631
Dr. Mervin P. Ardoin	3802	Dr. Brent B. Depta	5018	Dr. John R. Hebert	3156
Dr. Clayton B. Barre	1362	Dr. Cynthia L. Deragon	4960	Dr. Thomas G. Holten, Jr.	53
Dr. Billy C. Beasley	3248	Dr. Herman S. Dickerson	3075	Dr. Jack A. Hudson	1162
Dr. Robert A. Benny	2238	Dr. Robert F. Eastman, Jr.	1833	Dr. James D. Kiser, Sr.	2455
Dr. John B. Benton	3807	Dr. Mark T. Elfervig	3946	Dr. James A. Laville	1394
Dr. Stephen Q. Bryan	3120	Dr. Jack A. Forte	338	Dr. John D. Liedtke	4765
Dr. Allan N. Carr	1240	Dr. Louis J. Gallo	1156		
Dr. Robert H. Charbonnet	1304	Dr. Victor Gastinel, Jr.	265		

DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSES VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED IN 2002 DUE TO RETIREMENT

Katherine A. Borgatti, R.D.H.	2815	Wilma DeLuca, R.D.H.	2075	Anita K. Jones, R.D.H.	746
Jimmie C. Chandler, R.D.H.	1239	Mara L. Faragher, R.D.H.	3215	Rhonda F. Jones, R.D.H.	776
Valerie D. Collett, R.D.H.	2140	Misty Gaaney, R.D.H.	3405	Tammy K. Jones, R.D.H.	2607
Diana H. Collins, R.D.H.	743	Tracy Gwaltney, R.D.H.	3223	Dana L. Lapointe, R.D.H.	2234
Stephanie A. Crochet, R.D.H.	2591	Jo Carol Hardin, R.D.H.	3217	Cynthia M. Lemoine, R.D.H.	2040
Susan M. Cummings, R.D.H.	1961	Susan Fruge, R.D.H.	2603	Vicki L. Loeffler, R.D.H.	2032
Patricia B. Dugal, R.D.H.	98	Cynthia J. Hermes, R.D.H.	813		
Heather R. Depta R.D.H.	2834	Beverly M. Hess, R.D.H.	416		



From the Desk of The Executive Director

This article ties in with the message from the president appearing in this edition of "The Bulletin". If you haven't read it yet, you may wish to do so because it has some very important points, not the least of which is staying active in organized dentistry. The same holds true for organized dental hygiene. It is only with the assistance and cooperation of all the associations (LDA, LDHA, and Pelican) along with the dental school and the dental hygiene programs that the board is able to perform its duties. As you know, the number one duty of the board is the protection of the public, and I must say, the board has been quite busy fulfilling its duty.

Thirteen years ago we received approximately 75 complaints a year. That number has been doubled, and we have no explanation for it. In last year's edition of "The Bulletin" we gave you some tips for avoiding complaints being filed with the board. Several of you expressed your gratitude for the article. However, it does not seem to have made much of a dent in the problem. Granted, often complaints are patients attempting to avoid paying your fees. However, we see many complaints which could have been avoided by better communication. By this we mean you should be completely candid with your patients from the beginning, i.e. advise them of any and all fees that you charge. Many patients become quite angry over charges such as "anxiety" fee, "sterilization" fee, "no-show" fees, etc. If you are candid and open with them, they will not get so upset when they receive the bill.

As you can tell by looking at our disciplinary actions this year the number of advertising violations has dramatically decreased. This is not to say that advertising violations are not still occurring, rather, the board has been sued in federal court on several of its advertising regulations. As such, the board is taking a wait and see approach to penalizing advertising violations. The board was successful at the trial court level and the case is presently pending before the Federal Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Should the board prevail, I am told that another review of all professional advertising violations will be held. Therefore, now is a terrific time to review your yellow page advertising, and any other advertising including your own letterhead for that matter, and make sure that you are in

compliance with all advertising regulations. The heart of the advertising regulations are found in both statutes and rules. Rule 301 is the main section, however, you will find other requirements in R.S. 37:774 and 775. It will only take you a few minutes to review these rules and I strongly suggest that you do so in order to be in compliance. For your information, the board does not sanction people who commit advertising violations to punish them. Rather, the purpose is to deter future violations of the advertising regulations which are intended to keep all advertisers playing on the same level field. Truthful advertising is welcome, but untruthful or misleading advertising is sanctionable.

In the last several months we have received literally dozens of complaints concerning teeth bleaching kiosks in malls around the state. In fact, these services are being offered in many beauty salons and even on the Internet. Many dentists and hygienists are asking what the board is doing to curtail this. Though we would like to put an end to these persons practicing dentistry without the benefit of a license we are precluded from doing so since the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals found that the Board lacks authority to sanction unlicensed persons who were never licensed and who practice dentistry or hygiene without a license. We attempted to rectify this terrible ruling of the Court during the 2001 Legislative Session, however, opponents lobbied strongly against us and we were unsuccessful in getting that language passed. As such, the only recourse you have when you see someone practicing dentistry or hygiene without a license is to report him or her to your local district attorney. We will be happy to work with you if you have any evidence to bring to a district attorney regarding these matters. If your local dental association and the LDA would like us to regain authority over individuals practicing dentistry without a license, it will require legislation from the LDA with strong lobbying through the state.

The board will be introducing legislation during the 2003 regular session of the legislature. One bill we anticipate is a revision to the anesthesia law. The board is concerned with the growing scope of oral sedation, and especially pediatric conscious sedation. In its quest to maintain the highest possible sedation standards regarding the

protection of the public, the board formed a task force this past year with representatives from the Louisiana Dental Association, the Louisiana State University School of Dentistry, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the private sector. The task force members consisted of Drs. G. Jerome Alesi, John L. Barnett, Jr., Robert L. Delarosa, Jr., Ronald B. Marks, Jr., Charles T. McCabe, Jr., Michael J. Montalbano, Richard D. Olinde, Demarcus D. Smith, IV, and Dr. Joseph D. Patton, an anesthesiologist.

At the time we went to print, the bill had not been finalized, but we will be presenting it to the LDA House of Delegates in March, and we invite any and all comments you may have. If you wish to see a copy of the proposed legislation, please call the board office.

Before closing I would like to thank our terrific staff who tirelessly work to keep this agency running smoothly. Mrs. Linda Fotto is the Director of Licensing. In addition to licensing matters she handles all examination matters. Linda has been with the board for approximately 14 years. John Roti has been with us for four years now. He is in charge of all accounting, procurement, and just about anything else that comes up. Carolyn Perez has been with us for approximately one year and has many duties including mailings and answering the phone. She handles all of the license verifications which can keep her pretty busy. Karen Davis is our Administrative Secretary and has been with us for a little over a year. Aside from voluminous typing, she maintains all contracts and makes preparations for all meetings and hotel reservations. Many of you have come to know our investigator Mr. Camp Morrison who has been with us for approximately nine years. Camp has an able staff consisting of Mr. Delano Clark and Ms. Alison Schenk. Erin Conner has been a temp for us for quite some time. She knows just about every facet of the organization, and in fact, is a licensed private investigator as well.

If you ever call our board office, you will be greeted by one of these cheerful employees. They are here and ready, willing and able to serve you.

CONGRATULATIONS 2002 DENTAL LICENSEES

Dr. George H. Arch, Jr.
 Dr. Ivonne C. Badalamenti
 Dr. Thomas A. Bailey
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 Dr. Susan L. Chidlow
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 Dr. Michael G. Dragon
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 Dr. Paul E. Ganucheau
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 Dr. Brian J. Olivier
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 Dr. Ryan Perry
 Dr. Kimberly R. Rayford

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 Dr. Edmund M. Ring
 Dr. Jeffery V. Riso
 Dr. Robin C. Shannon
 Dr. Duane A. Simien
 Dr. Donovan Soignet
 Dr. John Theriot
 Dr. Sammy Tom
 Dr. Carl M. Turpin
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 Dr. Julian C. White
 Dr. Wendell S. Williams
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING CONTINUING EDUCATION !!!!!

Proper documentation evidencing your completion of continuing education is necessary if you are audited this year. If you send inadequate documentation, it will be returned to you and will cause a delay in processing the renewal of your license. Please save yourself the time and aggravation by sending in the proper documentation the first time.

If you are unable to complete your continuing education requirements under Rules 1611 for dentists and 1613 for dental hygienists, for whatever reason, it is necessary for you to advise the board of the problem which kept you from fulfilling your requirements prior to renewing your Louisiana license. The board will not grant extensions to licensees who have not provided this information before the renewal.

NUTRITION

At the December 6, 1997 Annual meeting of the Board, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry evaluated continuing education courses relating to nutrition and **determined that said courses are not to be considered clinical** as they relate to obtaining continuing education requirements.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1) **How many hours of continuing education am I responsible for?**

If you are a dentist, you are responsible for forty (40) hours of continuing education within the two years for which your license is current. Half of these hours must be clinical.

If you are a hygienist, you are responsible for twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education within the two years for which your license is current. Half of these hours must be clinical.

2) **What is considered clinical continuing education?**

Personally attended courses pertaining to the actual delivery of dental services to the patient.

3) **Can I carry hours forward past the two years for which I have renewed?**

NO. The hours can only be acquired within the two years in which your license is renewed.

4) **Do I send originals of my continuing education documentation?**

NO. Always send a copy of all documentation evidencing completion of courses which you have listed on your renewal application. If you do not provide the correct documentation, your application will not be processed but will be returned to you for correction. All copies of continuing education documentation are retained in your personal board file.

Please make sure that your documentation contains all required information such as date of the course, title of the course, hours granted and the sponsor of the course. Please refer to § 1615 for approved continuing education providers.

5) **Do cardiopulmonary resuscitation and First Aid courses count toward my continuing education requirement?**

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation counts for three hours of **non-clinical** continu-

ing education hours. First aid courses do **not** count toward the continuing education requirement.

7) **Should I send documentation of completed continuing education hours to the Board office along with my renewal even if I am not randomly selected for a continuing education audit?**

NO. This creates unnecessary work for you and for the Board staff.

8) **Do I need to apply for a new anesthesia office permit if I move to a new office?**

YES. All locations in which nitrous oxide inhalation, parenteral sedation, or general anesthesia is performed must have an office permit for that level of anesthesia which is being used. If you move to a new office, your permit from the old office does not transfer. Please contact the Board office for an anesthesia application.

9) **How do I renew my anesthesia permit(s)?**

At this time, your anesthesia permits renew automatically upon your license renewal. There is no separate fee.

10) **Do I need to post my original license(s) in my office?**

YES. All Louisiana licensees holding either a dental or dental hygiene license shall display their license in full and open view for all patients to observe along with all current renewal permits of said license.

All certificates or permits authorizing the administration of anesthesia, analgesia or sedation shall also be displayed in full and open view in close proximity to those licenses and renewal certificates required to be kept in open and full view for the public to observe.

When licensees provide dental services in more than one facility, a copy of

said licenses and/or certificates shall suffice in place of the original and said copy shall be displayed in full and open view for all patients to see.

If you have lost or misplaced your original dental/dental hygiene license, please contact the Board for an affidavit of lost license. There is a \$50.00 fee for duplicate original licenses. There is also a \$50.00 fee for duplicate renewal certificates or permits.

11) **Why is the renewal fee so much?**

The renewal fee is for two years.

12) **How long is my renewal license good for?**

All renewals are biennial (2 Years).

13) **What is the deadline for my renewal application?**

This year the deadline is December 31, 2002.

14) **Can I place my license on semi-retired or inactive status?**

NO. The Board only has an active status. If you voluntarily surrender your license due to retirement, your license no longer exists.

15) **Does the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry regulate or certify dental assistants?**

NO. The Board does not regulate dental assistants. We do a certificate confirmation for Expanded Duty Dental Assistants only after he or she has submitted proof of the EDDA course, a high school or equivalency diploma, radiology course, current CPR card, and the \$25.00 application fee.

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LOCAL ANESTHESIA PERMIT INFORMATION

The dental hygiene Local Anesthesia permit is not automatically issued upon completion of the local anesthesia course or completion of the dental hygiene program. Each dental hygienist is sent an application with their original license. The application must be completed and returned to the board office with a copy of their certificate showing satisfactory completion of the local anesthesia course and the appropriate \$50.00

application fee. The LSU School of Dentistry and the University of Louisiana at Monroe send the Board a list of persons completing the requirements through their respective programs. Those persons only need to complete the application to obtain a local anesthesia permit. If you need an application, please contact the board office. If you do not have a permit, you are not authorized to administer local anesthesia.

HIPAA

HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) established national standards to protect the privacy of personal health information. The federal act has an implementation date of April 2003. Because of the need to prepare for the implementation date, the Board has fielded a number of questions recently about HIPAA. Please be advised that HIPAA regulations will not affect the Board's work. This is not to say that it will not impact the work processes for our licensees. This is a federal act which will be enforced by federal agencies. The Board cannot advise individuals on the implementation of HIPAA within their practices. However, the American Dental Association has prepared a thorough pamphlet which may answer your questions.

CHECK THIS OUT!!!!



RENEWAL FEES

Active Biennial Dental License (2003-2004) .. \$400.00

Active Biennial Hygiene License (2003-2004) .. \$150.00

DEADLINE TO RENEW DECEMBER 31, 2002

DELINQUENT FEES WILL BE ASSESSED TO ALL RENEWALS RECEIVED AFTER December 31, 2002.

Drug Enforcement Administration UPDATE

The Drug Enforcement Administration will be offering the following registration requests interactively on the Diversion Control Website (www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov):

Name Changes
Address Changes
Schedule Changes
Drug Code Changes
Duplicate Certificates
Order Forms (DEA Form 222)
DEA-224 New Application
DEA-106 Theft or Loss Report

2003 BOARD MEETING DATES

February 8, 2003
May 23, 2003
August 23, 2003
December 7, 2003

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