



## MINUTES OF THE MEETING July 14, 2006

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2006, Dr. E. Wayne Looney, President, called the annual meeting of the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners to order. The following members were present:

E. Wayne Looney, D.D.S.  
Thomas M. Isbell, D.D.S.  
John W. Ross, D.D.S.  
David Walker, D.D.S.  
Robert L. Jolly, Sr., D.D.S.  
Jan K. Blancett, R.D.H.  
Ruby Faulconer  
Barbara Fletcher

Executive Director Donna Cobb and Attorney William Trice were also present.

Dr. Looney requested a motion for approval of the Minutes from May 12, 2006. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Minutes as written. The motion passed.

Dr. Valerie Rockacy appeared before the Board for an Arkansas dental license by credentials. With all paperwork in, a motion was made and seconded to issue a license to Dr. Rockacy; the motion passed.

Jacquelynn Galban and Charity Torpey each appeared before the Board for an Arkansas dental hygiene license by credentials. With all paperwork in, a motion was made and seconded to issue a license to Ms. Galban; the motion passed. A motion was made and seconded to issue a license to Ms. Torpey pending passage of the Arkansas Jurisprudence Examination and receipt of her Michigan license verification by the Board office; the motion passed.

Per Board Orders, the following dentists appeared before the Board to give an update on their progress:

- Dr. John Hargett  
Dr. Hargett reported that he is doing well and is in compliance with his Medical Foundation contract and Board Order. The Board agreed to allow Dr. Hargett to attend every other Board meeting, rather than every meeting.
- Deana Priest, RDH  
Ms. Priest reported that she has not yet paid her disciplinary fine and, although she is currently unemployed, she has been interviewing for jobs and remains in compliance with her Medical Foundation contract and Board Order.
- Dr. William Jarrod Stewart  
Dr. Stewart reported that he is also doing well and has had no negative screenings. The Board agreed to allow him to attend every other meeting.
- Dr. Rebecca Conine  
The Board called an Executive Session and spoke with Dr. Conine.

The Board wished each of the above dentists well.

The following provisional licensees appeared before the Board to give an update on their progress:

- Dr. Alberto Sandoval (with his sponsors, Drs. Martin Zoldessy and Brian Shelton)  
Drs. Zoldessy and Shelton reported that Dr. Sandoval is doing well and will revisit the Board on September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Dr. Alejandra Taveras (with her sponsor, Dr. Tom Kennedy)  
Dr. Kennedy reported that Dr. Taveras is doing very well in his dental practice. The Board also discussed a letter from Dr. Guarionex DeCastro, requesting that Dr. Taveras work with him at River City Ministry Health Clinic on Saturdays. The Board wanted Dr. DeCastro to meet with the Board for further discussion of his request. Dr. Taveras will also revisit the Board on September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Dr. Patricia Zarruk (with her sponsor, Dr. James Bevans)  
Dr. Bevans reported that Dr. Zarruk is doing well in his dental practice and they will revisit the Board on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Board wished each of the dentists well.

The Board reviewed an email from Carsten Loelke, president of *Dental Help Makes Kids Smile*. In his email, he wanted to know if mobile dental units are allowed in Arkansas, would his company be welcomed in Arkansas to provide dental services in underserved areas for Medicaid patients and does the owner of the dental unit have to be an Arkansas-licensed dentist? Attorney Trice

suggested that Mr. Loelke send an official letter and that the Board need not respond to the email until Mr. Loelke sends a more concrete letter.

The Board reviewed a letter from Dr. L.B. Stringfellow who wanted the Board to support him in attempting to get pulp testing covered by insurance companies. The Board responded that although it recognizes that this is a legitimate procedure when needed, the matter is outside of the Board's jurisdiction.

Next the Board discussed a letter from Jan Blancett inquiring, in the Arkansas Department of Correction system, can a dentist send prosthetic devices directly to a patient who has been paroled. Mr. Trice suggested that Ms. Blancett send a letter to the former inmates informing them that she is in possession of their prosthetic devices.

A letter from Dr. Michael Higginbotham, explaining his requested fictitious name *Distinctive Dentistry*, was the next item of discussion. Dr. Higginbotham's fictitious name was denied at the May 12, 2006 Board meeting. After some discussion, Dr. Isbell made a motion to approve the fictitious name. The motion died for lack of a second.

The Board elected the following officers and specialty examination supervisors for the 2006-2007 year:

Officers:

President: Thomas Isbell, DDS  
Vice-president: John Ross, DDS  
Secretary/Treasurer: Marc Muncy, DDS

Specialty examination supervisors:

Endodontics: Robert Jolly, DDS  
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery: Marc Muncy, DDS  
Orthodontics: Thomas Isbell, DDS  
Pediatric Dentistry: E. Wayne Looney, DDS  
Periodontics: John Ross, DDS  
Prosthodontics: David Walker, DDS

The Board also reviewed the fees for 2006-2007 and, with no changes, a motion was made and seconded to approve the current fees that are charged by the Board; the motion passed.

Dr. Ann Slaughter Smith appeared before the Board in response to an Order and Notice of Hearing in which she was charged with diverting scheduled medication for her own use and for non-dental reasons and for exhibiting an addiction to scheduled medication. As a result of the Hearing, Dr. Smith's license to practice dentistry in Arkansas was revoked, with the revocation stayed for five years for so long as she complies with the following conditions of stay:

- Enter into a contract for rehabilitation and monitoring for five years with the Arkansas Medical Foundation and comply with the terms of her contract with the Foundation.
- Authorize the Foundation to provide evidence and proof of her compliance or failure of compliance with her Foundation contract.
- Authorize her treating physician to provide quarterly reports to the Foundation and the Board as to her mental and physical state and her suitability and capability to practice dentistry.
- Reimburse the Board the costs of its investigation and hearing in the amount of \$595.10 within in six months.
- Attend such meetings of the Board as required to, during the next five years, to provide the Board with proof of her compliance or failure of compliance with her contract for monitoring and rehabilitation as well as proof of her practice of dentistry in the State of Arkansas.
- Provide a copy of her Board Order to any employer or licensed dentist with whom she may be working so that they are aware of her history with this Board during the five years.

Upon compliance with the above conditions of stay for a period of five years her license will become unencumbered. However if she fails to comply with the above conditions of stay, her Arkansas dental license will be revoked.

In her Board office update, Ms. Cobb informed the Board that financial reports were in their packets for review and that any questions regarding them should be directed to Kris Palmer. Also, the proposed meeting dates for November 2006 to July 2007 were in the Board members' packets. The Board set November 17, 2006 as a meeting date; however, the Board felt it was too early to schedule further dates and would do so at the September 8, 2006, Board meeting.

Dr. John Ross gave the Complaint Committee Report. The Committee met the previous evening and reviewed seventeen complaints. Fourteen of the complaints were found to have no apparent violation. Two complaints will receive a letter. One complaint was tabled for further investigation. The next Complaint Committee meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2006, at 6 pm.

Jan Blancett gave the Rules and Regulations Committee Report. The committee met the previous evening and discussed Article V, concerning advertising, and Article XVI, concerning Local Anesthesia for Dental Hygienists. Drafts of those Articles were distributed and Ms. Blancett requested the Board members be prepared to discuss them at the September meeting. The Committee also suggested that addresses for all dental practice locations be listed on license renewal forms. The Board concurred.

A conference was held with Dr. Rebecca Edwards to discuss her advertising. After much questioning of Dr. Edwards by Mr. Trice and the Board, a motion was made and seconded to table the discussion with Dr. Edwards until she amended her advertisements and presented them to the Board for review.

The Oral Health Coalition meeting reports for May 16<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup> were in the Board members' packets for review.

The Board reviewed and approved the following fictitious name requests:

*The Center for Smiles* by Dr. Carl Friddle  
*Heritage Dental Group, PA* by Dr. Lindsey Dolan  
*Kidds Dental Center* by Dr. Stephanie Baldwin  
*Oral and Facial Surgical Center* by Drs. Scotty Bolding and Steven Skoch  
*Pediatric Dentistry of Eastern Arkansas* by Dr. Djuana Cartillar  
*Smile Designs* by Dr. Butch Hamlett  
*Rowe & Rowe Smile Studio, PA* by Drs. W. Johnston & Kristy Roberts Rowe

In the SRTA report, Drs. Looney informed the Board of problems with the dental hygiene testing at Meharry Medical College. Dr. Isbell recommended that Dr. Ross be nominated to the SRTA Board of Directors, Dr. Muncy be nominated to the Nominating Committee and Dr. Looney be nominated to the Exam Committee. The Board concurred.

Dr. Kurt Solera appeared with his attorney Chaney Taylor in response to an Order and Notice of Hearing in which he was charged with using a fictitious name without approval from the Board. As a result, Dr. Solera was ordered to pay a fine of \$1000 within six months, refrain from utilizing the fictitious name, *Solera Dental Spa* until he receives approval from the Board to do so, and provide the Board a copy of a letter he sends to various advertising sources asking them not to utilize the name *Solera Dental Spa* in the future pending further instructions from Dr. Solera.

A motion was made and seconded to issue an Emergency Order of Suspension to Dr. Eric Sharks for his failure to appear before the Board per subpoena.

Dr. David Van Winkle appeared before the Board to explain why he did not send proof of fifty hours of continuing education in a timely manner. Dr. Van Winkle submitted proof of the missing hours and the conference was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John W. Ross" followed by the initials "JRS". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John W. Ross, D.D.S.  
Secretary/Treasurer