

**OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
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MONTPELIER, VT**

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
JANUARY 9, 2013 MEETING**

Present: Katherine Silloway, Chair, Gertrude Hodge, Joanne Bugbee, Edward Pantzar, Jennie Reed, Gerald Theberge, Randall Miller, Mimi Kevan and David Baasch; Absent: Dixie Vallie and John Lavoie; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Larry Novins, Peter Comart, Christopher Winters, Director and Diane Lafaille.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. The minutes of the December 12, 2012 meeting were approved as written.
3. The Board welcomed Dr. Baasch and Ms. Kevan to the Board.
4. Director Christopher Winters came to speak with the Board about going paperless. He stated that in the interest of efficiency and cost-savings, he is proposing we stop issuing paper licenses at renewal time. Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Ms. Bugbee, that the Board accept Director Winter's proposal. Approved.
5. Hearings/Stipulations/Closing Reports/Removals/Case Manager's Report:

Case Managers Report: Tabled.

R. Scott DeBruin – Removal of Conditions – Dr. Theberge moved, seconded by Ms. Reed, to remove the conditions from Dr. DeBruin's license. Approved. Ms. Kevan abstained from voting.
6. Old Business
 - a. Attorney Novins presented the Board with a Policy on Optional ADEX Clinical Periodontal Examination and Board Rule 4.2(d)(1), The Board of Dental Examiners Administrative Rule 4.2(d)(1), which states: "The application and accompanying documents must show that the applicant:...(d)(1) Has passed every part of one of the following examinations: (1) the American Dental Licensing Exam (ADLEX) administered by the Northeast Regional Board (NERB)...;" ADEX offers a clinical periodontal examination which it labels as "optional." The Board considers that optional portion to not be part of the ADEX exam for purposes of Rule 4.2(d)(1). The Board therefore interprets Rule 4.2(d)(1) not to require for licensure passage of the optional clinical periodontal portion of the ADEX." Dr. Pantzar moved, seconded by Ms. Hodge, to accept this policy. Approved. Ms. Kevan abstained from voting.

7. New Business

- a. Katy Knapp wrote the Board asking if a dental hygienist is seeing a patient in her chair that the dentist will be seeing in his schedule for restorative purposes following the hygiene appointment, is that hygienist able to administer local anesthesia for the dentist. The Board stated no, this is not allowed at this time. However, there is proposed language in the OPR office bill to change this and if passed by Legislature, this will become effective July 1, 2013.
- b. Heidi Considine wrote the Board that she is enrolled full time at a college where she is furthering her education in the biological science program and she is wondering if she can apply these classes to fulfill the 18 continuing education credits she needs for renewal of her dental hygiene license. The Board states that she can use 3 credits for the non scientific courses required and 1 credit for the course in emergency office procedure, but cannot use these classes to fulfill the clinical or didactic dental or dental hygiene subject areas. Board Rule 6.16(d) states in part, "15 credits or hours must be taken in clinical or didactic dental or dental hygiene subject areas. The remaining three credits or hours may be taken in non-scientific areas appropriate to the practice of dental hygiene ..."
- c. Jedidiah Janisse, DMD sent the Board an email stating that they are looking to open another training facility in their office that would educate dentists and in the final part allow live surgeries to take place and does Vermont allow a temporary license for out of state dentists to participate in live dental treatment? The Board reviewed the applicable statutes and concluded that those participating in such a program must have a Vermont license. They may qualify for a transient practice permit because their practice is for educational purposes. The Board does not consider this to be "pro bono" and therefore, the portion of the rule requiring no fee does not apply as 3 V.S.A. § 129(a)(8) allows the Board to only waive licensing fees for pro bono work. The full licensing fee will be required of anyone participating in live dental treatment.

8. The Board adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
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