MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we come to the end of 2007, I would like to thank all of the board members, especially Drs. Dennis Donald, Conrad McVea, and Vance Wasson for their time and dedication they have given to the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry. They have also been a strong force in our change from an independent testing agency to a regional testing agency. The Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA), which now administers our clinical licensing examination, will afford our new dentists and dental hygienists greater mobility. We also would encourage dentists from our state to become examiners with CITA. This can be done by contacting Celeste Kohler, Director of Testing, by phone at (919) 678-9792 or email at ckohler@citaexam.com.

I would also like to thank Dr. White Graves for being elected to the position of third vice president of the American Association of Dental Examiners. He is a previous two-term state board member and he will represent the South with the dedication and selfless service just as he did as a member of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry.

A national movement for continuing competency for the practicing dentist is growing. This would be a very complex and financial strain to state boards as well as to dentists and hygienists. I feel that continuing education with examination after the course presentation is a more viable method of keeping abreast. After all, we are all committed to lifetime training. Please stay attentive to this issue with your local LDA component.

One issue which is of great importance is the increase in license fee renewals. The state board has seen a decrease of approximately 10% of the dental population causing a decrease in renewal revenue, but we have experienced an increase in investigative and legal costs in the past several years. We feel an increase of fifty dollars per year for dentists and twenty-five dollars a year for hygienists will help to resolve this issue.

I would like to thank Barry Ogden, our executive director, his staff, Linda Foto, Erin Conner, Carolyn Perez, Diana Chenevert, and John Roth for doing such a good job in running the office of the state board.

In closing, it has been a privilege to serve as president of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry. On behalf of all the members of the state board, may you have a safe Christmas and holiday season, and may 2008 be a wonderful year for you all.

Sincerely,
James A. Pearce, D.D.S.
President

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2008 TENTATIVE BOARD MEETING DATES
February 8, 2008
May 16, 2008
August 15, 2008
December 5-6, 2008
DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The following represents summaries of disciplinary actions taken in 2006-2007 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. Patricia E. Baranco, D.D.S.
   Baton Rouge, Louisiana
   Violation- Allegations that her treatment of a patient was below the prevailing acceptable standard of care in this state in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(8); and that she committed fraud in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(21)
   Final disposition- Dr. Baranco entered into a consent decree with the board wherein she agreed to pay a fine in the amount of $3000, reimburse the board’s costs, and commenced a period of probation of five years beginning August 17, 2007.

   New Orleans, Louisiana
   Violation- Allegations that he dispensed habit-forming or other legally controlled substances in other than a legal or legitimate manner in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(6)
   Final disposition- Dr. Barnett entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he paid a fine in the amount of $3000, reimbursed the board’s costs, and commenced a period of probation of five years during which she will limit her practice dental hygiene in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(8)

3. Daryl Charles Byrd, D.D.S.
   Kenner, Louisiana
   Violation- Allegations that he abandoned several patients and that his treatment of several patients was below the prevailing acceptable standard of care in this state in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(8)
   Final disposition- Dr. Byrd entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he paid a fine in the amount of $5000; commenced a period of probation of three years beginning August 17, 2007; and agreed to complete a remediation course in endodontics at a board approved school.

4. Clifford Charles Comeaux, Jr., D.D.S.
   Baton Rouge, Louisiana
   Violation- Allegations that he employed an unlicensed person to practice dental hygiene in violation of R.S. 37:775(12) and 37:776(A)(11)
   Final disposition- Dr. Comeaux entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he paid a fine in the amount of $5000, reimbursed the board’s costs, and commenced a period of probation of two years beginning August 17, 2007.

5. Talimadge Kirk Crane, D.D.S.
   Lafayette, Louisiana
   Violation- Allegations of immoral conduct during his treatment of a patient in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(22)
   Final Disposition- Dr. Crane entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he paid a fine in the amount of $2500; reimbursed the board’s costs; commenced a period of probation of ten years beginning May 23, 2007, throughout which Dr. Crane shall have an assistant in the operatory during all patient contact and the board shall monitor his office and employees for compliance; and underwent an evaluation by a psychiatrist.

   Slidell, Louisiana
   Violation- Revocation of clinical privileges which may be evidence of professional or dental incompetency in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(7); and/or a dental practice which fails to satisfy the prevailing acceptable standards of care in this state in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(8)
   Final disposition- Dr. Jones entered into a consent decree with the board wherein she commenced a period of probation of two years beginning May 24, 2007 during which she will limit her practice to pediatric dentistry.

7. Rayfield Lotten, D.D.S.
   Harvey, Louisiana
   Violation- Allegations that his treatment of a patient was below the prevailing acceptable standards of dental practice in this state in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(8)
   Final Disposition- Dr. Lotten entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he paid a fine in the amount of $1500, reimbursed the board’s costs, and made restitution to a patient.

8. Edward Charles Massett, Jr., D.D.S.
   Slidell, Louisiana
   Violation- Allegations that he failed to follow Federal Centers for Disease Control guidelines in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(8) and (24)
   Final Disposition- Dr. Massett entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he paid a fine in the amount of $500 and reimbursed the board’s costs.

9. George W. Tate, D.D.S.
   Lake Charles, Louisiana
   No violation
   The original consent decree entered into by Dr. Tate was amended to delete the requirement that he practice only in association with another dentist licensed in Louisiana.

    Shreveport, Louisiana
    Violation- Allegations that he committed Medicaid fraud in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(2) and (16); and that he made a false or deceptive claim to a governmental authority in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(21)
    Final disposition- Dr. Taylor entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he paid a fine in the amount of $5000; reimbursed the board’s costs; and commenced a period of probation of three years beginning May 23, 2007.

11. Sarah Welch, D.D.S.
    Missouri City, Texas
    No violation
    The original consent decree entered into by Dr. Welch was amended to completely rescind the disciplinary action taken against her.
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1.) Do I need to apply for new anesthesia office permit if I move to a new office? Yes. All locations in which anesthesia/analgesia 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.

2.) How do I renew my anesthesia permit(s)? For those licensees who will be renewing their dental licenses this year and currently hold a Personal Nitrous Oxide Inhalation permit, adult vac permit and pedo-ecs permit, the permit renewal fee will be $50.00. If you currently hold a personal Parenteral Conscious Sedation Permit, the renewal fee will be $200.00. You will receive a separate application in the renewal packet to renew these permits if this is applicable to you. Please review the form and return it to the board office with the appropriate fee. Separate checks for your license and permit renewal fees are required. You will receive these permits with your renewed dental license.

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4.) 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. Full 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 licenses 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.
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The Louisiana State Board of Dentistry no longer conducts clinical licensing examinations. Who would have thought this day would ever come? Louisiana has always been an independent testing agency and always put a great deal of effort, time, and money into administering a valid and reliable clinical licensing examination. However, the national changes have convinced us that it was time to join with a regional testing agency. The Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA) convinced us to contract with them to administer our clinical licensing examinations in the future. By taking this examination, our young dentists and dental hygienists will have more mobility than ever before. The CITA examination is administered in the states of North Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, and Puerto Rico. Further, sixteen states now recognize the CITA examination and more are coming on board all the time. This has been a long time coming and the board has been involved with CITA since its inception which facilitates our transition.

Please remember that now all licensees must obtain the full requirements of continuing education in order to renew their licenses. We had previously decreased the number of hours due to the difficulties of dentists and dental hygienists being able to obtain continuing education after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

In the future, dentists providing sedation to pediatric patients (under age 13) must be certified in Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS). Dentists administering deep sedation to adults will be required to be certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS).

Since the hurricanes, Louisiana has lost approximately 200 dentists which equates to approximately 10% of the dentist population in the state. This number is significantly higher than the population loss, but is in line with other medical professionals who have left the state for greener pastures. Kudos to everyone who is sticking it out and fighting this fight. Unfortunately, this also creates a fiscal problem for the board because we must continue our operations with less revenue. We will strive to continue to provide the best service possible to the public and the dental populations.

As you can see, we no longer publish a Dental Practice Act booklet. The cost of printing the booklets each year has become prohibitive. You can review the Dental Practice Act at our website www.lsbdo.org. You may also download all forms and applications as well such as the licensure by credentials application, license by outside examination application, restricted license application, all anesthesia applications (both dental and dental hygiene), and the expanded duty dental assistant application.

Of particular concern is the rise in substance abuse problems as well as fraud. The board is receiving more complaints in these two areas than ever before and will vigorously prosecute those practitioners who take advantage of their patients by overdiagnosing or cheating on claims. Practitioners who commit fraud may be facing a class action lawsuit. If you suspect fraud, report it to the board as soon as possible.

The board and New Orleans are extremely grateful to have LSU dental school back in New Orleans. There is a strong need for LSU within the population of New Orleans, especially during these tumultuous times of rebuilding our community.

The board would like to thank Dr. Eric Hovland for his commanding the LSU dental school through the terrible crisis caused by the hurricanes and his unwavering strength and ability to get the school back to New Orleans. We understand that Dean Hovland has submitted his resignation, and we wish him well in all of his future endeavors. We also look forward to working with his successor whomever that may be.

Unfortunately the board is losing almost thirty-five years of experience on the board with the retirement of Drs. Dennis Donald, Conrad P. McVea, and Vance Wascos due to term limits. Their experience, dedication, and knowledge will never be replaced. Dr. Donald served for 15 years and as president three times. Drs. McVea and Wascos both served ten years and as president as well. We express our sincerest gratitude to these fine gentlemen for the many, many hours they took from their practices and families to serve the board and the public. We only hope that their successors come with the same dedication.

The board conducted four nominating meetings for new appointments to the board. Meetings were held in Lake Charles, Lafayette, Northlake, and NODA.

The nominees have been presented to the governor for appointment. However, as this is a gubernatorial change, it is not known if Governor Blanco will make these appointments or if she will allow the Governor Elect, Bobby Jindal to make these appointments. We eagerly wait with anticipation.

In closing, I wish each and every one of you a happy and prosperous new year.

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Executive Director
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS, Continued

5.) Why is the renewal fee so much? The renewal fee is for two years.

6.) How long is my renewal license good for? All renewals are biennial (2 Years).

7.) What is the deadline for my renewal application? This year the deadline is December 31, 2007.

8.) 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. However, the board has created a volunteer or retired status to allow retired licensees to provide pro bono dental care.

9.) Does the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry regulate or certify dental assistants? NO. The Board does not regulate dental assistants. We provide a certificate confirmation for Expanded Duty Dental Assistants only after he or she has submitted proof of completion of the following: approved EDDA course, approved radiology course, current CPR card, and the $25.00 application fee.

10.) What happens if I allow my license to lapse or I do not renew it? If your Louisiana dental or dental hygiene license lapses due to non-renewal, you cannot practice dentistry or dental hygiene. Persons who practice with a lapsed license are subject to disciplinary action.

11.) What do I need to do to change my license from retired to active status? Hygienists that wish to change their license from retired to active status must complete a reinstatement application and submit it to the board office. The application will be reviewed and you will be advised of the outcome accordingly.

12.) How do I retire my Louisiana dental or dental hygiene license? Dentists and Hygienists may notify the board in writing or if applicable on your renewal application of your intention to retire your Louisiana license.

13.) May I still write prescriptions if I retire my Louisiana dental license? NO, the board will notify the Drug Enforcement Administration and Louisiana Board of Pharmacy that you have retired your Louisiana dental license.

14.) Why can't I give my change of address over the phone? All changes of address must be in writing as required in the dental practice act. You may fax or mail same to the board office.

15.) Which clinical licensing examinations does the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry accept for licensure? Effective May 26, 2006, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry accepts the scores the for clinical licensing examination of dentists and dental hygienists from the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA), Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS), Northeast Regional Board (NERB), Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA), Western Regional Examining Board (WREB), and the American Dental Examination (ADEX), provided that those tests include components on live patients and was completed one year or less from the date for which you are applying.

16.) Which CPR courses are accepted by the board? Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Course "C," Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers as defined by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross Professional Rescue Course or their equivalent. It should be noted that Medic First Aid CPR course was accepted as equivalent by the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry on May 21, 2005. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Course is allowed for three hours of non-clinical continuing education. Dentists providing sedation to pediatric patients (under age 13) must be certified in Pediatric Advanced Cardiac Life Support (PALS). Dentists administering deep sedation to adults will be required to be certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS).

ENTERAL CONSCIOUS PERMIT QUESTIONS

Adult Enteral Conscious Sedation personal and office permits will be issued by the board upon completion of the appropriate application which must be notarized, fee payment and documentation evidencing completion of training for Enteral Conscious Sedation. Office inspections are not required prior to issuance of the permit. These offices will be inspected in the normal course of board business pertaining to inspections.

Pediatric Enteral Conscious Sedation permits will follow the same routine as Adult Enteral Conscious Sedation permits with the EXCEPTION being that these offices must be inspected by the board prior to issuance of same.

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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. The LSU School of Dentistry, the University of Louisiana at Monroe and Southern University in Shreveport send the Board a list of persons completing the requirements through their respective dental hygiene programs. Those persons graduating from the dental hygiene program 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.

PROTECT YOUR PATIENTS & CUSTOMERS
BE SURE YOUR DRUG AND DEVICE SUPPLIERS ARE LICENSED

The Louisiana State Board of Wholesale Drug Distributors licenses and regulates drug and device wholesalers. In the ever growing market of counterfeit and adulterated drugs and devices, it is important to validate that your drug and device suppliers are properly licensed and inspected by the wholesale regulatory agencies to help protect your patients and customers from unscrupulous people that prey on the healthcare industry.

The Louisiana Wholesale Drug Board maintains a website that you can use to validate that your suppliers of drugs and devices are licensed to do business in Louisiana. That website is located at www.lsbwdd.org.

If you are currently doing business with a supplier that is not listed on the website and not licensed by the Wholesale Drug Board, please contact the Board at 225-295-8567.

Your participation in this process of verification will help identify, license, and protect the drug and device distribution chain that we all rely on and expect to be free from counterfeit and adulterated drugs and devices.

CHECK THIS ONE!

RENEWAL FEES

| Active Biennial Dental License | $400.00 |
| Active Biennial Hygiene License | $500.00 |
| Renewal of Personal Nitrous | $150.00 |
| Adult-ECG & Pedo-ECG permit | $50.00* |
| Renewal of Personal Parenteral Conscious Sedation Permit | $200.00* |

Due to an increase in the costs of office inspections, the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry is now charging for the renewal of personal nitrous oxide inhalation and personal parenteral conscious sedation permits. Please make sure that you enclose the appropriate fees with your renewal application. Write separate checks for renewals and permits.

What is the current hierarchy of anesthesia permits?
The current hierarchy for anesthesia/analgesia permits are:
1.) General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation;
2.) Parenteral Sedation/IV Sedation;
3.) Pediatric Oral;
4.) Adult Oral;
5.) Nitrous Oxide;
6.) Local Anesthesia.

Therefore, if you currently hold a permit for level 1, you are qualified for levels 1-6. If you hold a permit for level 2, you are qualified for levels 2-6 and so on.

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