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President's Message

This has been a busy year for the Dental Board of California (Board). To keep up with a rapidly changing environment in the field of dentistry, some major changes have occurred in the Board's standing committees. In recognition of the significant work before the Examination Committee, which includes the ongoing activities to get regulations in place to enact the first dental school-based portfolio examination process, additional members have been added to that Committee.

An Access to Care Committee has been formed in keeping with the Board's Strategic Plan to maintain awareness of the changes and challenges within the dental community and to serve as a resource to the dental workforce. The Committee will explore methods for promoting diversity within the dental community. It will also collect workforce data pertaining to workforce capacity and will explore other issues relative to access to care, including information on innovative programs.

In May, the Board was invited to participate in the Bay Area Prescription Drug Abuse Summit. The event was hosted in part by the U.S. Attorney in partnership with many other organizations involved in efforts to combat drug addiction. Specifically, we were asked to provide background on our prescriptive authority and enforcement activity. State and national focus is being directed to the alarming statistics on prescription drug abuse, particularly opioid-based drugs for pain. Striking data was presented on the number of deaths resulting from painkillers and the connection between pain pill abuse and heroin addiction.

At its last meeting, the Board formed a committee to look at whether some proactive steps are appropriate within the dental community. An important first step will be educating the Board on the scope of the problem and what other healing arts boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs are doing. This committee will have its hands full through the fall and winter.

Lastly, the Board has rulemaking changes in progress. Work has begun to delegate authority



Board President Fran Burton

to the Executive Officer to adopt a stipulated settlement if an action to revoke a license has been filed and the licensee agrees to surrender the license for sexual misconduct. The Portfolio licensure examination requirements rulemaking is also in progress. On future agendas, the Board will also initiate regulations for the abandonment of applications, as well as provisions for a regulatory proposal relative to licensure by credential.

This fall, the Board and staff will spend time preparing for its Sunset Review process. The Board will be submitting its report to the Legislature by November 1, 2014. Legislative Oversight Hearings will be held in 2015. We welcome this time to look at what we are doing and ways to continually fulfill our mission as transparently and efficiently as possible.

It has been a distinct honor and pleasure to serve as Board President and to be the first public member to serve in this capacity. My goal is to always stand squarely in the place of absolute commitment to the Board's mission and vision to promote the health and safety of consumers in the State of California.

I invite you to view our webcasts or attend a quarterly meeting in your area.

The Mission of the Dental Board of California

The mission of the Dental Board of California is to protect and promote the health and safety of consumers of the State of California.

Board Meetings are Accessible to All

Dental Board of California (Board) meetings are open to the public and are accessible to people with disabilities. If you need a disability-related accommodation, please contact Karen Fischer, Executive Officer, for assistance. She can be reached at 2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1550, Sacramento, CA, 95815, or by phone at (916) 263-2300. Please provide five-days advance notice when making your request.

The final Board meeting of the year will be held November 6–7, 2014, in the Los Angeles area. The venue is yet to be determined.



First Public Member to Lead the Dental Board of California

By Karen M. Fischer, MPA – Executive Officer

Each year, at the last quarterly meeting, the Dental Board of California (Board) elects its Executive Committee consisting of the President, Vice President, and Secretary to serve during the next year. At the end of 2013, by unanimous decision, the Board elected Ms. Fran Burton, a public member, to serve as Board President during 2014. As far back as anyone can remember, the Board has always had a dentist serve in this position. Ms. Burton therefore is the first non-dentist and public member to fill the office of President.

Ms. Burton, who prefers to be called Fran, is no stranger to making public policy decisions and serving in leadership roles, having been appointed to a number of high-level administration positions including Deputy Director of Legislative and Governmental Affairs in the Department of Health Services and the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs; and Associate Secretary of Programs and Legislation for the Health and Human Services Agency. In addition, Fran has served as a special consultant to two Presidents Pro Tempore of the Senate, Bill Lockyer and John Burton.

She was appointed to the Board as a public member in 2009 by the current President Pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg; and has been an active member of the Board since that time. Fran has served on the Board's Executive Committee as Secretary and Vice President before taking on the presidency. She has chaired the Legislative Committee each year since her initial appointment; and also has been Chair and Vice Chair to the Access to Care Committee.



Fran Burton being sworn in as a member of the Dental Board of California for a second term by President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Darrell Steinberg.

In addition, she has been a member of the Board's Committees on Preventive Enforcement, Cultural Diversity in Dentistry, Dental Assisting, Examinations, and most recently, Prescription Drug Abuse. Like the other members, Fran takes her appointment to the Board very seriously. She studies the issues and is prepared for discussions.

The relationships that she has established with staffers and elected officials within State government are significant. Many know her and respect her on both sides of the political aisle.

Her knowledge and expertise in the State Legislature and State government has served the Board well.

Send Us Your Feedback!

We hope you find the *DBC Newsletter* useful. We welcome your comments and suggestions for future issues. You can contact us by phone at (916) 263 2300 or by e-mail at dentalboard@dca.ca.gov.

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Board Welcomes New Members in 2013 and 2014

The Dental Board of California (Board) is comprised of 15 members. The Governor appoints three of the public members, the dental hygienist member, the dental assistant member, and the eight licensed dentist members of the Board. The Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly each appoint one public member.

During the past 18 months, the Governor has made the following appointments:

Yvette Chappell-Ingram was appointed as a public member in 2013. She has been President and Chief Executive Officer of the African American Board Leadership Institute since 2010. She has been assigned to the Examination Committee and the Licensing, Certification, and Permits Committee.

Katie Dawson, RDH, was appointed as a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH) member in 2013. She is a 1976 graduate of the University of California at San Francisco Dental Hygiene program, and is a 2010 graduate of the University of Pacific's RDH Alternative Practice program. Her committee assignments include the Enforcement Committee and the Access to Care Committee. She also serves as the 2014 liaison to the Dental Hygiene Committee of California.

Kathleen King was appointed as a public member in 2013. She retired from Applied Materials, Inc., and is currently the Executive Director of the Santa Clara Family Health Foundation. She serves on the Access to Care Committee.

Meredith McKenzie, ESQ, was appointed as a public member in 2013. McKenzie has been Vice President and Deputy General Counsel at Juniper Networks since 2012. Her committee assignments are the Legislative and Regulatory Committee and the Access to Care Committee.

Ross Lai, DDS, was appointed as a dentist member in 2013. He has been the owner of Ross Carlton Lai, DDS, since 1985; Director at Lai Enterprises, Inc., since 2005; and the founder of LAI Dental Group since 2011. He has been assigned to the Examination Committee and the Enforcement Committee.

Thomas Stewart, DDS, was appointed as a dentist member in 2013. He has been in private

practice since 1976. Prior to joining the Board, Stewart served in a variety of positions with the California Dental Association and was President in 2010. His committee assignments are Legislative and Regulatory Committee, Enforcement Committee, Access to Care Committee, and the Prescription Drug Abuse Committee. He is also the liaison to the Diversion Evaluation Committee.

Debra Woo, DDS, was appointed as a dentist member in 2014. She is in private practice and is also an Assistant Professor at the University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry. She is assigned to the Examination Committee.

The Governor also re-appointed Judith Forsythe, RDA, and Steven Morrow, DDS, MS, to serve the Board for a second term; the Speaker of the Assembly re-appointed Steven Afriat, who is a public member. The seven new members and three re-appointments join remaining members Fran Burton, MSW, public member; and Drs. Stephen Casagrande, Luis Dominicis, Huong Le, and Bruce Whitcher to complete the 15-member Board. Additional biographical information, photos, and committee assignments for each member can be found on the Board's website at www.dbc.ca.gov/about_us/board_members.shtml.

Finding Meeting Notices Online

In our ongoing effort to provide all interested parties with the most current information, we are now posting all Dental Board of California (Board) meeting notices and materials on our website at www.dbc.ca.gov.

Interested parties are encouraged to sign up by going to www.dbc.ca.gov and clicking on the link "E-Mail Mailing List" on the left-hand side of the page under "Quick Hits." This is a free service that notifies subscribers via e-mail alerts of any updates to the Board website, such as meeting notices, agendas and materials, regulation and legislation updates, examination news, and general information.

If you would prefer to continue to receive notices by mail service, please send your request in writing to:

Dental Board of California
Attn: Linda Byers
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Sacramento, CA 95815

The Vision of the Dental Board of California

The Dental Board of California will be the leader in public protection, promotion of oral health, and access to quality care.



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Future issues of the *DBC Newsletter* can be viewed at and downloaded from the Dental Board of California's (Board's) website, www.dbc.ca.gov. By subscribing to the Board's e-mail notification list, you will be notified when a new issue is available and provided with an online link to the document.

To sign up for the notification, go to www.dbc.ca.gov and select the "E-mail Mailing List" from the "Quick Hits" menu on the left side of the page. Enter your e-mail address and click on "Submit." It is that simple. To confirm your identity, an e-mail message requesting confirmation will be sent to the e-mail address you provide. Please follow the instructions in that message.

If you would like to continue to be notified of new issues of the *DBC Newsletter*, you must keep your e-mail address current on this list.

There is no charge for this service.

The Hot Sheet

Administrative Actions Taken by the Board (July 2014)

This page displays an alphabetical listing of actions taken by the Dental Board of California (Board) during the specified period. To verify the license or permit of any one of the Board's licensees, and view disciplinary documents if applicable, the following steps may be helpful:

1. From the homepage, www.dbc.ca.gov, select "License Verification" from the subject tabs displayed across the top of the page.
2. Select "License Verification" listed.
3. Select the license or permit type.
4. On the "License Search" page, enter either the LAST NAME ONLY or the LICENSE NUMBER ONLY (no letter prefix).
5. If your search was by license number, when you hit "Enter", the desired licensee's name should be displayed. If by last name, there may be a list from which you will select the desired name.
6. Do a left-click over the name of your licensee, and on the next page, scroll down and select the document you want to view and/or print.

If you use the following link, www.dbc.ca.gov/verification/license_verification.shtml, begin at step 3, above.

Adkins, Jennifer Lynn, RDA 68889

Accusation filed 7-29-14

Billones, Kristina Nicole, RDA 78160

3 years probation effective 7-31-14

Bonilla, Margarita, RDA 69856

Voluntary Surrender of license 7-31-14

Dove, Edward E., DDS 51010

Accusation filed 7-1-14

Escobar, William Herbert, RDA 71275

Accusation filed 7-25-14

Ginzburg, Bill E., DDS 40241

3 years probation effective 7-27-14

Henley, Melissa Michele, RDA 69411

Accusation filed 7-14-14

Jeboda, Oluleke Soladotun, DDS applicant

License granted upon completion of all licensing requirements, no probation effective 7-26-14

Kim, Bock Jung, DDS 48728

Accusation filed 7-25-14

Martinez, Veronica, RDA 67887

5 years probation effective 7-27-14

Medinnus, Mark Grant, DDS 33630

Revoked effective 7-6-14

Newhart, Damian Loren, DDS 47763

Revoked effective 7-6-14

Rens, Robert D., DDS 16621

3rd Amended Accusation filed 7-18-14

Rodriguez, Hector Daniel, RDA 83213

License granted with 3 years probation, effective 7-31-14

Torres, Jose, RDA 67614

PC 23 Order issued 7-23-14

Tsuei, Mark, DDS 35794

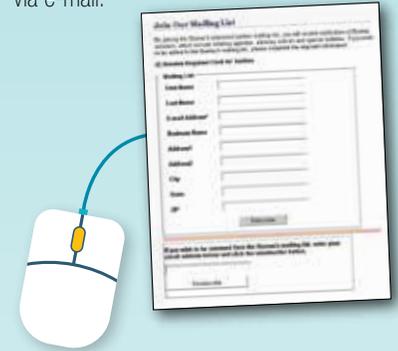
Petition for Reinstatement of Revoked License granted with 3 years probation effective 7-6-14

Violette, Jennifer Dawn, RDA 79236

Petition to Revoke Probation filed 7-29-14

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*Board Officers are elected at the last meeting of the calendar year and serve in that capacity for one year.

As of 7-31-2014