

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORTS – 2023-2024

BOARD REPORT I – September 9, 2023

MOTION: By Dr. Hope Watson, Second District Trustee, to accept the items on the Consent Calendar as amended by the correction to the Tennessee Dental PAC minutes. Approved.

- TDA Foundation Report for July 2022 – June 2023
- Tennessee Dental PAC Treasurer’s Report – July 2022 – June 30, 2023
- TDA Bylaws, Revised May 2023
- Council and Committee Meeting Minutes:
 - TDA Foundation, May 11, 2023
 - Council on Membership, Communications, Relief, May 12, 2023
 - New Dentist Committee, May 12, 2023
 - Council on Dental Benefit Programs, May 12, 2023
 - Council on State Agencies and Awards, May 12, 2023
 - Oral Health Initiatives Committee, May 12, 2023
 - Task Force on Councils and Committees, May 12, 2023
 - Government Affairs Committee, May 12, 2023
 - Government Affairs Committee, June 27, 2023
 - Annual Session Subcommittee/Continuing Education, June 13, 2023
 - Education & Licensure Committee, July 27, 2023
 - Tennessee Dental PAC, August 9, 2023
- Executive Director Reports: June, July 2023
- Tennessee Donated Dental Services Report, July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023
- Memphis Dental Society Trustee Vacancy and Appointment
- Dr. Michael Medovic, 6th District Trustee Report, Spring-Summer 2023
- ASCDE Letter: The Value of a United Tripartite and the ADA
- TDA TennCare Workgroup Notes, August 24, 2023
- Tennessee Board of Dentistry Report, September 9, 2023
- Calendar of Activities for Components
- Communications Overview, April – September 2023
- Notice Regarding Journal Closure

MOTION: By Dr. Ken Randall, East Tennessee Vice President, to donate to Dr. Medovic’s campaign for ADA President-elect. Approved.

MOTION: By Dr. Keith Gilmore, Eighth District Trustee, to support the ECBF (Executive Committee/Budget & Finance Committee) decision to change the invocation policy to a moment of silence. Approved.

MOTION: By Dr. Stuart Hudsmith, President-elect, to support the ECBF decision regarding election guidelines. Approved.

MOTION: By Dr. Gilmore to support the ECBF decision to remove Substitute Trustee from the Bylaws. Approved.

ACTION: By the Executive Committee to sunset the Journal.

MOTION: By Dr. Trey Carney, West Tennessee Vice President, to approve the following appointees to the Advisory Committee on Annual Meetings: Drs. Chad Edwards, Chair, John Coulter, David Meister, Todd Smith, Beth Randall, Andrew Conkin, Bradley White, Irvin Rainey Jr., and Ms. Savannah Bolick. Approved.

MOTION: By Dr. Larry Higginbotham, Memphis Trustee, to approve the following appointees to the Committee on Dental Licensure and Education: Drs. Anthony Carroccia, Marie Farrar, Robert Ammarell, Kristy Dye, and Elizabeth Lee. Approved.

MOTION: By Dr. Magee to submit the following recommendations to the Governor's office for Board of Dentistry members for the term beginning April 1, 2024: East Tennessee – Drs. Randall Montgomery, P. Jan Henley, Robert Clark, Paul McCord, and Ivo Miller; West Tennessee – Drs. Michael King, Scott Edwards, and Greg Kemp. Approved.

MOTION: By Dr. Randall to refer the new dentist award proposal back to the Council on State Agencies, Awards, Ethics and Judicial Affairs to clean up the process, propose a new name, and resubmit for the board's January 2024 meeting. Approved.

BOARD REPORT II – February 3, 2024

MOTION: By Dr. Rhonda Switzer-Nadasdi, Nashville Trustee, to approve the following Consent items:

- TDA Foundation Report 2023
- Tennessee Dental PAC Treasurer's Report 2023
- TDA Relief Fund Financial Report 2023
- Council and Committee Meeting Minutes:
 - New Dentist Committee, October 12, 2023
 - Task Force on Councils and Committees, November 8, 2023
 - Governmental Affairs Committee, December 15, 2023
 - Council on State Agencies and Awards, January 24, 2024
 - MCDC Exhibitor Relations and Fundraising Committee, December 11, 2023
- Executive Director Reports: September, October, November-December 2023
- Dental Lifeline Network, DDS Reports: July 1 – December 31, 2023
- President Chip Clayton State of the Association Address
- TDA Recommendations for Board of Dentistry Members, Term Begins April 1, 2024
- Board of Dentistry Report from Meetings October 5-6, 2023 and January 11-12, 2024
- Letter to the Editor, *ADA News*, September 11, 2023, by TDA President Chip Clayton
- Resolution, Honorary Membership, Dr. Michael D. Medovic, ADA 6th District Trustee
- Council and Committee Handbook, Revised September 2023
- Communications Report Q4 2023

MOTION: By Dr. Hope Watson, Second District Trustee, that TDA sponsor up to \$2,500 for the NCOIL meeting in conjunction with the ADA as a co-sponsor. Approved.

MOTION: By Dr. Steve Nowlin, Sixth District Trustee, to approve the 2022-2023 audits as provided by UHY LLP, Certified Public Accountants. Approved.

MOTION: By Dr. Hope Watson, Second District Trustee, to revise the amount of the donation to Dr. Michael Medovic's campaign for ADA President-elect. Approved.

MOTION: By the Task Force on Councils and Committees to remove councils from the Bylaws. Approved.

MOTION: By the Council on State Agencies, Awards, Ethics, and Judicial Affairs to approve the following Fellowship Awardees: Dr. Angela Cameron, First District; Dr. Joseph Hicks, Second District; Dr. Marie Farrar, Chattanooga Area; Dr. Mitchell Tatum, Fourth District; Dr. Heath Balch, Nashville; Dr. Ruth Ross Edmonds, Nashville; Dr. James Hutton III, Sixth District; Dr. Andrew Russell, Seventh District; Dr. Timothy Carter, Eighth District; Dr. Brenton Glassell, Memphis; Dr. Greg Kemp, Memphis. Approved.

ACTION by Trustees to elect Dr. DeWayne B. McCamish, Signal Mountain, as the recipient of the 2024 Dr. Jack Wells Memorial Dedication to Dentistry Award.

MOTION: By Dr. Stuart Hudsmith, President-elect, that the revised proposal for the new dentist award be approved, providing that it specifies that the vote will be cast by the nine district trustees only. Approved.

MOTION: By Dr. Magee, to approve the suggested changes in the Board Policy Manual regarding ADA delegation travel reimbursement. Approved.

MOTION: By Dr. Keith Gilmore, Eighth District Trustee, to change the Bylaws by removing the requirement to submit a written report to the House of Delegates. Approved.

MOTION: By Dr. Watson to approve a resolution for the budget to be approved by the Board instead of the House, provided there is a wording change from "to be nimble" to "to be more nimble." Approved.

MOTION: By Dr. Bob Tuma, Fourth District Trustee, to accept Care Credit's proposal for an annual flat fee of \$33,500 versus a percentage of usage. Approved.

BOARD REPORT III – April 13, 2024

MOTION: By Dr. Steve Nowlin, Sixth District Trustee, to approve the following Consent items:

- Component Society Annual Reports
- Annual Attorney Report, 2023, Blakeley Matthews, Esq.
- Council and Committee Minutes
 - Council on Dental Benefit Programs, February 12, 2024
 - Oral Initiatives Committee, February 26, 2024
 - Council on Membership, Communications and Relief, February 28, 2024
 - Peer Review Committee, March 11, 2024
 - Annual Meeting Committee/CE, April 1, 2024
- House of Delegates Manual, Revised for 2024
- BOT Policy Manual Revised, February 2024
- TDA Foundation Minutes, October 16, 2023
- Resolutions in Final Format
 - Remove Option for Substitute Trustee
 - Change Councils to Committees of the Board
 - Remove Written Requirement for President Annual Report
 - Budget Approval Assigned to the Board
- Cancellation of Building Listing Agreement with Avison Young
- Waiver of Dues (two granted)
- Communications Overview, First Quarter 2024

MOTION: By Budget & Finance Committee to accept the proposed 2024-2025 budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

10:00 – 10:25 a.m.

MOTION: By Dr. Kevin Bryant, Chattanooga Area Trustee, to approve the budget as amended during the Executive Session. Approved.

MOTION: By Dr. Ken Randall, Vice President East Tennessee, to approve the appointees to Councils and Committees for the term beginning June 1, 2024:

- Council on Dental Benefit Programs: Taylor Jarrell, Alex Goodman, Fourth District TBD
- Council on Membership, Communications and Relief: Jason Cunningham, Christina Honey, Songkhla Venza
- Council on State Agencies, Awards, Ethics and Judicial Affairs: Terryl Propper, Steve Nowlin, Jimmy Hawkins
- New Dentist Committee: Kindal Tatum, Sam Hutton, Jessica Wang, Eighth District TBD
- Tennessee Dental PAC: Jon Mather, Roy Thompson, Mike King
- Advisory Committee on Annual Meetings:
 - CE Subcommittee: John Coulter, Andrea Maguire (Hygienist)
 - Exhibitor Relations and Fundraising: Andrew Conkin, At Large TBD
- Committee on Dental Education and Licensure: Kristy Stanislav

MOTION: By Dr. Hope Watson, Second District Trustee to appoint Dr. Kathy Hall as Chair of Council on Dental Benefit Programs. Approved

MOTION: By Dr. Burleson to appoint Dr. Christina Honey Chair of the Council on Membership, Communications and Relief. Approved.

MOTION: By Dr. Burleson to appoint Dr. Stanley Waddell Chair of the Council on State Agencies, Awards, Ethics and Judicial Affairs.

MOTION: By Dr. Keith Gilmore, Eighth District Trustee, to retire the Task Force on Councils and Committees. Approved.

COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORTS

Council on Dental Benefit Programs

Dr. Bradley White, Chair

Zoom Video Conference: February 12, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Central Time

Members Present: Drs. Bradley White, Chair, Angela Cameron, Ryan Wilson, Lisa Stanley, Kathy Hall, Bennett Hunt, Kristy Stanislav

Also present: Dr. Hope Watson, Board of Trustees Liaison, Dr. Mark Moats, ADA CDBP Representative, Ms. Andrea Hayes, Executive Director, Ms. Amy Williams, Staff Liaison

Members Absent: Dr. Dennis Sigman, Dr. Alan Sonny Salomon

Reports and Discussion

Dr. Mark Moats, Henderson, Kentucky, ADA Sixth District Representative, Council on Dental Benefit Programs, joined the meeting and provided an update on the issues before the ADA council, including legislation regarding dental loss ratios, the CDT book (Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature) review, and on the horizon DQA (Dental Quality Alliance) which sets rules for the function of Medicaid.

Ms. Andrea Hayes, Executive Director, said that the TDA has created a legislative bill based on last year's survey to members which covers downcoding, bundling, virtual credit cards, and non-covered services. The bill is on notice to be presented this month (February) in conjunction with TDA's Day on the Hill February 20th.

Council on Membership, Communications and Relief and

Dr. Andrew Conkin, Chair

Zoom Video Conference: February 28, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Central Time

Members Present: Dr. Andrew Conkin, Chair, Dr. Christina Honey, Dr. Jason Blair, Dr. Brett Germain, Dr. Lydia Lancaster, Dr. Emily Boyd, Dr. Stueart Hudsmith, Dr. Jay Davis, Dr. Ken Randall, Dr. Trey Carney

Also Present: Ms. Andrea Hayes, Ms. Grace Czosek

Members Absent: Dr. Emalie Hutton, Dr. Rob Trim

Topics Discussed

- Andrea and Grace presented information on the 2024 Membership Roster and Members Pending Cutoff efforts that have been made by the TDA.
- ADA National Signing Day for Meharry and UTHSC was discussed.
- TDA membership renewal strategies were presented including the 2023 End of Year Membership Report
 - Email updates to dental society membership teams, these teams include the officers, trustees, new dentist chair and membership council chair.

- Discussion of the meetings with dental society membership teams, to review membership and members pending cutoff within each component.
 - Examples of emails to members who have yet to renew were shown.
 - Social posts made by the TDA to remind members to renew.
 - Andrea explained the upcoming AMS transition to Salesforce/Fonteva
 - Andrea broadly explained the ADA Membership Model Pilot Program that is being piloted in a couple of states.
- A round table discussion was held of membership strategies within individual dental societies.

Council on State Agencies, Awards, Ethics and Judicial Affairs

Dr. Stanley Waddell, Chair

Zoom Video Conference: January 24, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Central Time

Members Present: Dr. Stanley Waddell, Chair, Dr. Jon Mather, Dr. Vicki Guffey, Dr. Matt Brock, Dr. Tracy Pack, Dr. Tony Vaughn, Dr. Paul Cullum, Dr. Jimmy Hawkins, Dr. Jennifer Cornell

Also present: Dr. Mike Lamb, Board Liaison; Ms. Andrea Hayes, Executive Director; Ms. Amy Williams, Staff Liaison

Board of Dentistry Member Positions

Council members were asked to search for members of their district who might be interested in serving on the Board of Dentistry for the term beginning April 1, 2025. Each grand division should have recommendations prepared by September.

Member terms expiring March 31, 2025: Dr. Edward Moody/East TN; Dr. Robert F. Caldwell/Middle TN

Rotating member's term expiring June 30, 2025: Dr. Phillip Kemp/Middle

Recommendations for the Rotating member position must come from the West Grand Division.

Fellowship Awards for 2024

MOTION: By Dr. Jon Mather, First District, that the following Fellowship Awardees be approved and forwarded to the Board of Trustees for consideration. Motion approved. Dr. Angela Cameron – First District; Dr. Joseph Hicks – Second District; Dr. Marie Farrar – Chattanooga Area; Dr. Mitchell Tatum – Fourth District; Dr. Heath Balch – Nashville; Dr. Ruth Ross Edmonds – Nashville; Dr. James Hutton III – Sixth District; Dr. Andrew Russell – Seventh District; Dr. Timothy Carter – Eighth District; Dr. Brenton Glassell – Memphis; Dr. Greg Kemp – Memphis

Dr. Jack E. Wells Memorial Dedication to Dentistry Award

The Council reviewed the criteria and nominations for the 2024 Jack Wells Award and narrowed the nominees to three for the Board's consideration.

New Dentist Award Revised

The Board of Trustees referred back to the council the proposed award for new dentists.

MOTION: By Dr. Tony Vaughn, Nashville, that the council approve and forward the revised proposal for a new dentist award to the Board and suggest the award be named the New Dentist Impact Award. Approved.

COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS

Advisory Committee on Annual Meetings

Subcommittee on Continuing Education: Zoom Meeting: June 13, 2023, 5:15 p.m. Central

Present: Drs. Chad Edwards, Todd Smith, David Meister, John Coulter, Stueart Hudsmith, Chip Clayton, Ms. Andrea Hayes, Ms. Langley Clements

Absent: Ms. Savannah Bolick

Regarding: Music City Dental Conference 2024: May 30 – June 2, 2024

Welcome – Dr. Edwards

- Ms. Andrea Hayes told the committee that 94% of attendees who attend this meeting each year come for continuing education, as well as reviewing additional statistics pulled from the surveys.
- MCDC 2024 will be on a different floor of the meeting space, and this will affect how we pick speakers.
- Suggested future topics were pulled and condensed from the evaluations and surveys.

Discussion of Topics

- Insurance/Coding
- More options for assistants and hygienists
- Oral Pathology
- Finance
- Administrative, Hygiene, Assistant Tracks
- HIPAA, OSHA, TOSHA, Chemical Dependency
- Ergonomics/Yoga
- Social Media Marketing
- Dental Office Bootcamp
- 3-D Printing

Discussion of Speakers

- Lois Banta
- Juan Yepes
- Maria Geisinger
- Debra Goff
- Josh Austin
- Dennis McHugh
- Andrew Johnson
- Dewitt Wilkerson

- Travis Morgan
- Kyle Fagalo
- Brian Harris
- Terri Wilson
- Erin Elliott
- Lori Trost
- Sonia Leziy
- Gigi Meinecke

Discussion of General Session

- Lois Banta
- Juan Yepes
- Josh Austin
- Sonia Leziy & Brahm Miller

Action Items

- Dr. Edwards, Andrea Hayes & Langley Clements meet to review topics and speakers discussed.
- Langley Clements: schedules; tracks for hygienists, assistants, and office staff
- Andrea and Langley meet with Renaissance to talk through contracted event space.

Subcommittee on Exhibitors and Fundraising: Zoom Meeting: August 30, 2023, 5:00 p.m. CT

Present: Dr. Beth Randall, Dr. Brad White, Dr. Andrew Conkin, Dr. Irvin Rainey, Dr. Chip Clayton, Dr. Stueart Hudsmith, Ms. Andrea Hayes, Ms. Langley Clements

Purpose: Review MCDC 2023 and discuss the changes for MCDC 2024.

Overview and Changes for 2024

- Exhibit booths will be in the Germantown Foyer and Germantown Ballroom 3.
- We anticipate room for 65-70 booths.
- Exhibit booth pricing will be increased from last year and there will be staggered pricing for the exhibitors who are in the ballroom versus the Germantown Foyer.
- Sponsoring companies will continue to receive priority booth placement.

Discussion of Fundraising

- An update selection of sponsorship options for MCDC 2024 was included in the meeting packet.

Action Items: Langley Clements to send the prospectus to the committee upon completion and schedule a follow up meeting for the committee in early January.

Subcommittee on Exhibitors and Fundraising: Zoom Meeting: December 11, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

Present: Dr. Beth Randall, Dr. Brad White, Dr. Chip Clayton, Dr. Stueart Hudsmith, Ms. Andrea Hayes, Ms. Langley Clements

Absent: Dr. Andrew Conkin, Dr. Irvin Rainey

Purpose: Touch base on current exhibitors and sponsors and establish a plan to engage with potential sponsors and exhibitors.

Exhibitors and Sponsors 2024

- Current exhibitors and sponsors
- Exhibit Hall benefits and selling points
- Exclusive sponsorships & sponsorship levels

Action Plan to bring in more Exhibitors & Sponsors

- Personally contacting companies that we have relationships with
- Discuss updated sponsorship level benefits and new exclusive sponsorships

Action Items: Langley Clements to send an update at the first of the year following end of the early bird pricing. Subcommittee members to reach out to companies who may be interested in sponsorship.

Subcommittee on Continuing Education: Zoom Meeting: April 1, 2024, 5:15 p.m. CT

Present: Chad Edwards, Chair, David Meister, Todd Smith, Savannah Bolick, Andrea Hayes, Scott Piper

Welcome – Andrea Hayes welcomed Scott Piper

Discussion of Topics for 2025 Speakers:

The committee gave staff a list of names to research cost and availability:

- Bobby Elliott – keynote/practice management
- Martha Wells – caries management and prevention
- Ray Cohlma – ADA ED
- Debra Goff – Pharmacy
- Lois Banta – Practice Management
- Thomas Viola – Pain Management
- Brian Harris – Cosmetics
- Shannon Brinker – CDA
- Laci Phillips – staff
- Amanda Hill – RDH

Other topics to consider: Ergonomics, Leadership, Team building

Scott Piper to provide committee with info on: Dr. Michael Pruett, Olga Ibsen, Larry Guzzardo, Amber Auger, Amol Nirgudkar

**Governmental Affairs Committee
Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp, Chair**

Zoom Video Conference: June 27, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Central Time

Members Present: Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp, Dr. Bill Powell, Dr. Ken Randall, Dr. Rick Kinard, Dr. Rhonda Switzer-Nadasdi, Dr. James Hight, Jr., Dr. Leon Stanislav, Dr. Ashish Patel

Also Present: Ms. Andrea Hayes, Ms. Courtney Atnip, Mr. Nick Crawford, Mr. Tony Thompson, Ms. Caroline Simmons, Dr. Rhett Raum

Members Absent: Dr. Hope Watson

Topics Discussed:

- TennCare Update
- Review of 2023 Legislative Session
- Legislative Advocacy Workshop, August 18-19 at the TDA office in Franklin, TN.
- Legislator of the Year Award
- Dentist Day on the Hill, to be held in February.

Motions Made:

- By Dr. Bill Powell to approve the minutes of the last Governmental Affairs

Zoom Video Conference: December 15, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. Central Time

Members Present: Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp, Dr. Bill Powell, Dr. Ken Randall, Dr. Rick Kinard, Dr. Rhonda Switzer-Nadasdi, Dr. James Hight, Jr., Dr. Leon Stanislav, Dr. Hope Watson

Also Present: Ms. Andrea Hayes, Ms. Sara Borden, Ms. Courtney Atnip, Mr. Nick Crawford, Mr. Tony Thompson, Mr. JP Homik, Dr. Bradley White, Dr. Chip Clayton, Ms. Andrea Bennett Punke

Members Absent: Dr. Ashish Patel

Topics Discussed:

- **TDA Legislative Update**
 - Ms. Courtney Atnip and Mr. Nick Crawford presented an update on the drafted language of the TDA's multi-issue dental insurance reform bill.
- **DOH Proposed Legislation on Increasing Supervision**
 - The Tennessee Department of Health is proposing changing current law to increase the number of hygienists a dentist can supervise from three to five.
- **Medicaid/TennCare Advocacy**
 - Dr. Beauchamp and Ms. Hayes discussed ongoing issues with TennCare, including: Insufficient network, lack of hospital access, Medicaid increases in other states, and lack of access for the intellectually disabled population.
- **Dentist Day on the Hill**
 - Dentist Day on the Hill was discussed, with emphasis placed on selecting a date.
- **Motions Made:**
 - By Dr. Bill Powell to approve the minutes of the last Governmental Affairs Committee on June 27, 2023. Approved.
 - By Dr. Bill Powell to adjourn the meeting. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 2:12 P.M.

New Dentist Committee
Dr. Brooklin Byrd, Chair

Zoom Video Conference: October 12, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. Central Time

Members Present: Dr. Brooklin Byrd, Dr. Chris Lee, Dr. Alaina Marinello, Dr. Trey Mauney

Members Absent: Dr. Allison Williams, Dr. Taylor Engler, Dr. Jeff Penner, Dr. Sam Hutton, Dr. Zach Meyer

Also Present: Andrea Hayes, TDA Executive Director; Grace Czosek, TDA Membership Coordinator

Topics Discussed:

- Goals of the New Dentist
 - Committee Engage new dentists.
 - Foster a community for young dentists and increase their involvement in TDA.
- Engagement on the local level
 - Buddy program – older dentist with newer dentist
 - Pair each other based off short 3 question survey.
 - Component New Dentist events held recently:
 - MDS –New Dentist Event at 901FC Soccer Game
 - SDDS – “Meet the Specialists Night”
 - NDS – Annual Pass to all meetings and events at reduced rate for new dentists.
- New Ideas:
 - Inter-District Events - One district “hosts” event and invites other districts to join event (ex: Vols game in Knoxville, hiking in Chattanooga, Preds game in Nashville)
 - Discussion of creating a Facebook page/group to make announcements and share information with new dentists.
 - Exercise event across TN that dentists could participate in virtually.
 - Encouragement to attend the ADA event in New Orleans
 - Virtual meeting(s) for recent graduates of dental school.
 - Zoom online with reps from districts
 - Promote volunteer events for new dentists to attend: Special Olympics, Miles of Smiles

Oral Health Initiatives Committee
Dr. Rhonda Switzer-Nadasdi, Chair

Zoom Video Conference: February 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Central Time

Members Present: Dr. Rachel Hymes, Dr. John Osborn, Dr. Jay Davis, Dr. Rhonda Switzer-Nadasdi, Dr. Danny Chacko, Dr. Theodore Tutwiler, Dr. Karim Hasnani.

Members Absent: Dr. Rick Bateman, Dr. Joseph Faiz, Dr. George Adams, Dr. Lanora Bryant, Dr. Scott Edwards.

Also Present: Andrea Hayes, TDA Executive Director, Dr. Jeanette LaBelle.

Topics Discussed:

- Tennessee Healthy Smiles Initiative: The second year of this program started in July.
- TennCare: 100,000 adults received care in 2023. 600,000 is the size of the current dental program. The TennCare dental benefits manager contract will be decided in the spring. Fee increase requested.

**Peer Review Committee
Dr. Greg Kemp, Chair**

Zoom Video Conference: March 11, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Central Time

Present: Drs. Greg Kemp, Chair, Richard Bateman, Garrett Orr, Doug Holliday, Richard Robinette, Jay McLemore, Ernest DeWald, Jodi Rump

Also present: Dr. Stueart Hudsmith, Board Liaison, Ms. Andrea Hayes, Executive Director, Ms. Amy Williams, Staff Liaison

Absent: Drs. Pablo Foncea, Joseph Payne

Actions:

MOTION: By Dr. Ernest DeWald, Eighth District Dental Society, that the following wording be added to the patient Full Release form: “If the Patient’s insurance company paid a benefit to the Doctor on behalf of the Patient, the Patient pledges to return the applicable portion of this refund to the insurance company as governed by their plan.” Approved.

REQUEST: Dr. Doug Holliday requested that there be an article in the TDA newsletter explaining peer review mediation and its benefit to members and their patients.

MANUAL REVISION: Dr. Stueart Hudsmith, Board Liaison and TDA President-elect, suggested that the Peer Review Manual add language to clarify that a mediator cannot do the dental work in question themselves as this would be a conflict of interest.

**Tennessee Dental PAC Board
Dr. Rhett Raum, Chair**

Zoom Video Conference: August 9, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. Central Time

Members Present: Dr. Rhett Raum, Dr. William Powell, Dr. Roy Thompson, Dr. Michael King, Dr. Leon Stanislav, Dr. Chuck Keltner, Dr. George “Chip” Clayton, Dr. J. Allen Burleson, Dr. Jay Davis, Dr. Mitch Baldree, Dr. Jeannie Beauchamp, Dr. John Petty, Dr. Denise Terese-Koch, Ms. Andrea Hayes

Others Present: Mr. Nick Crawford, Ms. Sara Moorehead

Members Absent: Dr. Tom Gardenhire, Jr., Dr. Dennis Sigman

Topics Discussed:

- **Contributions to Legislators & Legislative Goals**

- Mr. Nick Crawford of Capitol & 5th Public Strategies presented a list of suggested upcoming contributions to legislators. Senate GOP, J. Johnson, Yager, Shane Reeves, Niceley, Watson, House GOP, Faison, Lamberth, Clark Boyd.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Motion: By Dr. Stanislav to approve the Treasurer's Report. Approved.
- **Fund Drive September 2023**
 - Update on the 2023 PAC fund drive letter noting that the solicitation would be distributed in September.
 - Ms. Sara Moorehead created a new Capitol Club logo. Dr. Raum suggested the creation of a new contribution level like the ADPAC Diamond Club.
- **Election of Officers**
 - Motion: By Dr. Rhett Raum to nominate Dr. Leon Stanislav as Treasurer of the Tennessee Dental PAC Board. Approved.
 - Motion: By Dr. Chip Clayton to nominate Dr. Rhett Raum as Chair of the Tennessee Dental PAC Board. Approved.

**Tennessee Dental Association Foundation Board
Dr. G. Robert Hopper, President**

Zoom Video Conference: October 16, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. Central Time

Members Present: Dr. Robert Hopper, President, Dr. Mike Lamb, Dr. Bill Powell, Dr. John Petty, Dr. Brian West, Dr. Ernest DeWald, Dr. Lee Wilson, Mr. Jeff Smith, Dr. Frank McMeen, Dr. Chip Clayton, Dr. Stuart Hudsmith, Dr. Mitch Baldree, Dr. Chip Clayton, Ms. Andrea Hayes
Also Present: Ms. Grace Czosek, TDA Staff Liaison

Members Absent: Mr. Jerry Newman

Treasurer's Report

- TDAF Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation of West Tennessee balance: \$296,726.43
- TDAF Balance Sheet as of 8/31/23 (Unrestricted Cash Assets): \$62,147.16
- \$5,600 received from the TDAF Auction at the Music City Dental Conference May 2023.

TDAF Fund Drive

Mailing sent from TDA Executive Office in September

Funding Request Criteria

The board added the following to the proposed criteria and process:

- Timeline for organizations to submit applications: February 1st – April 1st
- At the May meeting applications will be reviewed, discussed, and voted on.
- Grant applications should be sent to TDA component societies, Tennessee dental schools and posted to the TDA Foundation section of the TDA website.
- Criteria and guidelines were discussed. The Executive Office staff will create a fillable PDF document using these guidelines for organizations to apply.
- Three key questions grant proposals/applications should answer are as follows:

- How many people will benefit from this?
- Who is the target audience who benefits?
- How does this aid oral health?

Review of Strategic Plan

Leadership Positions

A Sixth District director needs to be elected and three new TDAF board positions need to be filled by TDA member dentists aged 40 or under.

Award Discussion

Continue presenting the Summit Award to a member of the TDA.

Taskforce on Councils & Committees **Dr. Kevin Bryant, Chair**

Zoom Video Conference: November 8, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Central Time

Members Present: Dr. Kevin Bryant, Chair, Dr. Trey Carney, Dr. Andrew Conkin, Dr. John Coulter, Dr. Rajan Kshatri, Dr. Rhonda Switzer-Nadasdi. (None absent)

Also present: Ms. Andrea Hayes, Executive Director and Ms. Amy Williams, Director of Operations

Purpose

Ms. Hayes recapped the purpose of the Taskforce and discussion of the past two meetings (see minutes from January 24, 2023, and May 12, 2023). Dr. Bryant outlined the goal of the meeting is to determine the next steps including the need to draft a resolution to bring before the 2024 House of Delegates.

Key Questions and Points of Discussion

Dr. Bryant presented the idea of removing councils from the *TDA Bylaws* and making them committees of the Board for discussion.

- Is it better to have a council vs. committee?
- What is the better (transparent, flexible, effective) method to fill these leadership roles?
- What, if any, negative outcomes could come from this change?

Redistricting

The group agreed their scope of work is limited to councils and committees, but noted at every meeting discussion has led to the topic of redistricting. They discussed a recommendation that the Board of Trustees consider redistricting or other major governance changes, and appropriation of money in the budget to hire a governance consultant.

Action: Next Steps

Draft a resolution to present to the Board that removes councils from the bylaws.

2023 ANNUAL REPORT OF TENNESSEE DENTAL ASSOCIATION COUNSEL,

BLAKELEY D. MATTHEWS

Blakeley D. Matthews, of the law firm of Cornelius & Collins, LLP, General Counsel for the Tennessee Dental Association, submits the following summary of services performed by the firm on behalf of the TDA during 2023:

- Continuation of work on clarification and potential update of TDA Relief Fund – Declaration of Trust.
- Work on clarification of immunity issues and associated handbook – Peer Review process.
- Assist TDA staff in interpretation/revision to mediation procedure materials.
- Work with TDA Executive Director and staff on multiple tenant lease issues in relation to TDA executive office building.
- Assist TDA staff in relation to audit classification – TDA Foundation.
- Assist TDA in interpretation and negotiation of booking contract arrangement – supplemental hotel provider for annual meeting.
- Provide support for House of Delegates and attend annual meeting – May, 2023.
- Assisted TDA Executive Director in interpretation and negotiation of questions/legal issues presented by affiliate societies.
- Assisted TDA staff with interpretation and negotiation of sponsored/endorsement agreement with marketing services provider.
- Provided TDA staff with input and analysis on approved event sponsorship arrangements.
- Confer with TDA Executive Director relative to participation in TDA Board of Trustees activities.
- Provide TDA staff with input and analysis on proprietary information restrictions – present and former employees.
- Provide TDA staff with input and analysis on TDAIA insurance plan and trust documents.
- Provide TDA staff with advice in relation to multiple employee/labor relations matters.
- Involved the firm’s specialized employment counsel on select labor relations issues.