In Attendance

**Board Members**
Dr. Drew Toole, Dr. C.W. Dill, Dr. L. Frederick Church, Jr., Dr. Carl Plyler, Dr. James Moore, Jennifer Lamb, Donna White, and Nancy Dunlap

**Board Staff**
Donna, Cobb (Executive Director), Meredith Rogers (Investigator), and Kevin O’Dwyer (Attorney)

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the November 17, 2017 minutes.

Public Hearings

Public Hearings were held on proposed Articles VII (“Announcement of Specialization and Limitation of Practice”), IX (“Credentials Required in Issuing Dental or Dental Hygiene License”), and XXI (“Tele Dentistry: Requirement for All Services Provided by Dentist Using Tele Dentistry”).

**Article VII**: No one spoke in favor of the proposed Article. Letters from two dentists, Drs. Mark Willis and James Lee, were read stating their opposition to the proposed Article. A Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the proposed changes to Article VII.

**Article IX**: No one spoke in favor of the proposed Article. A letter from Dr. Mark Willis was read stating his opposition to the proposed Article. A Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the proposed changes to Article IX.

**Article XXI**: No one spoke in favor of the proposed Article. Zachary Hoard, an attorney representing *Smile Direct Club* and Arkansas licensed dentist Dr. Danny Leeds stated their opposition to the proposed Article. A Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the new Article XXI.

Attendances Per Board/Consent Order

**Drs. Aaron LaMaster, Nancy Malcolm, and Shannon Gore Wright** each appeared before the Board with Dr. Bradley Diner of the Arkansas Medical Foundation.

Dr. Diner reported that Dr. LaMaster has completed his contract with the Arkansas Medical Foundation and has satisfied the terms of his Board Order. A Motion was made, seconded and passed to issue Dr. LaMaster an Order dismissing his previous Board Order. The Board wished him continued success in his professional and personal endeavors.

Dr. Diner reported that Drs. Malcolm and Wright continue to be compliant, and each will revisit the Board on March 16, 2018.
Interviews for Dental Licensure by Credentials

The following dentists each appeared before the Board for an Arkansas dental license by credentials:

- Anthony Michail, DMD
- James Pledger, DDS
- Patton Minkin, DDS
- Kimberly Kelley, DDS

After some discussion, motions were made, seconded and passed to issue dental licenses to Drs. Michail, Pledger, Minkin and Kelley.

Approval of Nitrous Course Instructor

Ann Nguyen, RDH appeared before the Board to request approval to be a Board-approved nitrous oxide instructor. After some discussion, a Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve her as an instructor provided that an Arkansas licensed dentist is present during the administration of nitrous oxide.

Conference with Dr. Derrick Johnson

The Board reviewed an email from Dr. Derrick Johnson asking if a registered nurse can administer Botox. Since Dr. Johnson was not present, the matter was tabled and will be revisited at the next Board meeting in March. Kevin O'Dwyer agreed to contact the Arkansas State Board of Nursing. The Board also declared that dentists are allowed to administer Botox for dental related reasons if they have taken a course to do so.

Fictitious Name Requests

The Board reviewed and approved the following fictitious name requests:

- Diemer Family Dental requested by Chase C. Diemer, DDS
- My Dentist-Van Buren, My Dentist-Russellville, Sunset Avenue Dental, Fort Smith Smiles, Family Dental Care of Rogers, and Dental Care of Fayetteville requested by Robert Mongrain, DMD.

Reports

Board Office Report

Donna Cobb reported that financial reports were available for review. She reminded the Board members that the Statement of Financial Interest are due January 31st.

In accordance with Act 1211 of 1995, a Motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board members’ stipend of $110 plus expenses; the motion passed.

Complaint Committee Report

The Committee met the previous evening and reviewed two complaints. No action was taken on either complaint. The next Complaint Committee meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2018.

Rules & Regulations Committee Report

Discussion was had regarding Articles VII, IX, and XXI which are set for public hearing.
Articles VII and XXI were found to be ready with no further recommendation from the Committee other than to move for adoption. The Committee discussed the following recommended changes to Article IX:

- Clarification is needed regarding item C.
- In D 3 the word “working” be added to read “10 working days”.
- Strike the line (ii) (in D. 3. (ii)).
- Strike 4. (in D. 4) and moving entire verbiage to F. (ii).
- Add to E. Dental Hygienist to allow for Dental Hygienists to apply for temporary charitable licenses as well.

Kevin O’Dwyer informed the Committee that the current process for rules is that rules are approved by the Governor prior to being set for Public Hearing. The next Rules and Regulations Committee meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2018.

**Attorney’s Report**

Kevin O’Dwyer informed the Board that there is a hold on the Article concerning the prescription monitoring program. He also reminded the Board to advertise for the Board Attorney position. Candidates for the position will be interviewed at the March Board meeting.

**Other Business**

Dr. Church reported that the next PMP (prescription monitoring program) meeting is scheduled for March 13th.

A Motion was made, seconded and passed to allow Jennifer Lamb, RDH to be the hygiene representative for SRTA (Southern Regional Testing Agency).

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2018 at 8:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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