



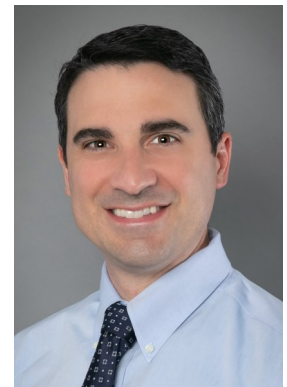
THE DENTAL EXAMINER

October 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from the WV Dental Board. I feel extremely privileged to again, serve as President of the Dental Board for a second consecutive year.

While all years come with their own set of challenges, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 2020 has been a unique experience for all of us. In dealing with these challenges I want to personally thank the members of the COVID-19 Task Force. The Task Force was formed as a collaborative effort between the Dental Board, WVDA, WVDHA, ADA, AGD and WVU School of Dentistry to provide recommendations for a safe re-opening.



S. Vincent Veltri, DDS

Few complaints have been received since the re-opening, which is a testament to the professionalism of our licensees and I for one am proud to have been a small part of that process. Although not always acknowledged as such from the outside, we know within our profession that we are essential. We have been and continue to work on the front lines of this pandemic. I want to thank all the dental professionals of this state who answered the call during the shutdown and beyond. I would like to thank Dr. Jason Roush, State Dental Director, for his assistance and efforts to advocate for our licensees where PPE is concerned. I would also like to thank our fantastic team at the Board office, Susan and Christina. They were integral in helping to get communications and information distributed during the pandemic. Thank you both so much!

As a point of clarification in regards to CE. The Dental Board has decided, for this reporting period only, to allow all CE to be completed through supervised self-instruction, which includes online and correspondence courses. The CPR requirement can be completed online as well.

I would like to thank Dr. Rich Gerber for his 10 years of service to the Board. During his 10 years Dr. Gerber served as President on 3 occasions. I've always believed it is important to leave an organization in a better position than the way you found it. It goes without saying that the Board would not be in the position it is today without the immense contributions of Dr. Gerber. We will continue to rely on his wisdom and example as we continue our primary service of protecting the public.

With Dr. Gerber's exit, I would like to welcome Dr. William A. Klenk as the newest member of the Board. Dr. Klenk is a graduate of the WVU, School of Dentistry, and practices dentistry in Fayette County, WV. I look forward to working with you Bill.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED



Mary Beth Shea, RDH

I would also like to highlight our dental hygiene member, Mary Beth Shea. Mary Beth is an invaluable member to our board team due in part to her career in public health. Recently Mary Beth was the focus of a special feature in Access, a public health magazine published by the ADHA. We are proud to have someone who represents West Virginia in such a progressive and positive manner!

In closing, I want to again thank all of our licensees for their patience and diligence during this unique time. Should anyone have any questions or concerns please contact the board at any time. We want to hear from you!

All the best,

S. Vince Veltri DDS

RELEASE OF PATIENT RECORDS



The Board continues to receive phone calls and complaints concerning the release of patient records.

Dentists must make available to patients copies of records when requested in accordance with West Virginia Code §16-29-1 and 2.

COPIES OF RECORDS CANNOT BE HELD HOSTAGE FOR UNPAID ACCOUNT BALANCES.

BOARD ACTIONS



2018-DB-042D - Consent Decree & Order - Reprimand; Report to the WV Dental Recovery Network or similar program and abide by and fulfill recommendations by the program; Assessment of Costs of \$614.65 and a fine of \$2,000.

2018-DB-044D - Consent Decree & Order - Reprimand; Report to the WV Dental Recovery Network or similar program and abide by and fulfill recommendations by the program; Assessment of Costs of \$1,433.40 and a fine of \$2,000.

SUSPENSION OF CE RULES/GUIDANCE DURING STATE OF EMERGENCY

The following rules were suspended pursuant to the Governor’s Proclamation of a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic:

W. Va. Code R. §§ 5-11-3.6(b), 5-11-3.6(c) and 5-11-3.7(b)

Licensees may complete the required basic life support course via the internet or other electronic means and may complete all required continuing education hours via supervised self-instruction.

Licensees required to have advanced cardiac life support, pediatric life support, or advanced trauma life support may complete them online for re-certifications only. Qualified Monitors qualified by ACLS or PALS may complete re-certifications online as well.

The remaining provision of W. Va. Code R. § 5-11-1 et seq. are unaffected and still apply. The Board will issue any further guidance or instructions deemed necessary.

Any further suspension of rules will be posted to the Board’s website.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF EXPENSES

FISCAL YEAR 2020 EXPENSES	
Salaries & Employee Benefits*	\$180,321.87
Professional Services**	\$61,297.54
Contractual Services***	\$19,155.00
Association Dues	\$7,185.00
Operations/Office Expenses	\$80,283.62
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$348,243.03



*Includes Staff Salaries (including in-house Counsel), Board and Anesthesia Committee Member per diems.

**Includes Attorney General Pay.

***Includes fees paid to Dental Recovery Network, 4th quarter of FY 2019 was paid in FY 2020.



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The Board regulates the profession of dentistry and licenses dentists and dental hygienists who have proven minimal competency standards by examination.

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FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

January 22 & 23, 2021 - Marriott Town Center, Charleston, WV

April 9 & 10, 2021 - The Blennerhassett Hotel, Parkersburg, WV

July 22 & 23, 2021 - The Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, WV