



# THE DENTAL EXAMINER

## President's Message

Greetings from the West Virginia Dental Board.

Being involved in organized dentistry has always been an important aspect to me personally in my career. My experiences with the Mon Valley Dental Association, WVDA and West Virginia Board of Dentistry have provided some of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of my professional career. It is with great honor and privilege that I accept the position of Board President for the upcoming year understanding our most important service, protecting the public.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to our immediate past President Dr. Richard Gerber for being not only an exemplary leader but also a mentor to me throughout my first three years on the Board. I'm sure I will continue to look to him for guidance.

I would also like to thank Dr. Byron Black and Dr. Charles Smith for their years of service to the Board. Their attention to detail and expertise will truly be missed. As Byron and Chuck step away I would like to welcome Dr. Lew Gilbert of Summersville and Dr. David Edwards of Wellsburg as our newly appointed Board members. Thank you both for accepting the position and we look forward to working with you. I would also like to thank Evan Dewey for his years serving as an Administrative Assistant to the Board and wish him well in his future endeavors and congratulate Carolyn Brewer on her retirement after 14 years of employment with the Board.

A special thank you should also go to the current Board members and staff for all of their dedication and hard work. We would not be in the position we are today without Susan Combs, Executive Director and Betty Adkins, Board Counsel. Thank you both for your continual commitment in helping this Board to serve the people of WV. And, welcome to Christina Lesko, our new Administrative Assistant who has shown so much capability in her short time at the Board office.



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

In regards to Legislation, over the past year we moved our language on specialties to statute and now that dental anesthesia has been added as a specialty, we will be addressing adding it in as well. We also clarified the clinical exam requirements for licensure to be content specific.

We have proposed changes in rules. In series 1 to clarify language where specialties were moved to statute, and process waivers of fees for initial licensure applications for low income and military personnel and spouses. In series 8 to reduce rules in regards to advertising to a minimum as the Board has the ability to go after false and misleading advertising in statute.

Should anyone have any questions or concerns, please contact the Board at any time. We want to hear from you!

Sincerely,

S. Vince Veltri DDS

## DRUG DIVERSION COURSE REQUIREMENTS

“Drug diversion training and best practice prescribing of controlled substances training” means training which includes all of the following:

- \*Drug diversion, including statistical information on prescription drug abuse and resulting deaths. Dentists practicing within West Virginia shall take a course that includes West Virginia statistics. Dentists practicing in other states may take a course that includes statistical information relative to the state they are practicing in.
- \*Epidemiology of pain and misuse of opioids.
- \*Indication for opioids in pain treatment including general characteristics, toxicities and drug interactions.
- \*Identification of diversion and drug seeking tactics and behaviors.
- \*Best practice methods for working with patients suspected of drug seeking behavior and diversion.
- \*Compliance with controlled substances laws and rules.
- \*Registration with and use of the West Virginia Controlled Substances Monitoring Program established in West Virginia Code Chapter 60A, Article 9.
- \*Training on prescribing and administration of an opioid antagonist.

Dentists, upon initial licensure shall complete at least 3 hours of the above within 1 year of licensure. Thereafter, licensed dentists shall complete at least 3 hours of the above every continuing education period. These requirements may be waived for a licensed dentist who has not prescribed, administered, or dispensed a controlled substance during the CE reporting period. There is no waiver for the initial licensure requirement.

## PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF EXPENSES

FISCAL YEAR 2019 EXPENSES	
Salaries & Employee Benefits*	\$256,973.24
Legal Counsel**	\$47,619.78
Contractual***	\$12,400.00
Association Dues	\$7,470.00
Operations/Office Expenses	\$82,966.59
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$407,429.60</b>



\* Includes Staff Salaries, Board and Anesthesia Committee Member per diems.

\*\* Includes Board Staff Counsel and Attorney General pay.

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

## BOARD ACTIONS

2017-DB-0022D - Consent Decree & Order - Reprimand; CE Requirements; Assessment of Costs \$8,600.

2017-DB-0037D - Consent Decree & Order - Reprimand; CE Requirements; Assessment of Costs \$3,384 and a fine of \$1,000. CE Requirements Amended.

2018-DB-0010D, 2018-DB-0015D, 2018-DB-0046D and 2018-DB-0051D - Consent Decree & Order - Reprimand; Refund to Patient \$600, Assessment of Costs \$4,430.62 and a Fine of \$250.

2018-DB-0011D - Consent Decree & Order - Reprimand; CE Requirements; Refund to Patient \$466, Assessment of Costs \$1,500 and a fine of \$1,000.

2018-DB-0022D - Consent Decree & Order - Reprimand; CE Requirements; Assessment of Costs \$534.86 and a Fine of \$1,000.

2018-DB-0039D - Consent Decree & Order - Reprimand; CE Requirements; Assessment of Costs \$1,500 and a Fine of \$5,000.

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## THE BOARD'S MISSION

The West Virginia Board of Dentistry is an agency of the State mandated by legislature to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

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 17 & 18, 2020 - Marriott Town Center, Charleston, WV  
April 24 & 25, 2020 - The Blennerhassett Hotel, Parkersburg, WV  
July 23 & 24, 2020 - The Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, WV