



The Dental Examiner

WVBDE President's Message



Richard D. Smith, DDS

I would like to begin my report by first thanking the WV Dental Association for the support you have given the Board over the past years. This letter is bittersweet for me as this is my last year on the Board of Dental Examiners. I feel very privileged to have served for almost two terms with some wonderful, hard-working board members and staff, and certainly have appreciated that the WVDA elected me twice to be presented to the governor as one of the three candidates for appointment. I feel very strongly that one of the most important duties and privileges of the WV Dental Association is to provide good candidates to the governor for appointment.

We are one of the few states that go through this process. Most are appointed by the political party they belong to or by the district they live in, and some serve underneath an umbrella or omnibus agency. For example, there are boards that serve under an umbrella of a department of education and are nothing more than advisors to a civilian agency of bureaucrats. In West Virginia all the dental and dental hygiene board members have been associated with their organized profession, or they would have never been appointed in the first place.

The WVDA Executive Director, Richard Stevens, and the Board Executive Director, Marc Harman, have worked together over the years to facilitate legislation for the benefit of the practice of dentistry and the public we serve. Bill Ford, Esq., a Clarksburg resident, is our new public member, replacing Dolores Gribble who served for about 12 years. Mrs. Gribble always presented the consumer side of issues that is so important to our task of protecting the public. It is with regret that we lost Dr. Michelle Klenk as our hygienist member at the end of July. She took over the dental hygiene program at Bridgemont Community and Technical College, formerly WV Tech, on August 1st. Michelle did a great job, as she routinely does with any undertaking. Camille Arceneaux, RDH, MS, was appointed on September 29, 2010, to succeed Dr. Klenk. Dr. Buck Conard from Huntington will become the Vice Chairman of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations this October. Dr. Craig Meadows from the Eastern Panhandle is the new Chairman of the Anesthesia Committee, replacing Dr. Dick Marshall who has done a great job for the last five years. Dick's term on the board is over as Governor Manchin has named a successor, Dr. C. Richard Gerber on September 29, 2010. Drs. Klenk and Marshall will be greatly missed. The Board welcomes its new members and is looking forward to serving with them.

The Emergency Rules, which were filed in 2008 and provided for General Supervision and Public Health Practice of Dental Hygienists, were replaced with legislation allowing for the same, and additionally permitted dental assistants to obtain certificates for coronal polishing. The legislation also updated definitions of the following specialties: Oral Pathology, Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics, and Prosthodontics. Rules were updated concerning continuing education and enacted for continuing education requirements for volunteer licensees.

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"...NERB and SRTA exams are given in Morgantown and hopefully will be joined by one of the other regional exams in the future..."

The WV Board is now a member of all regional boards except WREB and a membership application is pending with them. Board members and former members serve on exam committees, examiner review committees, Steering Committees, and Boards of Directors for NERB, SRTA, CITA, and CRDTS. NERB and SRTA exams are given in Morgantown and hopefully will be joined by one of the other regional exams in the future. This benefits student candidates who are planning to move out of state after graduation. Both SRTA and NERB use a curriculum-integrated format so the candidates can successfully complete their clinical boards before graduation.

The Board's website has been reconstructed and is more user friendly. Some specific areas of interest found on our website are Guidelines for Collaborative Agreements for Public Health Practice of hygienists and a statement on the use of botox and dermal fillers. Our web address is www.wvdentalboard.org.

The Board accepted a dental remedial program by an Ohio company, Oral Health Enrichment, to activate a formerly retired dentist. Several license applications were denied as a result of actions in other states, and not meeting the necessary educational requirements.

One of the board's main functions deals with the processing of complaints. The Board processed 58 complaints in 2009 and 52 thus far in 2010. One complaint is still open from 2007, 3 from 2008, 6 from 2009, and 22 from 2010. Of the 32 open complaints, 14 are pharmacy related.

The Board is currently reviewing advertising rules and the anesthesia law. Dr. Dick Marshall and his committee have been working on the anesthesia statute for a couple of years in order to enhance the law to mirror ADA anesthesia guidelines.

State Division of Infectious Disease Epidemiology Conducts Investigation



The West Virginia Board of Dental Examiners recognizes the need for dental services to be provided in a variety of settings and encourages efforts like the MOM Clinic to continue.

In June of 2009, the Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic (MOM), provided free screenings and dental services to over eleven hundred patients in Berkeley County. The Clinic was conducted by more than seven hundred volunteers. Unfortunately five cases of acute hepatitis B were reported in November, 2009, two of which were volunteers and three were patients having received treatment during the clinic.

An extensive investigation has been conducted by the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health, Department of Infectious Disease Epidemiology. Laboratory studies suggest that four of these patients may have been infected by the same source, although it is not possible to say for certain that the five individuals contracted the disease at the dental clinic. However, the investigation has resulted in recommendations to improve infection control at future clinics.

The West Virginia Board of Dental Examiners recognizes the need for dental services to be provided in a variety of settings and encourages efforts like the MOM Clinic to continue. It is the Board's intention to assist in the education of professionals and volunteers who conduct these clinics. We encourage everyone to become familiar with infection control guidelines provided by the centers of disease control. We are pleased to provide the following links to the Office of Epidemiology and CDC: <http://www.wvdepo.org> and <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/guidelines.html>.



National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators

The National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI) is a non-profit organization that facilitates cooperation between law enforcement, healthcare professionals, state regulatory agencies and pharmaceutical manufacturers in the prevention and investigation of prescription drug diversion.

A joint conference was sponsored by NADDI and the University of Charleston School of Pharmacy on June 17th, 2010, and held at the school in Charleston.

The focus of the conference

was on the enormous problem of prescription drug abuse. The diversion of prescription drugs has become the leading source of drug abuse in the nation, surpassing illegal "street" drugs. Many of these drugs are getting into the wrong hands by over-prescribing physicians and dentists.

WVBDE investigator, Dr. John C. Dixon, was in attendance at this conference. He reports the information he received was "eye opening". He had the chance to meet with many individuals from throughout the state who will be valuable re-

sources for drug diversion investigations.

At the end of the day, Governor Joe Manchin joined the meeting and signed into law four new laws aimed at helping to curtail prescription drug abuse in the state.



John C. Dixon, DDS
Investigator

Verification of Employee Licenses & Certifications

It is the recommendation of the Board that dentists verify the licenses of new employees, temporary employees, or fill-ins, as well as renewals each year to ensure compliance with the dental practice act.

Verifications of licensure may be obtained by visiting the Board's website or by calling the Board office. Verifications of other certifications, i.e. expanded duties, coronal polishing, general supervision, etc. may be obtained by calling the office.

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CPR Certification - What Is Required

A current certification of a comprehensive basic life support course for a health care provider shall be required each continuing education period. A CPR certificate shall be obtained through the American Heart Association health care provider course, the American Red Cross professional rescuer

course, or an equivalent course. This course must include resuscitation on an adult, child, and infant; two-person rescuer; barrier mask or bag for ventilation; foreign body airway obstruction; and automated external defibrillation. **ADULT CPR ONLY IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.**

Courses or re-certifications completed on the Internet will not be accepted for basic life support courses unless the course includes a skills examination with a certified instructor.



CPR Saves Lives

Continuing Education Documentation



The Board is currently conducting an audit of continuing education reports. During this audit the Board has received certificates that do not display the participant's name. Such certificates are not acceptable. Proper continuing education documentation must include the following:

- The name of the participant;
- The name of the CE provider/sponsor;
- The title of the activity or course;
- The date and location of the activity or course;
- The number of hours awarded (excluding breaks and meals); and
- The educational method used (e.g., lecture, clinical participation)

Member Salute



H. Richard Marshall, Jr., DDS

Board Terms

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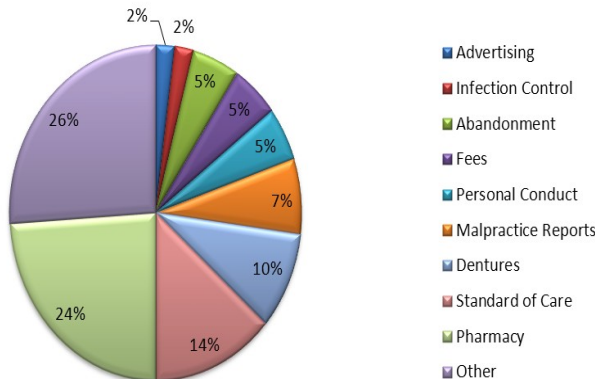
September 2005 - September 2010

Dr. Marshall has been a dedicated professional and a member of the Board for nine years. For seven of those years he served as Chairman of the Board's Anesthesia Committee. Dr. Marshall has an enthusiastic approach to everything he undertakes and has worked tirelessly to ensure the Anesthesia law protects the public.

We are pleased to announce that he is the President-Elect of the Southern Regional Testing Agency. Dr. Marshall has served on SRTA's Exam Committee for years and has worked hard to ensure SRTA's success.

We are proud of his accomplishments and proud to call him friend.

Complaint Statistics



Licensure Statistics

	Dental	Hygiene
Active Licenses	1215	1304
Practicing in WV	861	850

Permits & Certificates

General Supervision	534
Public Health	58
Coronal Polishing	69



Board Actions

Case number 2007-DB-0034D - Consent Decree - Voluntary Surrender; Standard of Care, Assessed Costs \$2,500.

Case number 2008-DB-0027D - Consent Decree - Voluntary Surrender; Standard of Care, Assessed Costs \$1,500.

Case number 2009-DB-0037D - Board Order - Summary Suspension of Class 3A Anesthesia Permit.

Case number 2009-DB-0048D - Consent Decree - Voluntary Surrender.

Case number 2009-DB-0044D - Board Order - Summary Suspension; Infection Control and OSHA violations.

Case number 2009-DB-0044D - Consent Decree - Infection Control and OSHA violations, Fine \$500.00, Assessed Costs \$1,250.00.

Case number 2009-DB-0052D - Consent Decree - Suspension; Felony Conviction and permitting an unlicensed person to perform duties of a dental hygienist, Fine \$10,000, Assessed Costs \$2,500.

Case number 2010-DB-0003D - Consent Decree - Prescribing Outside Scope of Practice, Prescribing Restrictions.

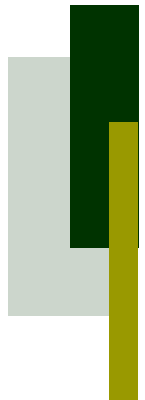


Continuing Education Credit Reminders

Courses or programs that are not approved for continuing education credit for license renewal include, but are not limited to, those on the subjects of estate planning, money management, personal finance, personal business matters, cultural subjects, personal health and recreation, politics, memory training, and speed reading.

Course subjects on billing, office management, practice building, insurance reimbursement, communication skills, courses on how to use dental software, programs, and/or dental equipment are limited to a maximum of ten percent (10%) of the requirement whether individually or in any combination.

The Board shall not give continuing education credit for identical courses taken during the same continuing education reporting period.



FUTURE MEETING DATES

November 11, 12 & 13, 2010

Bridgeport, WV

January 6, 7 & 8, 2011

Charleston, WV

April 14, 15 & 16, 2011

Location To Be Announced





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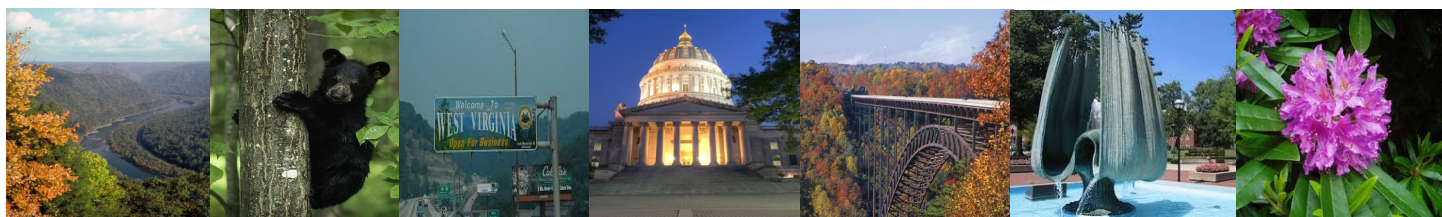
We're on the Web!

www.wvdentalboard.org

You can use the website to answer questions about general supervision, continuing education requirements and many other topics.



Drs. David Edwards & Richard Smith present a plaque to Dr. James W. Vargo of Beckley in recognition of his service on the Board of Dental Examiners.



**AVOID LATE FEES!
GET YOUR LICENSURE RENEWAL FORM & FEE IN BY FEBRUARY 1, 2011!!**

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