

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS  
MAY 13, 2009 MEETING**

Present John Langfeldt, Chair, Raymond McCandless, John Lavoie, Katherine Silloway, Gertrude Hodge, Linda Retchin, Rena Chernick, Edward Pantzar and Richard Dickinson. Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Larry Novins, Rita Knapp and Diane Lafaille; Others: Peter Taylor, Crystal Pierce and Robin Miller.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.
2. The minutes of the April 8, 2009 meeting were approved with typographical corrections.
3. Old Business
  - A. The Dental Hygiene Jurisprudence examination will be updated. Ms. Retchin, Ms. Chernick and Dr. Lavoie will serve on a sub-committee to review the current draft and bring changes/additions/corrections back to the Board at its July meeting.
  - B. Dr. Lavoie, Dr. Pantzar, Ms. Chernick and Ms. Retchin reviewed the local anesthesia examination. Housekeeping changes were made and approved by the Board. The subcommittee will continue to work on content and bring back to the Board for review at its July meeting. The subcommittee has put in a considerable amount of time reviewing this examination.

It should be noted that the Board is comfortable with this examination as it is and it is just looking to improve the examination.

Dr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Ms. Hodge, that all future examinations, will be conducted by a member of the Board. The Board feels that this presence is important. When the Office of Professional Regulation is contacted that Vermont Technical College's students are ready to take the local anesthesia examination, a date will be set, the Board will be contacted and a member of the Board will administer the examination to the students.
4. Closing Reports/Complaint Discussion/Hearings
  - A. Renni Benny, B.D.S. – Dr. Benny requested to open the preliminary denial hearing. The Board is planning to hear this at its July 2009 meeting.
5. New Business
  - A. Rebecca Beauregard, RDH sent the Board an e-mail asking if it is legal to charge a patient for a periodic exam if the dentist only checks the radiographs from another room, but does not actually look in the patient's mouth clinically and if it is law that the dentist must look in the patient's mouth and do a clinical exam at least once a year. Ms. Knapp was requested to respond to her that you can only charge for actual services rendered. A dental examination is a process, in which a dentist examines the teeth and gums for signs of disease or irregularity.

Ms. Beauregard was referred to the Board's April 2003 newsletter, which states that a dentist has a responsibility to periodically see patients whose dental services in their practice. And while the frequency of evaluations by the dentist are not defined in the laws, they should be regular in nature. The Board considers regular to be, at least, annually.

- B. Sodhi Reetika and Gaurav Malik submitted letters to the Board stating that they are dental students at Boston University and will be completing their requirements for graduation on June 30<sup>th</sup> and will be receiving a course completion certificate on this date, but the diploma will not be given until September. They were wondering if receiving the course completion certificate allows for them to submit application for licensure and be issued a license to practice or if they have to wait until they actually receive the diploma in September before applying for licensure.

The Board has determined that Section 801 of the Statute is very clear and it states in part, "Any person who... is a graduate of a dental college...". Therefore, the Board is not able to grant a license to practice until they have officially received their diploma. Approved.

- C. Dr. William Guild submitted a request for continuing education for a workshop on Periodontal Diagnosis and Treatment. Dr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Dr. Silloway, to approve this course for 2 continuing education credits. Approved.

6. Other

- A. The Board will begin drafting a newsletter to be sent out with the 2009 renewals. Members of the Board will have their drafts ready for Ms. Knapp at its July meeting.

Dr. Silloway – Bio and statistics  
Dr. Pantzar – Updating of local anesthesia examination and jurisprudence  
Dr. Langsfeldt – Letter from Chara and an article on the website  
Dr. Dickinson – Oral Exams  
Dr. Lavoie – Making changes in Rules and revisiting statutes.

7. The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille