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FLORIDA BOARD OF DENTISTRY

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William Kochenour, D.D.S.
Board Chair

Dear Colleagues,

It has been an honor to serve as your Chair for 2015. Next year, 2016 appears to be a year of many personnel changes for us. First, I would like to express my gratitude to Drs. Winker and Gesek for 8 years of dedicated service to the Board and for their service as Chairs of the Board and the leadership roles they currently have as they continue to serve on the national organizations related to the Board of Dentistry. I would also like to thank Dr. Britten for his service as Vice-Chair, the many committees he has served on and his volunteer efforts on national board related organizations. They will be missed and we are grateful for their service to the citizens of Florida and wish them the best in the future.

I would like to welcome our new Board members, Drs. Calderone, Fatmi and Miro and hope that their public service will be an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

I would also like to thank Sue Foster, our Executive Director and Cindy Ritter, our Program Administrator, who are retiring after many years' service with the Board of Dentistry. They have served many boards for many years and are a wealth of information. They have witnessed many changes and have instructed, aided and given of themselves to all the board members from their hearts throughout the years. They have done an exemplary job and we will miss them.

Welcome to our new Executive Director, Jennifer Wenhold and new Program Administrator, Jessica Sapp. We look forward to working with them for many years. The web-based agenda is on the horizon for the upcoming year and should make viewing our agendas much easier. I have created a task force to review dental care in non-traditional dental locations such as mobile units, nursing homes, ACLF's, etc. and Dr. Thomas has agreed to chair this committee.

Also, a special thanks is due to our excellent board counsel, David Flynn, who has made everyone's job much easier this past year.

Best wishes,

Bill Kochenour, DDS

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Florida Board of Dentistry Statistics FY 2014 - 2015

Licenses	Dentists	Dental Hygienists
Active licenses	10,981	11,589
Inactive licenses	20	77
Delinquent licenses	229	461
Out-of-state active	1,977	1,642
Out-of-state inactive	104	152
Retired	663	406
Health access active licenses	28	NA
Expert witness certificate	39	NA
Initial applications received	679	782
Licenses issued	651	716

Complaints	Dentists	Dental Hygienists
Complaints received	922	25
Legally sufficient	366	12
No probable cause found	227	11
Probable cause found	27	6
Administrative complaints	32	4

Unlicensed Activity	Dentists	Dental Hygienists
Complaints	59	3
Cease & Desist	13	0
Referrals to law enforcement	15	1

Disciplinary Actions	Dentists	Dental Hygienists
Revocation	1	0
Voluntary surrender	8	4
Suspension	3	0
Probation	3	0
Fine	23	0
Reprimand	6	0
Citations	2	0

Board Clarifies Rule on Dental Records

The Board has clarified Rule 64B5-17.002, F.A.C. Written Dental Records; Minimum Content Area. Please review the rule changes and remember the importance of maintaining detailed patient records justifying the course of treatment, including patient history, clinical exam results, results of tests, radiography used for diagnosis and treatment planning and notes concerning treatment rendered to the patient.

Board Meeting Dates for 2016

February 19, 2016
May 20, 2016
August 26, 2016
November 18, 2016

Earn up to 4 hours of CE credit by attending a meeting. For details of the meetings, including the minutes and audio, visit our website at: www.floridadentistry.gov. A recording of the meeting can be found at www.floridadentistry.gov/meeting-information/past-meetings.

REMINDER

Dentists, dental hygienists and dental labs must renew their licenses by February 28, 2016. View the requirements for renewal on the board's website at: www.floridadentistry.gov. Also, don't forget to enter your courses into CEBroker this year. For free access, type www.ceATrenewal.com.

Thank You and Farewell

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Executive Director for the past 15 years.

Thirty-five years ago, I stepped into state government and public service and have never looked back. My work over the years has been an incredible journey that encompasses serving as an Executive Director for 18 different boards and 26 various professions. I have loved this work and will miss it and the dedicated staff and board members that I have had the opportunity to meet and work with along the way.

As I approach my retirement, I am leaving with the knowledge that the Board of Dentistry is in good, capable hands for the future. My career has been about a journey and now it is time to reprioritize, relax, enjoy life, and smell the roses along the way which incidentally are 4 grandchildren.

I wish you all the best on your journeys, wherever they may take you and in your positions of public service to the people of the state of Florida. Don't forget to enjoy the ride along the way!



Sue Foster
Executive Director

Governor Scott Honors Board Staff Member



Cindy Ritter, Program Administrator for the board office was recently honored by Governor Rick Scott for 40 years of state service. Cindy's career over the past 41 years of state service reads like a series of promotions going from clerk I to regulatory specialist to administrative assistant to regulatory supervisor to program administrator. From the Florida Parole and Probation Commission to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to the Department of Health – Cindy has always given 110%. She has worked with 10 professions over the course of her career, and got started right out of high school. She has assisted many of us over the past decade with licensure issues and she will truly be missed. Cindy began her career in 1974 as a clerk with the Parole and Probation Commission. She joined the Board of Dentistry staff in 2001. "I felt honored to work with such dedicated professionals. I wish everyone the best and thank you for your dedication to the profession," Cindy remarked. We will miss her and wish her the best.