

STATE BOARD of DENTISTRY report September 5, 2008

PAGD members attending: Ed Enriquez, Eric Shelly, Vance Jones, Dan Martel

The meeting was opened by Chairman Dr. John Reitz at 9:00am. The report of the Prosecutorial Division was heard first; six cases were reviewed. The SBOD is moving forward to institute Pro Bono work as part of discipline they can hand out for cases brought before them. It could be instituted as early as January 2009. There is also a HB 1188 that they would like to see pass through the legislature; this would allow an increase in fines to \$10,000 from the current level. Their goal is to have those involved in case adjudication to pay for the cost of it so they won't have to raise license fees to cover these cost incurred by the SBOD.

Several regulations continue to be addressed. Sexual Misconduct Reg. continues to move along and should be implemented soon; essentially, a SBOD licensed provider can not have any sexual relationship with a current patient, with exception of a spouse or person with whom the board regulated practitioner is cohabitating. The SBOD is currently looking a license issues, especially pertaining to instructors for the dental schools. The Dental hygienist scope of practice and local anesthesia for hygienist is in proposed rulemaking form and is open for public comment until September 30, 2008. PAGD needs to analyze the document and respond.

The SBOD report of committees had discussion on Licensure; the SBOD does have jurisdiction over dental school faculty. This was a question brought up at past meetings. It was also mentioned that there is an ADA report out (I've not seen it) that states that all state dental boards should accept all licensing tests. The regulations review committee is currently reviewing everything to make sure they are up to date for technology, terminology, etc. The scope of practice committee is looking at different issues and will be requesting input from dental organizations, including PAGD.

The SBOD approved a list of names as consultant members for NERB to draw from. Not all will be utilized unless NERB needs them as examiners. They also approved the Professional Rescuer Certification (I believe this is Red Cross) as cpr/aed eligible.

The SBOD then went into executive session. We actually waited around for about two hours because a public meeting of the scope of practice committee was to occur. We finally were able to determine that the SBOD was running late with its organization and it would not occur. They, again, reiterated they will be seeking public input. We left at approximately 1pm.

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