

## Iowa Dental Board

The Iowa Dental Board meeting was held Friday, June 11, 2021 via Zoom. The meeting was well attended. As always the usual attendees included multiple representatives from the Iowa Dental Association (IDA); the Iowa Dental Hygiene Association (IDHA) and their lobbyist; leader representing the Iowa Pediatric Association; representative from Delta Dental Insurance; and a few licensees.

New members of the dental board were introduced. They are Dr. James Nemmers, Megan Clatt, RDH, and Candace Bradley, Public Member.

Board officers were elected as follows Dr. Monica Foley Chairman, Dr. Gregory Ceraso Vice Chairman, and Dr. Lisa Holst secretary. The board members were assigned to the various board committees.

The budget reports for 2021 and 2022 were discussed. License and registration renewals will occur this year. The dental board depends on license and registration fees for funding. Discussion about raising license and registration fees will be considered.

The Governor Reynolds Proclamation of Disaster Emergency will expire June 26. The board is considering guidelines for future dental treatment after the proclamation expires.

The Executive Director position is still vacant. Tiffany Allison is the Interim Director. The board had no report on activity to fill the Executive Director's position at this time.

On an 8 yes to 1 no vote the dental board passed the "Rule making related to training for placing sealants." This rule will allow dental assistants who complete expanded function Level 2 training at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry or another program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation to place sealants.

The following requirements must be met before dental assistants are accepted in the University of Iowa College of Dentistry expanded function Level 2 training.

1. Dental assistants must complete training in all expanded function Level 1 procedures and have a minimum of one year of clinical practice as a certified Level 1 dental assistant.
2. Pass an entrance examination administered by the Level 2 training program.

The University of Iowa College of Dentistry program is offered once per year, involves 5 weekends of training at the dental college, and the fee is approximately \$7,500. The fee does not include travel and lodging expenses.

Representatives Dr. Steve Bradley, Cascade, and Dr. Tom Jeneary, Le Mars, have been active and supportive of dental bills in the Iowa House of Representatives this year. Approximately 5 bills have originated in the house due to their activity. Please thank them and provide support for them. Their legislative roles are extremely important for dental issues in the Iowa legislature.

The next dental board meeting is scheduled in August 5, 6 2021. Please consider attending the meeting. The meetings are now via Zoom. Zoom makes the meeting very accessible to all dentists in the state. The dental board respects and appreciates the attendance and involvement of dental licensees. Our presence and voices make a difference. Again please consider attending and making your voice heard.

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