

Minutes of the Meeting
February 21, 2003

On the 21st of February 2003, Dr. Susan H. Wamble, President, called the meeting of the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners to order. The following members were present:

Susan H. Wamble, D.D.S.
Joseph Deatherage, D.M.D., M.D.
W. Gene Jines, D.D.S.
Jan K. Blancett, R.D.H.
Ruby Faulconer
Barbara Fletcher
Thomas Isbell, D.D.S.
E. Wayne Looney, D.D.S.
David E. Walker, D.D.S.

Ms. Judith Rickard, Executive Director, and William H. Trice, Board Attorney, were also present.

Dr. Wamble asked for a motion for approval of the Minutes from January 10, 2003. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

Michael A. Skelton appeared before the Board to interview for a dental hygiene license by credentials. With all paperwork in, motions were made and seconded to accept Mr. Skelton's application for licensure. The motion passed.

At this time the Board discussed the nominee for AADE's Citizen of the Year. Dr. Looney recommended Dr. Wendell Garrett. The Board agreed by consensus.

Dr. Ross Atkinson appeared before the Board for a conference as a requirement of his probation resulting from his Hearing of September 20, 2002. After a few questions, the Board thanked Dr. Atkinson for coming.

A letter from Stanley B. Peck, Executive Director of the American Dental Hygienists' Association, was the next item for discussion. Mr. Peck requests the Board clarify to all licensees the revised definition of the code for an adult prophylaxis. Ms. Blancett will draft a response and present it to the Board at the next meeting.

Next on the agenda was a letter from Frank A. Barksdale concerning the treatment of his son by two dentists due to an alleged problem of scope of practice. Mr. Trice is to draft a letter to Mr. Barksdale in order to obtain the patient records for review by an oral surgeon.

A letter from Dr. Mouden, Director of the Office of Oral Health, asking the Board to become a member of the Arkansas Oral Health Coalition was the next item on the agenda. After a brief discussion, a motion was made and seconded for the Board to join the Coalition. The motion passed. Dr. Isbell volunteered to represent the Board at the Coalition's monthly meetings.

The Board reviewed requests to be allowed to renew from three dental hygienists who had indicated no active practice for the past two years on their renewal forms for 2003. After additional correspondence and verification it was determined that Yvonne D. Chauvin did work for an out of state dentist in the year 2001. A motion was made and seconded to allow Ms. Chauvin to renew her license to continue practicing as a dental hygienists in the State of Arkansas. The motion passed.

The second dental hygienist, Caroline W. Smith, has not worked during the past two years due to medical problems. Prior renewals indicated she hasn't worked in four years. A motion was made and seconded to send Ms. Smith a letter informing her that she may reapply for an Arkansas dental hygiene license after SRTA retesting. The motion passed.

Joyce Ann Luker also indicated no work for the past two years. In additional correspondence Ms. Luker stated she had performed "prophylaxis treatment as well as patient education on family and friend". A motion was made to allow renewal of Ms. Luker's dental hygiene license upon receiving written documentation of practice dates and locations. The motion passed.

In the Attorney's Report, Mr. Trice discussed the 2003 legislative proposals and bills. A bill to issue a provisional license to foreign trained dentists had been introduced by Senator Bisbee. A motion was made and seconded to support the bill. The motion passed. Mr. Trice informed the Board of the budget and the biennial renewal bills and their status'. Next Mr. Trice reminded the Board of the Public Hearing concerning Article XIV scheduled for April 18th. Ms. Blancett suggest a few minor changes that were not substantive.

In the Director's Report, Ms. Rickard discussed the financial reports for December and January. With no questions, Ms. Rickard's report was concluded.

Dr. W. Gene Jines gave the Complaint Committee report. The Committee met this morning in the Board office and reviewed twenty complaints. Ten complaints were found to have no apparent violation. Five complaints will be continued for further investigation. Two will receive a letter from Mr. Trice and Mr. Trice will review one file for the Committee. The Committee recommended charges be filed against Dr. David Lynn Ouellette for professional incompetency and poor standard of care. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The Committee also recommended charges against five hygienists and one dentist for practicing after February 1st without renewing their 2003 licenses. A motion was made and seconded to allow Mr. Trice to offer each person a Consent Order fining them \$100 a day for every business day practiced after February 5th until their renewal/relicensing was completed. The motion passed.

In the report from the Rules and Regulations Committee, Ms. Blancett told the Board the Committee had met the previous evening in the Board office and discussed minor changes to Article XIV and revising Article XV concerning infection control. The Committee would like to invite Ms. Katy Warren and Ms. Nadine Curtis to the next meeting to assist with drafting the proposed changes on infection control. In conclusion, Ms. Blancett directed the Board to replace several updated articles in the Board's Rules in their notebooks with new ones provided.

In his report on SRTA business, Dr. Looney distributed a letter from Dr. Wendell Garrett to the Board members and reminded them of SRTA calibration in the morning at the Board office.

The following requests for usage of a fictitious name were approved:

Pediatric Dental Associates (Tonya Smith, D.D.S.)
Southern Oral Pathology Center (Kay Amin Cashman, D.D.S.)
Arkansas Dental Health Associates (Daniel Beavers, D.D.S.)

In other business, Mr. Trice requested each Board member read statues A.C.A. 17-82-316 and 17-82-301 concerning practicing without a license. Mr. Trice asked each member to call the Board office on Monday to vote whether or not to pursue charges against the late renewers.

Mr. Billy Tarpley, Executive Director of the Arkansas State Dental Association, asked for copies of the Board Newsletter to be sent to the Association office and briefed the Board members on the proposal from the Arkansas State Dental Hygiene Association concerning Article XI. Mr. Tarpley mentioned that the proposal would be on the next agenda of the Executive Council.

Dr. Looney requested funds to purchased additional copies of the AADE Composites for the Rules and Regulations Committee. Dr. Wamble stated she should send her copy to Dr. Looney.

Mr. Tarpley informed the Board of "Give Kids a Smile Day".

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for April 18, 2003, on the lower level of Mainstreet Mall, Conference Room C.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Gene Jines, D.D.S.
Secretary/Treasurer