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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we approach the end of 2003, I would like to thank all of our board members, and particularly our Executive Director, Barry Ogden. Considering that this was a legislative year, the board has functioned very smoothly with few major problems. There is no doubt that the continued cooperation, communication, and understanding between the state board and the Louisiana Dental Association has contributed a great deal to the accomplishments of this past year. The most notable legislation involved the combined efforts of the board, the LDA, and several pediatric dentists to implement a pediatric sedation bill. We extend special thanks to several of our board members, Dr. Mike Montalbano, Dr. Jerome Alesi, Dr. Ronald Marks, and Dr. Charles McCabe. I would also like to thank several pediatric dentists from the private sector, Dr. John L. Barnett, Jr., Dr. Robert L. DeLarosa, Jr., and Dr. Richard D. Olinde who contributed so much time and effort to this worthy legislation. We are now positioned to properly supervise and regulate those who provide sedation for pediatric patients, and greatly reduce the risk of morbidity and mortality. Along this same line we are beginning to enter into discussions with the LDA regarding a framework for an adult oral sedation bill for the coming year.

On a different front, your board has been active on a national level through the American Association of Dental Examiners (AADE). Once again to position our state to maintain its independence yet provide valid and reliable testing, we have joined a coalition of other independent states. This organization entitled Coalition of Independent Testing Agencies (CITA) includes Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Nevada, North Carolina, and Puerto Rico. We are currently sharing information ranging from testing procedures to licensure by credentials with others to help us maintain our current position yet remain on par with national trends. With the national debate to move away from licensure by testing on live patients to other types of examinations, it is important for us to stay current with other regional testing agencies. There is also a national movement to move away from testing students at the end of their educational

period to shifting the burden to boards to test practitioners on their continuing competency. The logistics and complexity of this trend towards continuing competency as well as the financial impact is staggering. I would encourage each of you to stay attentive to the information provided by your local LDA component to be aware of this growing trend.

In closing let me say it has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve as president of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry. On behalf of all of our members, I wish you the best for the coming years, and we will continue to do our best to help protect the public and preserve the reputation that dentistry has so rightly enjoyed over the years.

Sincerely,

John K. Legleu, D.D.S., M.S.

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DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The following represents summaries of disciplinary actions taken in 2002-2003 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. Roger R. Arnold, D.D.S.

Violation- Prescribing controlled substances in other than a legitimate manner in violation of R.S. 37:776 (A)(6) and failure to follow Federal Center 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. Arnold surrendered his license to practice dentistry in the state of Louisiana as well as all permits authorizing him to administer, dispense, or prescribe all drugs; and reimbursed the board's costs.

2. Thomas M. Bowler, D.D.S.

Violation - Allegations that he obtained controlled dangerous substances in violation of the terms of his probation forming a violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(5) and (24).

Final disposition - Dr. Bowler met with two members of the board on December 6, 2002 wherein he surrendered his license to practice dentistry in the state of Louisiana effective February 20, 2003.

3. Daryl C. Byrd, D.D.S.

Violation - Allegations of professional or dental incompetence in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(7); allegations of a dental practice which fails to satisfy the prevailing acceptable standards of dental practice in the state in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(8); and allegations of making or submitting false or deceptive claims to a patient for the purpose of obtaining monetary compensation for services rendered in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(21).

Final disposition - Dr. Byrd reimbursed the board's costs and was

levied a fine in the amount of \$7,500.00 with said fine being suspended pending successful completion of probation for a period of three years; his license to practice dentistry was suspended for six months with said suspension being suspended pending successful completion of the three year probation; and completed a course of remediation at his expense.

4. Dwayne A. Felton, D.D.S.

Violation - Allegations that his treatment of several patients was below the standard of care in this state and evidencing professional or dental incompetence, forming a violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(7) and (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. Felton met with two members of the board on August 16, 2002 wherein he entered into a consent decree and reimbursed the board's costs and paid a fine in the amount of \$5,000.00; had his office inspected for sanitation; began a random drug testing regimen with the board; and completed a course of continuing education within one year following the consent decree. It should be noted that Dr. Felton passed away during this past year.

5. Nancy E. Hale, R.D.H.

Violation - Failure to satisfy continuing education requirements for the renewal of her dental hygiene license in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.1613 thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:777(A)(18).

Final disposition - Ms. Hale entered into a consent decree and paid a fine in the amount of \$2,000.00 and agreed to complete the deficient continuing education requirements by 12/31/03.

6. Carlito P. Ilawan, D.D.S.

Violation - Allegations that his treatment of a patient was below the prevailing acceptable standards in this state in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(7) and (8).

Final disposition - Dr. Ilawan met with two members of the board on August 16, 2002 wherein he entered into a consent decree and paid a fine in the amount of \$5,000.00 and reimbursed the board's costs.

7. D. Carl Jackson, D.D.S.

Violation - Failure to advise the board of his change of practice address in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.304, thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(24).

Final disposition- Dr. Jackson entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount \$500.00.

8. Robert W. Johnson, D.D.S.

Violation - Prescribing, dispensing, or administering habit-forming or other legally controlled substances in other than a legal or legitimate manner to several patients which may have been in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(6).

Final disposition- Dr. Johnson met with two members of the board on August 22, 2003 wherein he entered into a consent decree and paid a fine in the amount of \$2500.00; reimbursed the board's costs; began a period of probation for five years; successfully completed a course in drug prescribing within six months; and pass the Louisiana Jurisprudence Examination within thirty days.

9. LaKara J. Jordan, D.D.S.

Violation - Treatment of a patient which may have been below the prevailing acceptable standards in this state in violation of R.S.37:776(A)(8).

Final disposition- Dr. Jordan met with two members of the board on August 22, 2003 wherein she entered into a consent decree and commenced a period of probation for one year; reimbursed the board's costs; and successfully completed a remedial course in endodontics, and crown and bridge within three months.

10. Joseph M. Kochansky, D.D.S.

Violation - Allegations that he failed to maintain a complete and accurate record and inventory of controlled dangerous substances in violation of

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (continued)

R.S. 37:794 and 21 CFR 1304.03; an alleged denial of an anesthesia incident at the time his license renewal was completed and signed in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(3); alleged substandard care relating to the administration of anesthesia; and a failure to appropriately diagnose a condition and infection, and offering to treat same with Botox injection, all in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(8); an alleged failure to timely report an anesthesia incident in violation of R.S. 37:793(D).

Final Disposition - Dr. Kochansky met with two members of the board on November 30, 2001 and again at a proceeding required by R.S. 49:961(C) on October 18, 2002 and subsequent to the filing of formal charges against Dr. Kochansky on December 24, 2002, Dr. Kochansky entered into a consent decree wherein he reimbursed the board's costs and paid a fine in the amount of \$7500.00; had his office reinspected for compliance with all requirements to continue the administration of conscious sedation anesthesia; commenced a period of probation for three years; and completed a course of remediation within six months following the signing of the agreement.

11. Leonard Lewis, III, D.D.S.

Violation - Failure to cooperate with an investigation being conducted by the board in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(27).

Final disposition - Dr. Lewis met with two members of the board on December 6, 2002 wherein he entered into a consent decree and paid a fine in the amount of \$5,000.00.

12. Ronald J. Liuzza, D.D.S.

Violation - Allegations that his treatment records and billing records were substandard, in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(8).

Final disposition - Dr. Liuzza met with two members of the board on August 16, 2002 wherein he entered into a consent decree and paid a fine in the amount of \$2000.00.

13. Kimberly Ann Meng, D.D.S.

Violation - Failure to satisfy continuing education requirements for the renewal of her dental license in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.1611, thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(24).

Final disposition - Dr. Meng entered into a consent decree wherein she paid a fine in the amount of \$500.00 and completed the deficient continuing education requirements.

14. Stephanie A. Philips, D.D.S.

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

Final disposition - Dr. Philips met with two members of the board on May 23, 2003 wherein she entered into a consent decree and paid a fine in the amount of \$500.00.

15. Jesse Roberts, Jr., D.D.S.

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

Final disposition - Dr. Roberts met with two members of the board on August 22, 2003 wherein he entered into a consent decree and paid a fine in the amount of \$500.00 and reimbursed the board's costs.

16. Jesse Roberts, III, D.D.S.

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

Final disposition - Dr. Roberts met with two members of the board on August 22, 2003 wherein he entered into a consent decree and paid a fine in the amount of \$500.00 and reimbursed the board's costs.

17. Don G. Tipton, D.D.S.

Violation - Allegations of professional or dental incompetence in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(7) and a dental practice which fails to satisfy the prevailing acceptable standards of dental practice in this state in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(8); and conduct intended to deceive or defraud the public in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(16).

Final disposition - Dr. Tipton entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$1000.00 and reimbursed the board's costs in addition to arranging for the completion of orthodontic services to several patients and provided reimbursement to said patients.

18. Sarah J. Welsh, D.D.S.

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

Final disposition - Dr. Welsh entered into a consent decree wherein she paid a fine in the amount of \$500.00.

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NECROLOGY 2002 - 2003

Dr. Robert A. Palmer - June 21, 2001
 Dr. Ellis J. Narcisse, Jr. - July 29, 2002
 Dr. Fred R. Tegtmeier - December 13, 2002
 Dr. Edgar C. Cohen - No date available
 Dr. Joseph F. Puglia - No date available

Dr. Theodore A. Lirocchi, Sr. - December 13, 2002
 Dr. Dwayne Felton - May 10, 2003
 Dr. Samuel P. Felton - July 12, 2003
 Dr. William E. Faget - May 12, 2003
 Dr. John R. Watts - August 31, 2003
 Dr. Benny A. Marcello - September 23, 2003

DENTAL LICENSES LAPSED FOR NON-RENEWAL IN 2003

ACTION TAKEN MAY 23, 2003

Dr. Laurie B. Manas	5079	Dr. Stanley B. Saunders	5291	Dr. Kim E. Stiegler	3602
Dr. Amir H. Marashi	5296	Dr. Daniel G. Sena	4750	Dr. Derek B. Tom	5359
Dr. Lisa M. Moss	4672	Dr. Paul E. Schneider	2553	Dr. Robert G. Triplett	1864
Dr. Raymond R. Nykaza	5164	Dr. Roger G. Sims	4586	Dr. Corbin J. Turpin	5146
Dr. Billy L. Ogborn	2111	Dr. Courtney S. Smith	5281	Dr. John R. Vanvenrooy	3606
Dr. Kris W. Owens	4981	Dr. Eldridge C. Smith	2874	Dr. Barry J. Weiss	5290
Dr. Zelda M. Pittman	5370	Dr. Jeremy D. Smith	5208	Dr. C. Edwin Wentz	4130
Dr. Nimin J. Pothuluri	4987	Dr. Timothy E. Spencer	5221	Dr. Dean H. Whitman	4459
Dr. Anu R. Rajasekaran	5075	Dr. Albert H. St. Raymond, III	4326	Dr. James T. Wilson, Jr.	4848
Dr. Gale Romine	5302	Dr. Johnny B. Starkey	5210		
Dr. Ivonne F. Rosado	4849	Dr. Michael P. Steward	5211		

DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSES LAPSED FOR NON-RENEWAL IN 2003

ACTION TAKEN MAY 23, 2003

Susan H. Maynard, R.D.H.	3408	Mindy S. Perque, R.D.H.	3202	Tina A. Strickland-Allen, R.D.H.	3052
Carla McCormick, R.D.H.	1790	Maryann Pham, R.D.H.	3459	John Walters, R.D.H.	3210
Renee D. Montgomery, R.D.H.	3054	Lisa K. Riley, R.D.H.	2985	Ann G. Weiss, R.D.H.	3219
Karen B. Morris, R.D.H.	3302	Christine C. Schlender, R.D.H.	2145	Patricia E. Wines, R.D.H.	2713
Lacy J. Murphy, R.D.H.	2954	Jill Shadrick, R.D.H.	3057	Cheree Zapotoschny, R.D.H.	3213
Christina Norris, R.D.H.	3137	Charlene V. Shawa, R.D.H.	3042		
Gail Nunez, R.D.H.	2773	Bobbie J. Shope, R.D.H.	2783		
Melissa D. Pardue-Thomas, R.D.H.	2863	Jene B. Smith, R.D.H.	3142		

DENTAL LICENSES VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED IN 2003 DUE TO LACK OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

Vivian (Beth) Nelson, R.D.H. License #694

Deborah A. McMartin, R.D.H. License #537

DENTAL LICENSES VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED IN 2003 DUE TO RETIREMENT

D. Mervin P. Ardoin, II	#3802	Dr. William Munch	#3318	Dr. Thomas Speidel	#1862
Dr. J.A. Bankston	#1971	Dr. Kenneth Murphy	#3575	Dr. Charles W. Tanner	#1226
Dr. Samuel J. Cefalu	#1241	Dr. James W. Nelson	#1053	Dr. Aldes J. Rozas	#1808
Dr. Thomas M. Jones	#1786	Dr. Richard Nelson, Jr.	#253	Dr. Mickey Shahon	#1474
Dr. Ernest Minges	#1882	Dr. James Owen	#1881	Dr. Jack R. Winslow	#2620

DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSES VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED IN 2003 DUE TO RETIREMENT

Donna Mayeur, R.D.H.	2868	Joy-Lynn Norris, R.D.H.	1094	Elizabeth Uchello, R.D.H.	293
Gail Miller, R.D.H.	238	Kellye Oliver, R.D.H.	1809	Steven Worley, R.D.H.	3401
Adele Neupert, R.D.H.	1005	Delia Ruch, R.D.H.	127		
Barbara Newsom, R.D.H.	294	Mary Sibley, R.D.H.	1759		

From the Desk of THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:



As we are closing out 2003, we are looking forward to 2004 here at the board office. We hope that things are going as well in your practice as they are here. We are particularly happy with the general state of affairs concerning the dental profession in the State of Louisiana. For quite some time now there has been a terrific sense of cooperation between the Louisiana Dental Association, the Louisiana State University School of Dentistry, the University of Louisiana at Monroe and the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry. It seems that the engine is hitting on all pistons. When we see the perils some other states are going through, we can truly be thankful and happy to be in the State of Louisiana.

The year 2003 will go down in history as one of our best years from a disciplinary point of view. We have received the fewest complaints and conducted the fewest hearings in the past 15 years. This can be attributed to the fine professionalism of all the dentists and dental hygienists in the state. Unfortunately, the profession still is feeling encroachment from persons who wish to practice dentistry, yet do not enjoy the benefit of holding a dental or dental hygiene license. By that I mean there are still denturists seeing patients when they know they should not. A lab technician may only work on a prescription written by a licensed dentist. If you know of any lab technicians who are seeing patients themselves, the board would like to know.

Along the same line are people who are bleaching teeth. You see them everywhere. They have even gone so far as to set up kiosks in malls. Unfortunately, the board has been unsuccessful in attracting the attention of District Attorneys to go after these types of operations. We hope that it will not take a death by aspiration before District Attorneys will get involved in these situations. The Louisiana Dental Association is in the process of

preparing a contact dentist list of all dentists who have close associations with District Attorneys throughout the state. If you have such an association, please contact the LDA and let them know.

The LDA was instrumental in assisting the board with its legislation during the past session. One amendment to the Dental Practice Act of note was the addition of the board's authority to issue "cease and desist" orders. In the near future, the board will be testing this authority which may wind up in court. The board intends to issue "cease and desist" orders to operations which it deems to be practicing dentistry without a license. If the operation does not cease and desist, the board will seek a permanent injunction in a court of proper venue in order to stop the illegal practice of dentistry.

Another important change to the Dental Practice Act occurred this year regarding the use of lasers by hygienists. Hygienists are still prohibited from performing any cutting or tissue removal with a laser. However, with the revised rules regarding laser use, hygienists may use lasers for curing and teeth whitening.

A very important change in the Dental Practice Act concerns the administration of pediatric enteral sedation. It is now necessary to obtain a permit from the board before doing so. This change was enacted in order to protect our youngest citizens. We trust you can understand this and will abide by the new law.

As we approach the 10-year anniversary of the beginning of continuing education in the State of Louisiana, Dr. White S. Graves will be leaving the board at the end of this year. However, he will continue to mold continuing education throughout the country as he will be representing the American Association of Dental Examiners on the Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP) of the

American Dental Association. Dr. Graves helped shape continuing education in the State of Louisiana, and we are certain that he will continue his fine work on the national level.

Several years ago Louisiana joined with several other independent states who administer their own examination to form the Coalition of Independent Testing Agencies (CITA). This group has been meeting regularly to examine each other's examination processes, and to make improvements where advisable. I can assure you that the examination administered by the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry is fair, valid, reliable, and defensible. We are very proud of our examination, and wish to express our heartfelt thanks to Dean Eric Hovland and Dr. Gary McDonald at the dental school as well as everyone else there, which makes our job easier, including Ms. Dottie Austin and her very capable expanded duty dental assistants.

Wishing you continuing success in your careers, I am

C. Barry Ogden
Executive Director

2004 BOARD MEETING DATES

February 7, 2004
May 22, 2004
August 14, 2004
December 4, 2004

CONGRATULATIONS 2003 DENTAL LICENSEES

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Dr. Jennifer L. Banquer
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Dr. Augustus A. Hall, III
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Dr. Rupa Jolly
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Dr. Kristie L. Reine

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Dr. Stuart F. Taylor
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Mishaux L. Ballard, R.D.H.
April D. Banks, R.D.H.
Krista J. Baughman, R.D.H.
Jennifer E. Berry, R.D.H.
Jennifer L. Bloomer, R.D.H.
Melanie L. Bollinger, R.D.H.
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Stephanie D. Griffin, R.D.H.
Brenna L. Gustinis, R.D.H.
Erica L. Hender, R.D.H.
Darla R. Henry, R.D.H.
Komeak T. Jackson, R.D.H.
Amelia F. Johns, R.D.H.
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Thuy T. Nguyen, R.D.H.
Nikka M. O'Quain, R.D.H.
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Jeannie M. Pitzer, R.D.H.
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Kelli H. Reed, R.D.H.
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Mandy L. Saccaro, R.D.H.
Ebony M. Sharp, R.D.H.
Candice M. Shaw, R.D.H.
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Rae L. Turner, R.D.H.
Ashley P. Watts, R.D.H.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING LICENSEES

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DENTISTS

Dr. Melvin B. Benson
Dr. Monica Calderon
Dr. Mandana S. Eternad
Dr. Stacey C. Reynolds
Dr. Walter J. James
Dr. Scott Brown

Dr. Paul V. Bahlinger
Dr. Jeffrey W. Dongieux
Dr. Mark R. Stover
Dr. Mark D. Roberts

HYGIENISTS

Julie A. Marchione, R.D.H.
Tina Z. Cox, R.D.H.
Kendra Ogolin, R.D.H.
Sheila M. Ragas, R.D.H.
Jaime L. Williams, R.D.H.
Amanda D. Birdsong, R.D.H.

Tanya L. Shore, R.D.H.
Kathleen R. Lebeau, R.D.H.
Jill A. Carr, R.D.H.

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

6) 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.

7) 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.

8) 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.

9) 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 \$50.00 fee for duplicate original licenses. There is also a \$50.00 fee for duplicate renewal certificates or permits.

10) Why is the renewal fee so much?

The renewal fee is for two years.

11) How long is my renewal license good for?

All renewals are biennial (2 years).

12) What is the deadline for my renewal application?

This year the deadline is December 31, 2003.

13) 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.

14) 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 the 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.

ADVERTISING VIOLATIONS

1. Jorge M. Aguilar, D.D.S.
Violation - Allegations that he placed several radio advertisements without including his name in violation of R.S. 37:775(9), R.S. 37:776(A)(15) and LAC 46:XXXIII.301(B), thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(24).
Final disposition - Dr. Aguilar entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$500.00.

2. Andre H. Bruni, D.D.S.
Violation - An advertisement which did not include his name in violation of R.S. 37:774.
Final disposition - Dr. Bruni entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$500.00.

3. Jon D. Celino, D.D.S.
Violation - Allegations that he placed several radio advertisements without including his name in violation of R.S. 37:775(9), R.S. 37:776(A)(15) and LAC 46:XXXIII.301(B), thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(24).
Final disposition - Dr. Celino entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$500.00.

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RENEWAL FEES

Active Biennial Dental License (2004-2005)	\$400.00
Active Biennial Hygiene License (2004-2005)	\$150.00

Deadline to Renew December 31, 2003
 Delinquent fees will be assessed to all renewals received after December 31, 2003.

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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 his or her original license. The application must be completed and returned to the board office with a copy of the certificate showing satisfactory completion of the local anesthesia

course. 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.

PEDIATRIC ORAL SEDATION PERMITS REQUIRED

The new pediatric oral sedation law went into effect August 15, 2003.

Under this law, licensees administering pediatric oral sedation (not including nitrous oxide) are required to apply for personal and office permits for every office where pediatric sedation will be used.

The application fee is \$50.00 for a personal permit and \$50.00 for each office permit.

To apply for a pediatric oral sedation permit, please send a letter along with payment as described above. Indicate your qualifications to administer oral conscious sedation on pediatric patients. Include any pertinent continuing education courses. If presently administering oral conscious sedation on children, indicate how long you have been doing this. The Board will schedule an inspection for your office where we will be checking for the following:

- A pulse oximeter—This monitors the pulse and oxygen content of blood. This is to ensure early detection of any problems while a patient is under anesthesia.
- Emergency drug kit
- A proper record keeping log—in addition to your required controlled substance log.
- A scale—accurate weight of a child is necessary to determine appropriate dose.

Please send your request as soon as possible since we anticipate many applications and inspections. We will inspect your office as soon as is possible. If you are currently using pediatric sedation, it is not necessary that you stop while your permit and inspection are pending.

Please mail your application and proper fees to the following address:

Louisiana State Board of Dentistry
One Canal Place
365 Canal St.
Suite 2680
New Orleans LA 70130

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

The Drug Enforcement Administration will be offering the following registration requests interactively on the Diversion Control Website (www.cleadiversion.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