

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT - ALASKA

Name: Sandy Pelto RDH BSDH

Title: President, Alaska DHA

Name of Constituent: Alaska

Membership

Current Number (Active Members):

167

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

We have lost approximately 20 members recently who did not renew following winter cycle renewal and their grace period has lapsed. Some of them were students who transitioned, but did not pay their bill when it came time.

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

We really focus on our students and encouraging them to join their professional organization. We provide a power point presentation and luncheon to the students each Fall semester, and last year put on a free CE and pizza party one evening during Winter semester. They are invited to all of our continuing education opportunities and display their table clinics at our Spring meeting. We invited them to our ASDHA Board meeting recently of which they all attended so they could experience what one was like. We also provide food and drinks during WREB weekend and visit with them.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

Continuing Education credits for dental hygienists' increased from 14 to 20 credits required per licensing renewal period (very 2 years).

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

none

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

none

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

None

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

We are trying to use our collaborative practice in a nursing home setting, but the nursing home was recently taken over by the state for violations, so our project will be delayed by a few months.

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

1

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

We recently lost one program in April 2015 due to University budget cuts. The AAS program at the University of Alaska Fairbanks was eliminated. The program accepted 5 students every 2 years and the last class just graduated in May.

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

Our District XII trustee, Lancette VanGuilder, recently provided a leadership training open to all hygienists titled 'The Power of Advocacy: Your Profession- Your Voice.' It was offered the day after our full day CE and business meeting, and unfortunately was not well attended.

ASDHA offered a free 1 credit CE and pizza party for students and community hygienists that was well attended and was used as a mixer between students and RDH's.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

ASDHA offered a free 1 credit CE and pizza party for students and community hygienists that was well attended and was used as a mixer between students and RDH's.

The students were invited to our ASDHA Board meeting in March so they could see what a meeting was like and learn to be involved. They were given extra credit in one of their classes if they attended. All 12 students showed up and participated in our meeting!

Students are always invited to our Spring and Fall CE and business meetings, have a fundraising table to sell their items, and also display their table clinic presentations which seems to be a hit.

ASDHA members provide a Power Point presentation and Pizza party at the beginning of each school year for the students encouraging membership and the importance of belonging to their professional organization.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

Spring CE 6 credits (webcast to Fairbanks members who sign up)

Fall CE 6 credits

Free CE 1 credit

Combined CE with Alaska Dental Society 6 credits as a joint effort to improve relations with our state dental society. Well attended and received.

Fairbanks component (Midnight Sun) offers 6 CE credits each Fall and webcasts it to Anchorage through our university system.

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

ASDHA CE courses are our main fundraisers this past year and our silent auction raises additional revenue that can be fairly significant.

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT - ARIZONA

Name: Laura Corbin RDH

Title: President

Name of Constituent: Arizona

Membership

Current Number (Active Members):

465

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

in June 2014 we had 484, so there is a net loss of 19. However, 14 of the members in June 2014 were 'New Members' who appear to be transitioned new graduates. We tend to have a number of transitioned members who briefly raise our numbers in June and July, then if they don't actually pay, they drop off again. I could not find a roster from the winter cycle of 2014 to compare directly with this current roster.

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

We are now using Constant Contact to reach out to current members, and have initiated a postcard campaign that will be sent out to all RDHs in the state requesting them to update an email address with us.

We are working with our school liaisons to improve transition rates, and are improving our communication through our new website, and Facebook pages.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

Our new Advocacy Committee has again succeeded in getting legislation passed that will move us closer to our ultimate goal of autonomy.

Highlights of SB 1282, passed this year, are listed in the next section.

Goals of Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee for the coming year:

- 1) Develop a dental hygiene based Dental Therapist
- 2) Reimbursement for Affiliated Practice
- 3) Create and maintain an effective advocacy network
 - a) Address CDT code issues and funding of codes

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

Our new Advocacy Committee has again succeeded in getting legislation passed that will move us closer to our ultimate goal of autonomy.

Highlights of SB 1282:

Gives the ability to apply sealants WITHOUT DDS prior exam in public health settings to all RDH's

Clarifies Affiliated Practice language:

Reduces number of hours of practice preceding entering into an AP agreement

Added Bachelors degree and three years experience, 500 hours practice preceding Affiliated Practice relationship

Permits consultation with AP DDS for AP RDH to CONTINUE to treat patients who have not been seen by the DDS so they may have preventive services and continue education on necessity for dental care

Expands and clarifies potential settings for AP

Eliminates ALL financial qualifiers for AP treatment

Offers opportunity with required course work in CODA ACCREDITED program to provide ALL EFDA functions including placement of Interim Therapeutic Restorations (ITR's)

Establishes definition and parameters for Teledentistry usage

Requires AHCCCS (Medicaid) to accept and PAY for services provided through teledentistry usage

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

none

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

See previous

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

none

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

8

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

none

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

none

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

November 1 2014 we had a leadership workshop with our district trustee speaking, as well as a leadership coach. This was attended by many board members and students.

We had our president-elect attend UYP.

We are now having quarterly open board meetings in parts of the state corresponding to our components where we invite members and students to attend, and discuss fiduciary duties and Robert's Rules as well as have issues forums.

We traveled in groups to meet with component leaders to explain issues that were to be voted on at the last General Assembly, and also to explain the upcoming legislative efforts.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

Students are invited to attend the open Board meetings, reduced fee CE and study club events. Some schools require students to attend an event.

President speaks at RDH student meetings when invited, we spoke at 3 of our 8 schools so far this year.

Our Membership Committee is working on creating packets to give to new graduates to make transitioning simple.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

We hosted our annual Scientific Conference last August, offering 15 hours of CE. 3 hours are offered free to members.

The Components also offered CE, in various formats throughout the year.

Our Central component hosts a monthly CE/Social dinner event, in addition to larger events, our East Valley component meets in groups as study clubs semi-monthly, and our Southern component has a series of CE that are geared to satisfy all the requirements over the course of 3 years.

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

Our major fundraiser is our Scientific Conference, and this year we also sold printed automobile sunshades.

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT – ARKANSAS

Name: Jamie Pounders

Title: President Arkansas State Dental Hygienists' Association

Name of Constituent: Arkansas

Membership

Current Number (Active Members):

150

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

Significant drop in membership.

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

Letters, phone calls, offering Collaborative care course in which 5 previous non-members joined, Focus on investing in student chapters, Highly promoted CLL approximately 20 from our state are attending which is significantly more than in the past

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

Increase in number of collaborative care permits issued

Discussion among ASBDE to alter CE requirements to include ethics and limit online hours accepted

Discussion (ASBDE) to change general supervision rules

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

N/A

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

N/A

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

N/A

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

N/A

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

2

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

Satellite campus UAMS Mountain Home combined with UAMS in Little Rock

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

N/A

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

Mentoring program within the BOT implemented, Modeled after TDHA program grouping newer with more experienced BOT members.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

Attending Student Table Clinics, Supporting student fundraising efforts, Panel discussion for student questions, Asking student to help at annual session.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

Annual Session ASDHA, joint session ASDA, ASDHA

Component CE

Collaborative care course offered 2xs year

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

Raffle at sessions

Planning a 5k race

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT - CALIFORNIA

Name: Karine Strickland
Title: President 2014-2015
Name of Constituent: California

Membership:

Current Number (Active Members):

2688 per May 15 Alpha

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

CDHA struggles with Membership recruitment and retention. I requested BOT approval to establish a Membership Taskforce to research, review and make recommendations how our association can be relevant for new graduates. Association membership, is on the decline for all types of associations. CDHA will continue to target students as our future colleagues. The employment opportunities for new graduates continues to be challenging. The lack of stable and full time employment continues to be cited as a primary factor regarding CDHA decrease in membership.

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

Membership Council has collaborated with ADHA for the 2014 -2105 National Recruitment Campaign. ADHA mailed postcards to non-members in the fall of 2014. CDHA Membership Council developed a custom email message for the second phase of the campaign for nonmembers in California in March. ADHA has yet to provide details regarding the success of this campaign. MC has requested the contact information so that components could continue the third phase with a more personal campaign at the local level. Membership recruiting is done twice a year at CDA Presents- 3 full days at each convention; San Francisco - Sept 4 - 6, 2014 and Anaheim April 30 - May 2, 2015.

Through the year MC has focused recruiting new grads at the state level. New recruiting documents were created and the first message was a new grad congratulation/welcome to the profession letter that was emailed from the CDHA President. Follow-up messages regarding Student member transition to Professional membership notices were sent by Central Office. Components have been encouraged to welcome the newly licensed RDH and include them at their events. MC surveyed component leaders to determine the type of communication and events that are utilized in their outreach.

Membership Council collaborated to create a Poster highlighting achievements that CDHA has made for the profession. This document may be used as a recruiting tool by components. CDHA has two new popup banners with the logo boldly displayed for use at events. Positive feedback has been received from other exhibitors as well as convention attendees; we are told that we have a very attractive booth. Utilization of social media by the components was surveyed; CDHA and component visibility needs to be developed to a higher level.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

AB1174 was signed into law January 2015. The scope of practice for the RDAEF, RDH and RDHAP was expanded as follows:

- to determine radiographs on a patient who has not had an initial exam by a dentist for the purpose of a dentist diagnosis and treatment plan
- to place interim therapeutic restorations (ITR) after the diagnosis and treatment plan of a dentist
- defines telehealth as a means of communication with an authorizing dentist
- allowable settings for the new duties for RDAEF and RDH include the dental office and public health settings such as schools, head start and pre-school programs, and community clinics
- The provisions of AB1174 are to be placed in regulations within 18-24 months July 2016 to Jan 2017.

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

N/A

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

AB 1174 as detailed above

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

AB 1174 January 2015 expanded scope of practice for RDAEF, RDH and RDHAP to determine and expose radiographs and place interim therapeutic restorations in the dental office, as well as in public health settings after securing a dentist's diagnosis and treatment plan via tele-health technology.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

AB502

- Authorizes RDHAP's to retain their practices and continue to serve their patients in Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas (DHPSAs) if the designation is removed, provided a specified % of their patients are underserved or low income. Under current law an RDHAP currently practicing in a DHPSA is threatened with closure. DHPSA designations are periodically re-evaluated. When a designation is removed, under current law, care for thousands of patients who have had very limited or no access to dentists will be disrupted.
- Requires dental insurance companies to reimburse RDHAPs for dental hygiene care/services, that are covered by the patient's insurance plan. Not all dental plans have updated their forms to include RDHAPs as a billable provider or realize they can include RDHAP's in their networks, though current law already allows RDHAPs to provide dental hygiene services outside the dental office. RDHAP's are recognized dental providers and have their own National Provider Identification (NPI) number. DentiCal recognizes RDHAP's as billable providers.

Legislative – *continued*

Issues Pending: (300 character max): -- *continued*

- Updates the Corporations Code to include RDHAP corporations as an entity. The Business and Professions Code, which governs the practice of Dental Hygiene, already allows for RDHAPs to form corporations. However, that authority is not reflected in the Corporations Code. AB 502 makes the necessary changes to the Corporations Code.

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

27

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

N/A

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

N/A

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

The August BOT was coupled with a Leadership/Strategic Planning meeting that brought the CDHA Officers, Trustees, and Councils together to welcome the new leaders. This years meeting began with a YouTube Video presentation and workshop led by Drew Walkup, VP of Programming, Maker Studios. All participants were provided an overview of video creation and production and were encouraged to submit videos to support a new CDHA YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbnH7DH5y0UwVLIlyA0Yteg> The YouTube presentation and workshop was followed by a Strategic Plan workshop led by Lygia Jolley, included a Leadership and Mentoring presentation by Vickie Kimbrough.

A Leadership/Strategic Plan workshop is typically planned as an annual event. CDHA encourages and funds components to send new leaders as well as Trustees and Council Chairs to this annual event.

Additionally new graduate members were assigned to each council this year. Those new graduates that were successfully mentored convey enthusiasm and motivation to continue their committment as council members.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

Student Members in 27 California dental hygiene programs, are mentored by CDHA with the goal active membership in ADHA and CDHA, once licensed. Visits to all California dental hygiene programs by the CDHA President and other Executive Committee officers convey the importance and benefits of professional membership to their future careers. Additionally, a Student Track offered each Fall, two Student Regional Conferences,, the Student Table Clinic Competition and the Student House of Delegates are highlighted as targeted student focus, as well as opportunities for engagement and mentorship

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

CDHA provides two annual CE events: The Fall CE Extravaganza and the Spring Scientific Session. The CE Extravaganza was held at the Hilton San Francisco Airport Bayfront, offered opportunities for networking, continuing education units, luncheon, exhibitors and student/component marketplace. At the general session Betsy Reynolds, RDH, MS energized our morning with microbes and bacteria with her three hour topic "Going Viral: Exploring Infections, Lesions and their Impact on Oral Systemic Health" followed by Kristine Hodson, RDH, MSEC who presented her three hour topic:"5 Keys to Unlock your Career and Expand Your Financial Success". Paul Glassman, DDS, MA, MBA presented a 2 hour evening presentation, "New Opportunities for Dental Hygienists and RDHAPs in a Telehealth Connected World".

Our Fall Extravaganza student track offered the presentation by Christine Nathe, "The Future of Dental Hygiene and Dental Public Health" followed by "NBDHE Overview and College Bowl Competition" presented by Kathleen Allen, RDH supported by an Educational Grant from Hygienist Prep. The Sheraton Park Hotel in Anaheim was the location for our Spring Scientific Session. Noel Brandon Kelsch, RDHAP, BS, presented "Mental Health and Oral Health". Marhya Kelsch, LCSW CO, LCSW CA presented the continuing education program "Understanding the Psychology of Dentistry: Patient Centered Care Through Integrated Medicine". The day concluded with a special course focused for RDHAPs, but applicable to all hygienists, "Understanding the Oral-Systemic Connection: From Intensive Care to Long-Term Care" by Cindy Kleiman, RDH, BS, Oral Care Consultant.

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

CDHA has an annual fund raising raffle in which 2000 tickets are sold. CDHA also typically approves a Ways and Means item annually as well. The Raffle tickets and Ways and Means Items are sold at each CE event. Component Trustees are also requested to sell tickets throughout the year at their local CE events.

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT - COLORADO

Name: Alyssa Aberle

Title: President

Name of Constituent: Colorado

Membership:

Current Number (Active Members):

357

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

N/A

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

Focus on student membership/conversion. Also provided outreach to potential members through legislative updates. One of our dental hygiene programs received an honorable mention for student conversion.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

Dental hygienists able to place ITR via virtual dental home passed. Advisory committee will convene in August with several dental hygienists on the committee.

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

Limited Prescriptive Authority effective 3/30/15 and mandatory ce effective 3/1/16

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

None.

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

See regulation section.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

None

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

4

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

None.

Potential Changes: (300 character max): N/A

Addition of Bachelors of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene via collaboration of the community college programs. Bill passed and program is in the development process now.

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

N/A

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

Student presentations done by President at each school and Student Liaison at each school. Awards presented at each program's graduation.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

Mandatory CE is passed and legislative workshops were conducted across the state. Beginning to build up infrastructure to offer more CE.

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

job postings and sponsorships on our new website

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT – CONNECTICUT

Name: Amy J. Mongillo, RDH, MS

Title: President, Connecticut Dental Hygienist Association

Name of Constituent: Connecticut

Membership

Current Number (Active Members):

300

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

Some loss of membership but not a significant impact

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

CT continues to focus on student transition into membership by the following:
visiting the five DH schools promoting the benefits of membership
collecting 'forever' emails from students
creation of a CT grad package modified from the Minnesota model
offering reduced fees for recent graduates at our annual state Nutmeg conference
offering relevant and attractive CE courses

Additional and more recent efforts in 2015 include:

changing some format/structure of our annual Nutmeg conference to attract more members in response to feedback from members and students

offering social events , i.e., a wine/cheese 'reunion' for graduates within two years - tying in a raffle fundraiser*

creating a phone call campaign at the component level where trustees manage the phone contact campaign to dropped members to personally invite them back

* some of the results will become evident when conversion rates occur for the students and after social event (s) occur and can be evaluated

* the phone contact campaign was mildly effective (for ex., 4 new members were added in the month of March). This campaign can be very effective if it is actively implemented. It will be recommended to be continued with more active participation

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

1. CDHA is working with lobbyist and oral health access to care champion legislators to pass an amendment to a proposed expanded function House Bill for dental assistants. This important amendment proposes added language to also allow an expanded scope of practice for the dental hygienist (ADHP - Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner) who will work in public health settings as a means to improve access to oral health care. This proposed regulation is about to come before the state House floor for a vote.
2. CDHA has been working collaboratively with state health coalitions and liaisons including COHI (CT Oral Health Initiative), and the Connecticut Dental Association in a public relations campaign in response to a raised anti-fluoridation bill to eliminate the addition of fluoride in state community water supplies. This bill has remained raised and not proposed. It is anticipated that the campaign will continue throughout the year and into next year.

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

The current Connecticut Regs and Practices chair has been filling the position as an interim. We are currently transitioning the current Legislative Chair into the role as Regs and Practices Chair.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

See above

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

N/A

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

See regs and practices

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

5

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

Goodwin College- accepted first class in May 2014

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

Some news of threat for potential closing on Tunxis Community College, Farmington, CT due to state budget cuts. Tunxis is currently operational.

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

ADHA Connecticut will continue to offer a mentored leadership position to each student at respective schools who receive the ADHA Connecticut award upon graduation

Other mentoring within ADHA Connecticut:

Leadership workshop was held as part of annual Professional Development Workshop in Feb 2014.

Other mentoring is informal and more actively as part of legislative activities.

President will recommend instituting a more formal, structured mentoring program for new officers

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

ADHA Connecticut Membership Chair and Immed Past President continues an active partnership with student members and strongly encourages their participation. Two of the four schools have mandatory attendance requirements at local component meetings as well as associated mentoring program. * Goodwin College will institute the same in Sept 2015.

Students participate with other RDH members in several state-wide volunteer activities including an annual state- Mission of Mercy, NBC Health and Wellness Fair, CHIP (Child Identification Program), and several local and community outreach events such as Give Kids A smile Day.

Students participate in the annual state Nutmeg conference - observe the HOD and are provided with a CE luncheon in collaboration with RDH officers and members. A major change will be the reinstatement of student participation in the Mega Issues forum for Nutmeg 2015.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

N/A

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

N/A

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT – WASHINGTON, DC

Name: Jill Grassmick, RDH

Title: DCDHA President

Name of Constituent: Washington, DC

Membership:

Current Number (Active Members):

42

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

At this time DCDHA has had a + of two new members

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

DC membership chair personally contacted members who did not reinstate membership and as a result 4 reinstated membership, 1 transferred into DCDHA and 1 new member.

Membership committee discussed new ways to attract and implement ideas to recruit new members, potential members and retain current members.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

No changes in regulations to our practice act at this time .

It has been discussed to increase the 15 hour requirement for licensure to 30 hours. This would include the increase of number of hours allowed electronically.

DCDHA is in the process of adopting Prescription Authority added to the scope of practice regulations.

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

None at this time

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

Prescription Authority to regulations

Waiting out come of Bill 20-227 the 'Childrens Oral Health Care Amendment Act 2013'

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

Past President Yolanda Josey Baker. RDH MP was appointed by the Mayor of DC to the DC Board of Dentistry as the Hygienists Liason

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

DC Councilwoman Mary M. Cheh, Introduced legislation for bill #B20-227

Children's Oral Health Care Amendment Act of 2013

To amend the Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985 to allow dental hygienists to provide dental sealants to children in school-based dental sealant programs under the general supervision of a dentist without a prior dental examination of the patient by a dentist.

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

one (1) Howard University School of Dental Hygiene Washington, DC

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

There have been no additions or changes

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

N/A

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

DCDHA Executive Board reinstated the position of secretary. It is our goal to get more current members involved in leadership positions. As a result of meetings and personal contact more members and new members are accepting the opportunity. Delegate chair and President is working with members to groom new delegation members and officer positions. The officers and chairs initiated a 'Mentoring program' to recruit a member to personally shadow them in responsibility and procedure of their current position

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

DCDHA Executive Board and District III Trustee presented a program on UpDate of ADHA and the importance of being a member to all of the students at Howard. Each member shared her career, and the path it took them on and their involvement with ADHA/DCDHA

Students joined Team DCDHA on the Oral Cancer Awareness Walk

Howard students are invited to the Nations' Capital Mid-Atlantic Meeting to display their posters and take part in DCDHA program

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

Due to ADA meeting in DC in November 2015 we will not have the Nations' Mid-Atlantic meeting until March 2016

16 hours of CE were offered in 2015

In addition , the Nations Capital Dental Study Club was formed that offers 3 hours of CE each month for a total of 27 hours earned CE

The combined total of CE offered was 43 hours

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

Raffle tickets sold

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT – DELAWARE

Name: Garan Callaway

Title: DDHA President

Name of Constituent: Delaware

Membership

Current Number (Active Members):

193

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

No significant changes.

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

- DDHA offers a payment plan, when full funds are received payment is sent to ADHA
- Special Discounts toward ADHA dues are offered at CEs.
- President and/or Officers visit students to discuss ADHA benefits and membership
- Sponsor various programs for students, such as Table clinics with awards, Essay contest with awards, Two Outstanding clinicians per year are awarded ADHA membership
- DDHA President and other EB Officers attend Student Case Presentation Day
- Had a DDHA membership information table at the Delaware State Dental Society CEs.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

None

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

None

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

None

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

No changed enacted

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

Changes pending: SB 85 - Still in committee (To accept a regional Clinical Board Exam and/or State Clinical Board Exam).

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

One (1): Delaware Technical Community College

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

There have been no additions or deletions of programs in the past year.

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

None

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

- Honored to have our District III Trustee, Michele Braerman, speak at our 25th Annual Session and install our Executive Board officers
- DDHA holds a workshop to prepare new board officers for their elected positions
- DDHA officers and other members have spoken to the students about membership opportunities and encouraged graduating students to join committees

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

- DDHA awards a one year membership to one 2nd year dental hygiene student from each campus
- Second year Students present a Table clinic at Fall CE to attendees, monetary awards given by DDHA to top three Table clinic groups

Student/Constituent Interaction: *(continued)*:

- Folders containing DE Rules and Regulations with commemorative ink pen distributed to Students in person by Executive Board President
- Executive Board President and Membership chair attended Student Case Presentation Day
- Published photos and articles featuring Students in our Newsletter

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

- DDHA sponsors 3 CPE events a year, one in each county
- Each component holds 3 CPE per year

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

- Raffle tickets sold to CPE attendees to win various prizes
- Novelty items sold at CPE events and ADHA CLL Marketplace

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT - GEORGIA

Name: Wendy Blond, RDH BSDHE MHSA

Title: Georgia Dental Hygienists' Association, President

Name of Constituent: Georgia

Membership:

Current Number (Active Members): 305

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

We have experience a gradual, slight, increase in membership over the past few years. We do see a spike when students can transition for free but later see decline in this membership population when it's time to pay dues. Some of our local components are changing their scholarship description to include covering their first year of dues after the free transition period expires. The students still get additional cash to use for their program expenses. A stipulation is written in that the dues are paid after attending local meeting as a new graduate hygienist.

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

Visibility has been key to membership this year. We has increased social media coverage and mailchimp newsletter post. We have tried including different things from highlighting member to posting relevant rule changes from the BOD. We have used our legislative activities as primary means of showing "value" for professional membership. Value for advancing the profession and helping the public. We have also hosted membership drive table at each local component's CE Symposium and the large Hinman meeting. We have received several donated items from vendors that we use for raffles. New members get extra raffle tickets. We have sent emails from the president to the email addresses collected at these events. Hand written thank you notes with gifts from the Orbit box were given out to existing members at one of our state symposiums during RDH month in October. Personal phone calls were also made to dropped members.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

Attempted change with no success: The GA BOD holds the same composition with 11 members and only 1 RDH member. There is no structure in place to allow additional hygienists the ability serve on a panel or participate in dental hygiene committee business. GDHA temporarily gained the support of the (non-ADHA member) BOD hygienist. She assisting in sharing an advisory board/panel concept with other BOD members. The model was created with the assistance of ADHA using similar practices as observed in other states. When the concept was introduced, long time BOD member called out the conflict with state policy (an issues with reimbursement) and was seen yelling at the RDH BOD member. The hygienist board member discontinued correspondence with association leadership. (This oversight may have been prevented if legal council was available/affordable)

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

- The BOD did rule to limit the total number of failed attempts allowed for RDH applicants on the regional clinical exam to 4 (same as dentist allowable attempts).
- The BOD did clarify an existing rule that assistants are not to polish in as part of a hygiene service.
- The BOD denied request from non-profits to allow hygienists to function on the same supervision as RDHs in public health practice in GA.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

- There were several meeting where the hygienist member failed to attend the Board meetings at all, thus resulting in no dental hygienist vote or presence for closed session business.
- The hygienist member's term is expiring this year and GDHA has submitted two candidates for her replacement. The candidates submitted are both active ADHA members and past GDHA presidents.
- Leaders of GDHA regularly volunteer their time to attend the open session BOD meetings.

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

GDHA advanced two bills this year. HB350 would allow licensed dental hygienists the ability to administer local anesthetic. HB684 creates opportunities for dental hygienists to extend services to locations and populations that experience limited access to preventive care, such as: nonprofit clinics, health care facilities, long-term care facilities, school based programs and other facilities or settings approved by the GA BOD. We accomplished these introductions through dedicated volunteers, a paid lobbyist, and creative marketing strategies. Newsletters provided members instruction and templates to assist in opening communication channels and asking for support.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

All three bills will pick up where they left off in their respective committees (HHS) in the 2016 legislative session.

1. Legislation for Local Anesthetic: February 17, 2015 House Bill 350

<http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/350>

2. Legislation for Supervision Change (support existing public health infrastructure): March 27, 2015 House Bill 684

<http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/HB/684>

3. Legislation for Dental Therapist (This bill was independently advance by the senator apart from GDHA's knowledge or partnership): April 2, 2015 Senate Bill 248

<http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/SB/248>

...GDHA's research found the bill is not related to or an initiative of the Georgia Dental Association, Pew, Kellogg, or the Morehouse College Community Voice. The model of training presented in SB 248 does not align with the models support by ADHA. Our state leadership has reached out to Senator Seay about revising the language of SB 248.

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

15

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

Georgia Highlands College will introduce the second bachelors completion program in state starting June 2015. Clayton State and Georgia Regents University are the only two entry level bachelors programs in the state.

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

An upcoming change will include the acquisition Georgia Perimeter College by Georgia State. Lanier Tech now offers a full associates of science degree whereby all classes are offered through the technical school. Lanier formerly had an arrangement with the university system college where core classes were taken before admission into the dental hygiene program.

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

We held our leadership workshop in Eatonton GA on August 23, 2014. District 4 Trustee, Jess Kiser, was present. She began the day with a presentation on membership and leadership/fiduciary duties.

January 10, 2015 the BOT met in Riverdale, GA. There was talk about advocating our cause and increasing recognition of our leaders in their community and within their alumni affiliations. The president gave a Mini-UYP presentation introducing the concepts of a constituent agreement and fiduciary duties as defined by ADHA.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

Lobby Day on Feb 12, 2015 was largely focused on the students with over 300 (mostly students) in attendance. There was a pre-legislative session prior to lobbying where students were introduced to the process.

February 27, 2015, GDHA hosted a table clinic and poster session for the dental hygiene students. The president and legislative chair hosted the GDHA table to promote the association and its work. Scholarships and lunch were provided.

Several GDHA leaders are educators. Other leaders provided guest lectures at the colleges for professional involvement and served on program advisory boards.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

GDHA adopted a new procedure to mobilize our CE outreach across the state by zones. There were 3 CE State Symposiums held in different areas of the state this year. We additionally have our Annual Session coming up in July 2015. The CE topics at our annual session meeting directly align with our legislative bills.

(Each of the the local components also offer regular CE classes throughout the year. They also host their own full day annual symposium.)

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

- 50/50 Raffles were conducted at our state symposiums for IOH.
- We adopted a 1 year procedure change to collect 35% of the component symposium profits to go towards the constituent budget.
- Our state has exhausted much of our financial reserves to address our need for statute changes in Georgia. We have requested donations using a GoFundMe account at <http://www.gofundme.com/CatchUpGA> but we are still many thousands short of what we need to finish what we worked so hard to start legislatively this year.

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT -- Illinois

Name: Sherri Lukes

Title: President

Name of Constituent: Illinois

Membership:

Current Number (Active Members):

514 as of 5/25/2015

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

We have had a significant decrease in membership despite a membership training at our strategic planning meeting in January, and a membership incentive in 2014

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

We have made phone calls to members who have dropped and the president is trying to visit DH schools to encourage students to transition their memberships. Our affiliate, the Illinois Federation of Teachers, sent membership recruitment specialists to component meetings to assist the components in recruitment efforts.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

none

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

No changes were enacted.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

No response

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

No response

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

As a last ditch effort, IPHA was able to attach our bill to a House Medicaid bill. This addition made it very controversial and it was feared that it would not pass due to this addition, so it was pulled from the bill. In retaliation, the dental society attached 'scaling for dental assistants' to one of their house bills, but the amendment was not moved forward due to efforts by hygienists. We will continue to seek collaborative practice in PH settings, but may need to change the title....the dental society doesn't like the term 'collaborative practice'.

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

13

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

One program was deleted and one program was added. the Sanford Brown in Chicago was deleted and a new program at Fox College in Chicago is beginning.

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

None that I am aware of.

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

We had the District Trustee assist us with our strategic planning. Our president-elect attended a leadership meeting hosted by our affiliate the Illinois Federation of Teachers. The president has planned a weekend retreat for this summer for the EC, BOT, and committee chairs/members. Component presidents are encouraged to attend as well as any other interested member.

Students from five of the IL DH programs attended Lobby Day and were paired up with members to visit legislators.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

The president has been making visits to schools and has enlisted a member from the membership committee to assist in making school visits. The president has attended pinning and student recognition meetings as well and presents graduates with an IDHA pin. Students from five of the IL DH programs attended Lobby Day and were paired up with members to visit legislators.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

IDHA offered 6 hours of continuing education at last year's annual session, as well as another 2 hour CE as a recruitment tool sponsored by an instrument company. We are schedule to offer 6 hours of continuing education at this year's annual session as well.

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

We have sold cashmina scarves at UOR (which was held in our state) and other events. We also have a silent auction at our annual session to raise funds for our delegation to attend ADHA AS. We continue to enlist corporate sponsors to exhibit at our annual session for a fee. Each component was asked to contribute to lobby day efforts and funds were raised for a contribution to a reception held by IPHA.

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT -- INDIANA

Name: Amanda Apple

Title: President

Name of Constituent: Indiana

Membership:

Current Number (Active Members):

283125

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

Passed HB 1282 - refined wording for prescription supervision

IDA and Gov. Pence sponsored HB 1303 - opened the doors to introduce an OPA-type model; lessened restrictions for some state's licensure

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

President Elect focus was on students.

All hygiene programs were visited.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

Laser usage has been addressed

Increase of continuing education requirements from 14 to 19

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

HB 1282 changed requirements for prescription supervision: hygienist must have 2 years experience with a minimum of 20 hours/week; addressed laser: cannot use a laser that ablates, cauterizes, or cut hard or soft tissue

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

None.

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

Limited use of lasers

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

None

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

Seven

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

None.

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

Many schools are accepting fewer students/class to help decrease the over-saturation of dental hygienists

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

Continue to work with hygiene programs to rebuild the bond between students, faculty, and the Association

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

President Elect visited each campus during the school year
Maintained open communication with program directors
Reintroduced Educator's Meeting for 2016 IDHA Annual Session

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

Attempting to increase CE requirements from 14 to 19

Will start a traveling CE for 2015-2016 to help reach more rural areas of the state

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

None.

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT – IOWA

Name: Emily Boge, RDH, MPA

Title: Iowa Delegation Chair and Iowa President Elect

Name of Constituent: Iowa

Membership

Current Number (Active Members):

429 (April 2015 Report)

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

Member Services chair has worked very hard this year to increase members inviting new members.

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

Objectives

- A. Display membership materials at Annual Session
- B. Visit Community College dental hygiene programs with President.
- C. Distribute Stress Kits and Member conversion information prior to board exams for senior dental hygiene students at each of 5 schools.
- D. Present an outstanding student award to 1 student in each dental hygiene program.
- E. Contact Non-Renewing members (winter cycle) prior to their end of March deadline at which time they will be dropped from the ADHA membership list.
- F. Present appreciation gifts to registered members at Annual Session.
- G. Work with the Lavender Band Editor to keep an updated list of member benefits on the IDHA website.
- H. Membership ribbons will be attached to name tags at Annual Session as a visual display of pride of membership.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

The Legislative Committee provides a connection between our lobbyists and the membership. The leadership that our lobbyists provide makes our legislative efforts more productive. Maintaining a relationship with a good lobby firm is essential for the vitality of this association. Increasing membership is also very important for the continued success of our legislative efforts. Our main effort this coming year is developing grass root support among hygienists and other health care coalitions to improve access to care for many under-served Iowans and increase job opportunities for hygienists.

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

For the 2015 legislative session, a Volunteer Dentist/Dental Hygienist Bill, HSB 45 has been submitted by the Iowa Dental Association. Iowa Dental Hygienists Association supported the Bill because these words were added - "Persons holding a Retired Volunteer's License shall not practice clinically independent of an Iowa

Changes Enacted: (continued):

Licensed Dentist with an Active Dental License. The person may do screenings or an educational program without an active licensee present.” This bill passed.

IDHA informed the Iowa Dental Board that IDHA will support their Bill for the Executive Director to be an “At will position” instead of “Merit Employee”.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

Lobby Day was held February 26, 2014. We had a very successful day despite below zero temperatures. We had 19 Senior Dental Hygiene Students from DMACC, 10 Senior Dental Hygiene Students from ICC, and 9 IDHA Members. We spent the first part of the morning putting together an Oral Health Care Kit containing a soft toothbrush, toothpaste, and a Fact Sheet about Dental Hygienists. A Talking Points Background Sheet about Medicaid Reimbursement was distributed to the hygienists and students.

Our Senate Study Bill 1069, Medicaid Reimbursement for Dental Hygienists, wasn’t assigned to a committee during the 2014 Legislative Session due to it being an election year and strong opposition from the Iowa Dental Association.

At the 2014 Lobby Day, we met with Dr. Russell, Director, Bureau of Oral and Health Delivery Systems, Oral Health Center; he discussed plans for the coming year and events that will shape our profession. Several states are adding a dental therapist or working toward that goal. The Iowa Dental Wellness Plan is going to be rolled out in May of 2014. Approximately 150,000 new Iowans will be eligible for dental care and could overload dental offices making it difficult for access to care. This is another reason why we need Medicaid Reimbursement for Dental Hygienists.

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

N/A

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

N/A

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

5

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

Indian Hills Community College (Ottumwa, Iowa) will be opening a 6th program, but the start date has not been officially released. The program received funding and is establishing a curriculum.

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

N/A

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

Student Liaison visits each of the 5 schools with the President and Membership Trustee at various times throughout the year.

Board of Trustees has been inviting new members to BOT meetings throughout the year.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

IDHA Student/Faculty Conference held on October 24, 2014 was an opportunity for Dental Hygiene students to meet and network with licensed hygienists in the state at a one-day meeting event. Licensees, students, and educators all had separate meetings during morning and afternoon sessions.

Outstanding Student Awards are given at each school from IDHA.

Components are encouraged to reach out with invitations to meetings and networking opportunities with students.

This year there were more student table clinics at Annual Session, and we saw an increase in participation of the schools at our House of Delegates.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

May 2014 Annual Session, Sheraton Hotel, Downtown Iowa City, Iowa
Licensee Courses

5-2-14 The Other Vitals: Beyond Blood Pressure, Pulse and Temperature and The Bitter Side of Sweets:
Understanding Today's Dietary Sweeteners and Their Impact on Oral and Systemic Health ~ 6 CEU
Speaker: Betsy Reynolds, RDH, MS

Attendees: 243

5-3-14 The Stress Mess: The Impact of Stress on Oral and Systemic Health ~ 3.0 CEU

Speaker: Betsy Reynolds, RDH, MS

Attendees: 80

5-2-14 Table clinics 2.0 CEU

Attendees: 244

2014 Annual Session Registration 3.0 CEU

2014 IDHA Fall Event, FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny, Iowa

Licensee Courses

10-24-14 Women's Aging Complexities ~ The 2014 Oral Health
Connection ~ 6.0 CEU

Pam Hughes RDH, MS

Attendees: 65

Student Courses

I want You to Want Me and Practical Approach to Improving Oral Care in the Dependent Adult Population
Angie Stone RDH, BS

Attendees: First and Second year students from 5 of the 5 Iowa dental hygiene schools were in attendance.

May 2015 Annual Session, Prairie Meadows Hotel, Altoona, Iowa

Courses:

5-1-2015

Diet Wars

3.0 CEU

Betsy Reynolds, RDH, MS

5-1-2015

The Chamber of Self - Medication Secrets,

What You Don't Know About What's In Your Patient's Medicine Cabinet, 3.0 CEU

Thomas Viola, RPh,CCP

5-2-2015

Points on Piercing

3.0 CEU

Betsy Reynolds RDH, MS

2015 Table Clinics

2.0 CEU

2015 Annual Session Registration

3.0 CEU

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

RDH IOWA PAC

Fundraisers at Fall and Spring Events

IOH Iowa

All 9 Components made a donation and fundraiser tables were present at Fall and Spring Events

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT -- KANSAS

Name: Stephanie A Witt, RDH, BSDH

Title: President

Name of Constituent: Kansas

Membership:

Current Number (Active Members):

199

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

Decrease in student transition

Dues cost

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

Annual visits to schools within the state to discuss importance of membership

Discussing quarterly payment plans

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

ECP (Extended Care Permit), II, III-has been passed and is in practice now

RDP (Registered Dental Practitioner)-bill did not make it our of house or senate committee

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

Continue to work with coalitions to have the RDP bill passed

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

Acceptance from the Dental board

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

Same as Practice Regulations

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

No response

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

5

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

None

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

I was informed that Flint Hills Technical College in Emporia, KS will be transitioning into a 2 year program vs an accelerated program next year

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

Encouraging students/existing non EC members to attend EC meetings

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

Annual School visits to encourage transitioning membership after graduation.
Have a newsletter sent out at least quarterly
Occasional email blasts on events coming up.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

Hold an Annual Meeting in September and Spring Meeting in March. We have give aways/drawing for prizes.

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

Hy Pac Auction w/ donated items

Ways and Means-We normally have 1-2 items at each meeting to have a ticket purchased for a drawing of the item. They vary from a Basket full of goodies and/or wine glasses w/ wine.

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT – KENTUCKY

Name: Sharlee Burch

Title: Kentucky Head Delegate to ADHA HOD

Name of Constituent: Kentucky

Membership

Current Number (Active Members):

112411

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

There have been no significant changes to our environment here in Kentucky. We continue to work on increasing the scope of practice of dental hygiene through our Public Health RDH position.

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

We have moved our House of Delegates to the fall. 2014 was the first meeting and was met with relative success. Our Annual Session, now entitled the Advancing Lifelong Learning Conference (ALL) is still held in the spring. Unfortunately, this year we had a late large snow storm, we did have the conference but it was not well attended and we chose to return registrations to those who couldn't make it. This conference is our main fundraising and recruiting event, which made 2014/15 recruitment less successful.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

Currently the KY Board of Dentistry is reviewing regulations on Coronal Polishing for dental assistants. We have a very detailed and education focused regulation. Some individuals on the Board would like to remove the educational requirements. We are monitoring this process closely. Also, we are working on a joint committee with the Kentucky Dental Association on the use of teledentistry in KY (the Board has chosen not to take on the issue). There are also a variety of workgroups on health care reform in KY and we are working on those to be party to any new developments in Medicaid reimbursement for our PHRDH.

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

There have not been any major changes in regulations this year. However, we now have a CE tool online that will require all RDH's licensed in KY to store their CE's online with the KY BOD. This is a significant change and will impact all RDH's - we plan to use this as a recruitment tool in developing a 'how to' guide for RDHs to use to complete all tracking of CE requirements.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

KY has major changes pending in health care reform. We are on a variety of committees and monitoring movement in this area regarding teledentistry and reimbursement and the use of the PHRDH.

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

None

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

There has been some push to develop the CDHC model. We are monitoring this closely. Currently, no schools have 'bought in' to the pressure to create such a program. We continue to hold up the PHRDH as the standard as well as the basis for future midlevel providers.

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

5

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

None

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

None

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

KYDHA leadership has been actively involved in a variety of activities this year - including state health care reform committees, membership in the KY oral health coalition, and a leadership/BOT retreat early last summer.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

We sponsored student programs within the ALL conference, but with the weather we only had a very small number of students attend. This is typically our greatest interaction with them, so this was very disappointing.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

Our ALL conference continued even with the snow storm but it wasn't as well attended as usual.

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

Our ALL conference is our primary fund-raising activity and with the snow storm this year, our fund-raising took a major hit.

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT - MAINE

Name: Lorraine . Klug

Title: RDH, IPDH

Name of Constituent: Maine

Membership:

Current Number (Active Members):

128

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

3 new members from April Annual Meeting, 21 reinstated, 23 non-renewals

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

We have been contacting old members and got 21 reinstated members, strongly urged membership at our Annual Meeting and got 3 new members, and need to continue to contact past members and especially IPDH's who are not members to encourage membership. Personal contact has been our best tool.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

The Maine Board of Dental Examiners has appointed a Rules Committee that will be going through all the rules and recommending changes to the board. There is 1DDS, 1 RDH, and 1 Denturist on the committee. Some of our rules are very confusing and they want to clean them up. There is also going to be a process to clean up the statutes for the same reason.

MBDE has established rules for education for Mid Level Therapist.

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

None as of yet.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

Same as noted above

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

LD 187 to expand the pilot program for 2 years for IPDH's was defeated.

LD 918 to allow all IPDH's regardless of geographical shortage areas to take x-rays. They need to be reviewed by a dentist within 21 days.

LD 1211 to allow rule making authority and increased authority over dental hygienists to the dental hygiene subcommittee to the MBDE was defeated.

LD 540 to establish a Board of Oral Health was defeated.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

LD91 to allow all dental hygienists to prescribe fluoride dentifrice and antimicrobial rinse. It has passed the House and is currently awaiting a vote in the Senate any day now. There has been a proposed amendment to have a written agreement with a licensed dentist and to have a protocol to be established by the MBDE which we do not support. We are anxiously awaiting the outcome of this legislation.

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

2

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

no changes

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

University of Maine at Augusta will be conducting a needs assessment on a Mid Level Therapist program.

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

President and Vice President attended UYP in Chicago.

Workshop with District I Trustee Joan Fitzgerald with our executive board in May.

Working with some new grads to get them actively involved with MDHA.

Established a mentor program with senior DH students at UMA. We will introduce program at UNE in the Fall.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

President visited with senior DH students at UMA in the Fall. Introduced mentor program. Full executive board visited UMA students for pizza and question/answer session. Promoted and encouraged student conversion and membership. Had pizza visit scheduled with UNE but it was cancelled due to scheduling conflict with graduating students.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

Nov 2014-'Are you up to Date in Dental Hygiene and Prepared for the Future ?' presented by Joyce Turcotte RDH, Med

April 2014-Annual meeting with 2 days of CEUs: 'Methylation Implications with Periodontal Disease' presented by Shelby Kahl, RDH, BS, 'Review of Nitrous Oxide, Local Anesthesia, and Medical Emergencies' presented by Dr Maller, DDS, and 'The Business of Dental Hygiene' by Shelby and a panel of IPDHs.

Upcoming in June 'What Does Biofilm have to do with Chronic Disease, Persistent Wounds, and Recurrent Infections' and 'The Erosion Explosion' presented by Anne Nugent Guignon, RDH, MPH

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

Our fundraising consists mainly of our CEU programs. We have a program in the fall, annual meeting in the spring, and one in the summer. We had a silent auction and 50/50 raffle at the annual meeting and will be having a raffle for a saddle stool in June.

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT - MARYLAND

Name: Laura Smith, RDH, BS

Title: MDHA President

Name of Constituent: Maryland

Membership:

Current Number (Active Members):

724

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

In March of 2015 we had 828

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

Email contact to dropped or new members

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

None

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

None

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

None

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

Advocacy day:

4 out of 7 schools in attendance, 30 students attended.

Legislative Activities: All of the bills we provided testimony for/against were heard in the House Committee: Health and Government Operations, and the Senate Committee: Education, Health and Environmental Affairs. Here are the bills we provided testimony for/against:

HB355/SB431: Public Health - Dental Services for Adults - Coverage and Access We testified in support to expand dental services to post-partum women for a specified time period who have the state insurance. This bill did not make it out of committee.

SB810: Higher Education - Programs in Dental Hygiene and Medical Laboratory Technology - Transfer of Students and Senatorial and Delegate Scholarships: We testified against letting higher education school graduates transfer into a degree completion program. The higher education institute in question did not have Middle States Accreditation, only CODA accredited. All of the other dental hygiene higher education institutes in Maryland have both accreditations. This particular institution was trying to find a loop hole around Middle States so that their graduates could get their credits to be accepted into a BS program. This bill did not make it out of committee.

SB887: Health Occupations - Dentistry - Scope of Practice and Licensure Exception: We provided testimony against this bill which was trying to allowing non-dental licensed professionals to own and operate dental practices. This would include a non-dentist or non-dental hygienist owning a practice in the state of Maryland. This bill was referred to an interim study by the committee.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

No response

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

7

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

Howard Community College has completed their first year, will undergo accreditation

Hagerstown Community College

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

Pending accreditation for new programs

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

At the Fall 2015 BOT after installation of new officers, we plan to have an “overview” or orientation of how MDHA works. We will also have the previous chair/officer discuss with the incoming person the expectations of the role.

District III Trustee, Michele Braerman, spoke at 2014 House of Delegates

Encouraged students who won leadership awards to engage in a small volunteer role with MDHA

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

Presents scholarships to: Kelsey Durst at Allegany College of Maryland, Christie Schweitzer at Fortis College Institute, Emily Apple of University at Maryland School of Dentistry, Brooke Chung at Howard Community College. Presented Leadership Awards to: Casey Barry at BCCC oMcKenzie Wotring at Allegany College of Maryland, Justin T. Ambrose at Community College of Baltimore County, Christina A. Nave at University at Maryland School of Dentistry. Hosted students at Advocacy Day in Annapolis. Hosted students at Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 Sessions

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

Annual Session 2014, 6 CE total. Spring Scientific Session 2015, 12 CE total

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

Ways & Means sold Tooth Tervis Tumblers, tooth socks, dental sleeves, bags, and other items at AS 2014 and SS 2015. Ruffled crown seating chair at Spring Scientific Session 2015 . Encouraging students to sell at future Sessions

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT - MASSACHUSETTS

Name: E Jane Crocker

Title: President

Name of Constituent: Massachusetts

Membership:

Current Number (Active Members): 605

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

We have had ups and downs in membership this year, high 681 in February and low 586 in April. We have been calling dropped members and hope to stay on the uphill side of the change!

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

We have been calling dropped members using the calling script provided by ADHA. Membership is on a steady increase and we hope to stay on the uphill side of the change!

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

None at this time.

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

None at this time.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

N/A

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

None at this time. We currently have 4 pieces of legislation filed for the 2015 - 2106 session, working with our lobbyists to achieve all 4.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

2015-2016 Legislative Priorities - it would be our hopes that all 4 legislative priorities be passed within the 2015 -2015 session. We are working with our lobbyist to achieve such goals.

Legislative – *continued*

Issues Pending: (300 character max): -- *continued*

- 1) “An Act Establishing an Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner Level of Practice”
- 2) “An Act Relative to Dental Hygienists” -The proposed legislation would allow dental hygienists, who have obtained a special permit, to administer nitrous oxide.
- 3) “An Act Relative to Medical Malpractice Insurance for Dentists”/“An Act Relative to Public Health Dental Hygienists” - The proposed legislation would prohibit malpractice insurance providers from denying coverage to dentists on the basis that they have signed a collaborative agreement with a public health dental hygienist.
- 4) An Act Relative to Public Health Dental Hygienists” - this would enable PHDHs to bill third party insurance carriers, so that they are appropriately reimbursed for all services provided, and can continue to expand access to care for those in the Commonwealth who need it most, regardless of the type of insurance which they hold.

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

8 schools, Forsyth has 2 campuses

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

No additions or deletions.

Potential Changes: (300 character max): N/A

None that we are aware of.

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

All officers mentor component trustees, and attendees at our Board of Trustees Meetings, and component meetings.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

President and Membership Chair visit the schools, and reach out to all students with help on transitioning from student to professional member. We are fortunate to have many wonderful teachers, who also encourage their students to stay involved in their association. We hold events for them at Yankee Dental in January, and at our Annual Conference in September including, but not limited to: volunteer opportunities, board review with Crest Oral B, a look into a Continuing Education Course, and student achieve awards. We offer an academic scholarship at Yankee Dental for a student who is active in their schools student association, as well as two student scholarships to annual session.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

We hold an annual 3 day conference every September, that draws a crowd of RDH's, new graduates and students. The conference offers exhibitors for 2 days as well as 10 + continuing education classes, and 2 lunch & learns. It is well attended growing each year.

We have 11 components that offer continuing education classes throughout the year as well, in their respective areas.

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

At our annual conference, we have a basket raffle, with baskets that are donated by our components and sponsors/exhibitors. This is quite successful.

We also have other items that we sell at this meeting, and throughout the year eg: scarves, jewelry, and other RDH paraphernalia.

We have an annual get together during Dental Hygiene Month, which is also a small fundraiser.

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT -- MICHIGAN

Name: Kathy Mielke

Title: President

Name of Constituent: Michigan

Membership

Current Number (Active Members):

702 (a/o May 15, 2015)

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

We have definitely been on a downward trend for membership since 2010 (per report from Trustee Nicely last week). However, we seem to fluctuate around + or – 700 lately.

Our President has written “welcome” notes to new members, though there are more dropped than new.

Traditionally, our MC Chair forwards the Alpha roster to Trustees and Component Membership Chairs for grass roots efforts in calling/writing dropped, or about to be dropped members. This has become frustrating and embarrassing as the roster is not current, or at least “real time,” and we’ve had numerous occasions where we reach out and the person states they have already sent in their payment. It makes State and National look bad, like we don’t know what our right and left hands are doing as a professional association. We learned that ADHA has earmarked \$40,000 for an IT study, so we are anxious and hopeful that the results will encourage improvements in this area.

Cost is always an issue and we try to justify it, but reality is that jobs are scarce, pay is low and value is not understood. A graduated rate for new or transitioning members would be an amazing benefit as we could maintain the connection, showing value over a longer period, vs. just losing them completely due to the dollar amount.

Our President plans on writing each dropped member during her term, thanking them for their support and encouraging them to stay connected and renew their membership.

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

We are currently restructuring our Components from 18 to 9 to strengthen manpower and resources, as well as focus more attention on recruitment and retention across our state. Our MC Chair recommends having co-chairs for membership council to do just that, which we plan on implementing in October.

We are involved with the ADHA National Recruitment Campaign and look forward to getting feedback on what we can and need to do to improve, and how ADHA will help us.

We have an MDHA booth at our annual Spirit of Michigan meeting, which rotates from East, West and Central parts of the State. This year, we had a survey with legislative/membership questions which was generated by two graduate student members as part of their capstone projects. We expect the summary by the end of June.

Our President visited several Components and also DHY programs to present an MDHA update and educate on why it’s important to be involved in our professional association. Our President also spoke at the annual Student Member Conference to over 400 students about membership and involvement in their profession.

Our MC Chair (Gurzick) created a graduation packet a few years ago for new graduates which offers many how to's and provides State and local contact information for students post graduation. We distribute this packet electronically to each Component and most deliver to the seniors at their graduation/pinning ceremonies. Our MC also has come up a "who inspired you" campaign requesting stories about why members choose and maintain membership, as well as who may have inspired them to do so.

We provide bimonthly Newswires through an email blast to all members, and it is posted on our website. We also have a Facebook page, and recently started a Twitter account.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

Remains the same. No anticipated change in practice regulation at this time.

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

Public Act 100 of 2014 - Mobile Dental Facility, became effective April 1, 2015; key stakeholders were asked by the Department of Community Health to review the 9 draft forms and supporting documents for this new application - MDHA reached out to our PA 161 providers that would be directly affected by this law by holding a conference call to get their input, and members were also polled – after review and feedback, we provided comments and recommendations to the Department in December 2014.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

Our Governor has included expansion of Healthy Kids Dental (HKD) in his proposed budget for 2015-16. Last year, he managed to get two counties added, and this year he has budgeted for the last 3 counties (out of 88) to have dental coverage for children ages 0-12. We have made our support known for this initiative by 1} including it as a priority within our legislative plan, 2} our then President-Elect and IPP attended a press event with the Governor and other stakeholders that was held in one of the two counties that were added last year, and 3} our current President-Elect provided testimony to the House Health Appropriations Committee in support of expanding the program to the remaining counties. We've just learned that one of our State Representatives has requested our limited prescription authority policy to be drafted into legislation and he will introduce it when we are ready. This particular Rep. serves on the House Health Policy Committee so he is well positioned to move this issue forward.

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

Held a legislative/strategic planning meeting with our lobbying firm; established new legislative priorities that are simple and direct > we have been so fortunate to partner with Sarah Hubbard and her Acuitas team. They are AMAZING!!

Held biannual Legislative Blitz – successfully met with almost 60 Legislators/staff

MDHA leaders have been invited & attended several legislative receptions, lunches/dinners

Our President-Elect provided testimony to the House Health Policy Committee educating committee members about the educational background of an RDH and shared a powerpoint presentation including who we are, what we do, our MDHA mission and structure, and our legislative priorities.

Held our annual Legislative Luncheon; made some slight changes to years past and it was a very successful event! We have secured date for this event in 2016.

Have invited different groups to speak at our BOT meetings to increase awareness of our profession and engage in networking opportunities; also setting up meetings with other leaders in professional associations to develop partnerships and embrace inter-professional collaboration.

Involved with State and local coalitions.

Assisted with an advocacy request from a member to provide testimony to city council in support of bringing FL levels in water up to 0.7ppm as recommended by US Public Health Service; issue passed with 7:1 vote!!

Will host dinner for dental and dental assisting association leaders where we come together to improve communication and networking opportunities (host rotates annually)

Participated in sign-on letter with Oral Health America regarding S.192, the OAA Reauthorization of 2015.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

See Regulation, Issues Pending re: limited Rx authority.

With HKD expansion, we would like to see required dental screenings for children entering Kindergarten; discussed with several legislators and interest is there.

Permanent RDH committee on BOD – plan to discuss with current RDH members on BOD.

Review and discussion regarding a package of bills that would authorize a nursing home to provide dental treatment under the supervision of a dentist.

Support for Senate bill stating homes for the aged shall have a private exam room for the purpose of medical and dental examination and treatment.

Partnered with the Michigan Department of Community Health to participate in the 2015-16 Count Your Smiles survey which addresses dental outcomes in Michigan that pertain to Healthy People 2020 objectives, as well as health disparities among children for both dental disease and access to dental care. Results are summarized and may be utilized for regional and statewide legislative initiatives.

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

13

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

Deletions will take place over the next year > Baker College Auburn Hills and Baker College Port Huron programs will be closing and a new program will open at Baker College Clinton Township. This will bring us down to 12 programs.

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

We learned in the Spring that Jackson College has received a grant to launch a new DHY program. This would be another Associate Degree level program and not too far from colleges/universities that already have established programs. Our President has been in contact with ADHA, CODA, ADEA, the State department providing the grant and the Dean of Occupational Education at Jackson College.

A memo was sent to all DHY program directors and our BOT to apprise them of the situation and inform them that the MDHA leadership is aware of the situation and we are working to put a stop to it.

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

Have had attendees annually at UYP for several years now

Recruited new Treasurer early on who will begin her term in October and she is being mentored by outgoing Treasurer

Try to personally encourage individuals with leadership potential to take the next step

Hired new CPA firm that has been very helpful mentoring MDHA leadership

Have Executive Committee quarterly conference calls, with President-Elect as Chair, to provide leadership/mentoring opportunities and improved communication throughout the year; members are Officers, one Trustee, Council Chairs and Association Administrator.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

Each DHY program is assigned to a Component, and that Component is the liaison between the program and MDHA; many different activities take place within most groups

Annual "student member day" held each November through MADHE (MI Assoc of DH Educators) –

MDHA usually has speaking opportunity and booth available for networking opportunities with students.

MDHA Vice President is charged with serving as the student delegate liaison for our HOD –

communicates with DHY program directors re: student selection (2 per program, application process) and oversees student reception

Always invite students to annual Legislative Luncheon but new this year – asked for students to apply to attend this important event (similar to HOD) – went very well!

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

Promote ADHA's CLL and Annual Session

Full day CE with Northland Component – plan to continue annually in March

3 days of CE offered at annual Spirit of Michigan meeting (partnership with dental association)

IPP had sponsored CE opportunity after day one of our pre-HOD BOT; President will coordinate again this September

CE offered prior to our Legislative Luncheon (legislative update, current happenings around the Capitol, etc...)

Almost all Components host local CE events on their own

Full day of CE offered on Friday before our HOD in October

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

Promotional Items

CE courses

50/50 raffles

ADHA Marketplace

Silent Auction at our HOD

Annual Coffee sale

NEW > "Getaway" raffle

PAC – promotional items, special events

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT – MISSOURI

Name: Roberta Brown

Title: President , Missouri Dental Hygienists' Association

Name of Constituent: Missouri

Membership:

Current Number (Active Members):

171359

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

N/A

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

We offer activities that are student related at annual session, encourage components to engage with students at roundtable events, the MDHA president makes visits to schools as do local component presidents.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

Teledentistry is being considered by the Missouri Dental Board. We were able to get hygienists included in the providers able to utilize this method of practice in a bill introduced this past legislative session. Regardless of what happens with the legislation the board has said that they will look at creating some rules regarding teledentistry due to the fact that there are public health entities in the state that are ready to use this method of communication/collaboration for patient care.

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

None enacted.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

Teledentistry.

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

No changes were enacted.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

Teledentistry

Extended access supervision

Fluoridation bill (requires municipalities to notify communities if changes in fluoridation were being considered)

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

8

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

None.

Potential Changes: (300 character max): N/A

Not aware of any at this time.

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

N/A

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

N/A

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

N/A

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

N/A

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT – MONTANA

Name: Lorie Becker

Title: President

Name of Constituent: Montana

Membership

Current Number (Active Members):

156

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

+10 during Spring CE Limited Access Permit class

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

MDHA is moving forward with removing barriers for LAP RDH practice which we strongly encourage all LAP RDH's to be members of MDHA and have benefits to offer LAP RDH's.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

Third part payment by Delta Dental is now a reality in MT thanks to Heidi Halverson.

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

N/A

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

LAP Rule change will be reviewed by the MT Board of Dentistry on June 12, 2015.

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

MDHA is looking into Tele-Dentistry statute/legislation to allow exam payment to dentists who partner with LAP RDH's practicing in non-traditional settings.

MDHA seeks to investigate MDHA membership response to implementing Advanced Dental Therapy in Montana, prescription authority, and temporary fillings.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

None at this time. Next Legislative session in Jan 2017.

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

1

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

None

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

None

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

During Strategic Planning I met with each new Leader and directly answered their questions, concerns and explained my expectations with their new position.

Minimally I talk with each MDHA Leader every 3 months. I'm often contacted by members and non-members to address questions, concerns and address new ideas.

I know MT could use improvement in leadership development and mentoring activities.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

MDHA did re-instate the student mentoring program with current MDHA Board members. To date this program is not successful. Students overwhelmingly do not respond to emails or letters.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

MDHA incorporates Limited Access Permit training free to members and \$50 to non-members during Spring CE. Many hygienists want to practice in non-traditional settings independently. We offer to apply the \$50 non-members paid to go to MDHA membership, hence free training to all members!

LAP training has been a huge success and a great opportunity for MDHA to gain new memberships.

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

Difficult to fund raise. We did raise a good amount for IOH this year doing various drawings for instruments that were donated by companies.

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT – NEBRASKA

Name: Erin Haley

Title: President

Name of Constituent: Nebraska

Membership:

Current Number (Active Members):

343

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

N/A

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

Recruitment efforts included marketing annual session registration materials to nonmembers, all nonmember attendees of annual session were also given literature to help educate nonmembers of the cost of membership comparable to the cost of a cup of coffee. Our management staff only provides services to members of NDHA, our website has a member area that is password protected. In the recent past we raised the cost the cost of registration for nonmembers to attend our annual and fall session. Becoming a member is more economical.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

We initiated the 407 review process within our state to review the scope of practice, the dental association also initiated process and this is the first time that two professions had been in the 407 review process at the same time. Our was rejected and the dental association's sailed through successfully. NDHA anticipates that the Nebraska Dental Association will introduce legislation to our senators next year.

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

No changes were enacted this year.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

There are issues pending, however it is unknown at this time what the Nebraska Dental Association will propose to the legislature of Nebraska.

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

No changes occurred during the most recent legislative session in Nebraska.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

Pending issues are unknown, NDHA anticipates that the Nebraska Dental Association and the Nebraska Dental Assistants Association will jointly sponsor a bill to the Nebraska state legislature.

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

2

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

There has not been any additions or deletions of programs within Nebraska.

Potential Changes: (300 character max): N/A

NDHA is not aware of any potential changes within the educational programs in Nebraska.

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

NDHA sponsored a leadership workshop at the annual session in April, conducted by our District 8 trustee Lisa Moravec.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

The president visited both programs prior to the end of the semester, the president presented a program on membership to each program to encourage transition to professional membership following graduation.

During the 2015 annual session we had a NDHA sponsored breakfast for students from 2 Nebraska schools and one Iowa program. There were 119 attendees to the breakfast. Lisa Moravec, our District trustee, presented at the breakfast with a panel of professional hygienists/officers of NDHA to answer questions.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

NDHA sponsored a Fall session with a format and a continuing education course for 6ceu credits. We had the speaker at one main location and it was teleconferenced to 3 other locations. We had over 100 attendees for the entire course. Our annual session was successful in April 2015 in Omaha, Ne. We had two days of speakers conducting continuing education courses.

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

During our annual session our Hypac conducts a silent auction and IOH also conducted a silent auction of items. We also have the Nebraska Dental Hygiene scholarship foundation and this organization had a silent auction. All auctions were successful in raising needs funds.

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT -- NEVADA

Name: Annette Lincicome, BS, RDH

Title: President

Name of Constituent: Nevada

Membership:

Current Number (Active Members):

166

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

Membership at the end of the Winter renewal cycle is down by 5 members from 1 year ago.

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

-EVERY non-member attending NDHA functions is asked to join personally, face to face.

-Non-members joining at southern component monthly general business meetings are given free dinner/meeting that evening.

-NDHA BOT members call non-renewed members who are scheduled to be dropped from rosters to encourage renewal.

Despite our most earnest efforts, we are losing ground.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

As of May 20, the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners voted to accept the recommendations of the Committee on Dental Hygiene to change policy in the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC 631.210) with regard to 'Dental hygienists: Authorization to perform certain services.' Public workshops will now be scheduled to hear suggestions and opinions of all interested parties, and to develop specific wording of changes.

Recommendations to the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners came about as a response to a formal meeting between representatives of the Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association and the Committee on Dental Hygiene on March 22nd.

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

None.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

Changes to NAC 631.210 will be made after public workshops are held to hear suggestions and opinions of all interested parties, and to develop specific wording of changes. Changes drafted at public workshops are then submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau for correct legal wording, and then sent back to the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners for final approval before changes go into effect.

Changes being considered will affect the specific services dental hygienists are allowed to perform on new patients and patients of record more than 18 months out of recall prior to the dentist's exam. Changes will also be made to which services dental hygienists may perform without a dentist's supervision.

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

None.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

None currently.

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

2

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

None.

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

College of Southern Nevada Dental Hygiene Program may be converted from a 2-year program offering an Association of Science degree, to a 4-year program offering a Bachelor of Science degree within the next several years.

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

Senior Dental Hygiene students attending the College of Southern Nevada are assigned a practicing RDH mentor. Two official events are held each year, a Mentoring Meet & Greet in the Fall and a Potluck Panel Discussion in the Spring. Individual interactions between mentor/protege pairs is left up to the individuals involved. All mentors are required to be members of ADHA, and the purpose of the program is to nurture membership in the professional organization after graduation.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

Each Dental Hygiene program in the state is allowed one Student Delegate and one Alternate Delegate to attend the Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association's House of Delegates each year. Student Delegates are asked to deliver an oral report about their dental hygiene program's activities to the HOD, and each of the Student Delegates gets one vote during House business.

All dental hygiene students in the state are invited to attend the annual House of Delegates meeting as guests.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

Day-long continuing education events are offered by the Nevada Dental Hygienists' Association several times a year at various locations around the state, and a full day of continuing education is offered in conjunction with the annual House of Delegates meeting in the Fall. We have also recently added teleconferencing opportunities for continuing education to rural communities in Nevada when locations and teleconferencing equipment allows.

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

Primary fundraising comes from continuing education events. Meager fundraising is garnered through the sales of items at Marketplace at ADHA Annual Session each year. This coming Fall, we will be holding a social evening in conjunction with the House of Delegates where we hope a Bingo game will raise funds for NDHA.

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT – NEW JERSEY

Name: Rebecca Welch Pugh
Title: Executive Director
Name of Constituent: New Jersey

Membership:

Current Number (Active Members):

489

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

NJDHA tracks membership by the 12.31 Alpha while ADHA tracks by 4.30 Alpha. By either measure, membership statistics have taken a steep dive, although membership contacts by ADHA & NJDHA & components have picked up & NJDHA volunteer involvement has picked up.

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

Components receive contact directions with each POP/Alpha/other databases. Two components have hosted individualized “Membership Workshops” from the Council on Member Services which establishes focus & priorities. Membership certificates are sent to members at completion of first year; emailing’s are sent to graduate award winners, non-renewals, student members, non-converted students and other select groups. New Members receive individualized welcomes. Members receive involvement opportunities as well as industry information via website and Email Update. Strategic plan membership focus is Educators; an extensive database on NJ educators has been compiled and mailings are sent.

Regulation

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

For the first time in NJ history, the RDH seated on the NJ State Board of Dentistry (NJSBOD), Shirley Birenz, is President of the NJSBOD.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

Regulations are being drafted to address the recent law change that established general supervision. NJDHA will respond and awaiting these changes before initiating any new actions. Sunset Review will occur in 2017; NJDHA is preparing to submit request for regulation changes.

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

No new changes since General Supervision was enacted in 2012.

Legislative

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

In the legislature, bills are monitored and acted on as needed with the assistance of our lobbyist on any issue related to the profession or health. NJDHA is awaiting completion of regulatory changes addressing the new supervision law before initiating any new actions. Participation in a number of Coalitions and outreach-efforts (including AAPNJ, NJCOHA, OCF, Diabetes Assoc. Head Start, PEW Trusts, DentaQuest, 6 DH programs, NJOHC, NJDA, NJDAA, NJSP, soup kitchens) is positioning NJDHA to gather support when needed for expanding access to care in certain practice settings.

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

6 - 1 is proprietary

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

There are 6 dental hygiene programs in New Jersey; one of those schools oversees two different teaching clinics.

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

No response

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

Ongoing activities include sponsorship of a significant number of awards for members, students, and faculty, as well as an annual scholarship. New graduates are welcomed to the association and a few have taken volunteer positions. Access-to-Care presentations at the annual Garden State Conference continue to motivate and involve members in professional growth. Annual Networking meetings involve members in Mega Issue discussions on developing the profession in NJ.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

NJDHA continues to focus on mentoring students. Student Liaisons and students are included in activities and mailing. This year, annual session again includes a Student Networking Session and opportunities to attend programs with active members. NJDHA attends annual Pinning Ceremonies. Contacts include: handouts at annual meeting, graduation nearing postcard, congrats letters to award winners, focused invites to annual meeting, student flyers, series of contacts on transition from student to professional etc.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

At NJDA Annual Meeting, NJDHA, along with NJDAA, co-sponsors CEU programs; this has been successful each year. The financial rewards of a combined meeting have been fruitful. Components continue to sponsor regularly scheduled continuing education offerings throughout the state. The biennial 'last chance CE' for licensure renewal years will be held in December 2015, and attracts many non-members – great contacts! Through NJDHA's extensive database of nonmember emails, we are able to promote both component and state courses, resulting in increased dialog with nonmembers.

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

Fundraising included selling key chains, NJDHA T-Shirt and pins. In license-renewal years, we host 'last chance CE' in December which brings revenue, exposure of NJDHA and a benefit to members. Participation in the NJDA annual session through course-sponsorship generates significant income as well as good relations with NJDA.

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT

Name: Lucia Delgado
Title: NMDHA President
Name of Constituent: New Mexico

Membership

Current Number (Active Members):
188

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

-11

A few years ago NM went from 48 to 78 yearly graduating students. Well established dental hygienists feel secure in their career/financial situations and do not feel a need for membership. Newly graduating students are largely underemployed and overwhelmed by student debt. Moral is down, money is tight, and membership participation continues to decrease. Additionally, the Dental Therapist proposal is seen as divisive and hygienists are cautious about being associated with that. Change is difficult.

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

Membership services council continues with calling and emailing efforts. We attempt to meet the best practices recommendations but are plagued with staffing challenges. We discuss ADHA and its benefits at Annual session, Albuquerque Day, Mid year, and graduation events. We go to the schools and present to students yearly. We request enrollment/transition.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

Effective July 1, 2015 a collaborative practice hygienist and hygienists who own their own practices (i.e those who employ dentists) must register with the board.

The dental hygiene board committee is proposing to add the ADHA standards of practice to the rules. This is an attempt to raise the employee-hygiene standards however no 'standards of practice' is being added to the employer dentist's rules.

Yearly proposed rules are introduced in July and passed in October.

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

Effective July 1, 2015 a collaborative practice hygienist and hygienists who own their own practices (i.e those who employ dentists) must register with the board.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

We are not aware of any additional pending issues.

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

The Dental Therapy bill was introduced for the 4th or 5th year in a row by Health Action NM. NMDHA actively supported the bill, participating in phone calls, emails, meetings with legislators and consistent presence at the committee meetings. The bill passed the house in a bipartisan vote. Due to time we were unable to pass at the senate level, but did pass a memorial to create a task force. NMDHA has interviewed possible task force members and facilitators and is prepared should the legislation give the green light.

Progress was made but no changes were enacted this year.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

Dental Therapy continues to be the main ongoing issue. This years bill was Dental Hygiene based. It continues to make progress. The incoming session in 2016 typically does not engage in workforce model bills but with this year's progress, it may.

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

4

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

None. Saturation issues are becoming more prominent.

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

No changes foreseen at this time. There are state agencies that are recognizing that the graduating hygienists are having difficulty finding full time work.

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

NMDHA has a partnership with the two largest schools. We have ongoing mentorship programs established. The local chapter recruits officers from the graduating class.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

Discount rates are offered to students and new graduates to attend the CE events (annual session, Albuquerque day, Midyear, Laser). NMDHA supports the schools table clinics with judges and monetary awards. Certificates are given at graduation. We speak to the students in their classrooms yearly and at Annual Session. We present a mega issue at annual session yearly. We have a very active student involved Lobby day yearly.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

Annual session, Albuquerque day, Mid year, OSHA/CPR and Laser training, local CE's (four times a year).

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

Annual session, Albuquerque day, Mid year, OSHA/CPR and Laser training, local CE's (four times a year).

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT – NEW YORK

Name: Beth Krueger

Title: Executive Director

Name of Constituent: New York

Membership:

Current Number (Active Members):

700

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

DHASNY, working in partnership with the NYS components, encourages membership at events and communications, providing information on the value of membership, and welcoming new members, as well as retaining membership. Likewise, we have outreach to the schools and encourage student membership and transition upon graduation. DHASNY participated in the ADHA outreach to nonmembers.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

No response

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

Effective January 1, 2015, regulations for new Article 28 collaborative practice law

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

No response

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

Collaborative practice law, effective in January 1, 2015, enables a dental hygienist working in Article 28 facilities under NYS Public Health Law to have collaborative arrangements with a dentist who has a formal relationship with that facility. These include such public health facilities as hospitals, nursing homes, diagnostic and treatment centers, acute care clinics, and free-standing ambulatory surgery centers

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

No response

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

11

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

No changes

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

None anticipated

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

Provides award to member to recognize excellence in mentoring. Also, DHASNY leadership identifies priorities and plans implementation, based on association goals. Board reflects different backgrounds and career stages – public and private practice and education. Board meetings include regular sharing among directors statewide of best practices and effective activities and procedures – take back information to components.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

Annual presentation of DHASNY President's Award for Excellence at the Student Level at the various schools, with nominations from the schools. Student participation encouraged at Empire Conference, including table clinics, special rates for attendance a programs. DHASNY liaisons named for each school to facilitate communication and coordination. NYS Dental Hygiene Educators hold meeting during DHASNY Empire Conference. DHASNY/component representatives speak/participate in activities at various schools during the year

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

Professional development measures include statewide Empire Conference – November 6-8 in Saratoga Springs – multiple CE, exhibits and networking. Also, DHASNY reviews and sponsor CE programs for various components and other entities during year

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

Support of annual session elements, including Ways and Means activities conducted at AS and year-round

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT – NORTH CAROLINA

Name: Melanie Owens

Title: President

Name of Constituent: North Carolina

Membership

Current Number (Active Members):

274316

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

Currently in the process of trying to obtain local anesthesia. House Bill 286/Senate Bill 440.

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

The Membership Committee has been making efforts to contact members who have not renewed their membership via e-mails and phone calls

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

N/A

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

N/A

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

N/A

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

N/A

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

Local Anesthesia House Bill 286/Senate Bill 440 pending.

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

13

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

N/A

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

N/A

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

N/A

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

All the schools have been visited this year by my members of the Executive Committee in order to encourage involvement and membership upon graduation.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

North Carolina had their Spring Symposium March 6, 2015 and will have their Fall Scientific on September, 18, 2015.

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

We have raised money for the NCMOMs (North Carolina Missions of Mercy) clinics at our Fall Scientific 2014 and Spring Symposium 2015.

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT – NORTH DAKOTA

Name: Rachelle Gustafson
Title: President ND DHA
Name of Constituent: North Dakota

Membership

Current Number (Active Members):
139

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

We continue to see consistent numbers for our membership with some slight fluctuation up and down throughout the year.

This past Legislative year there were some dental related bills being heard. The NDDHA supported the bill that would create an Advanced Practice Dental Hygienist. This bill has concerned some of our members and we have heard of a few members choosing not to renew their membership due to this. We have also seen some new members due to this. We will continue to educate on the importance of membership as we move the profession of dental hygiene forward.

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

We are continuing work to implement a better system for contacting non-renewal and non members. We have purchased the list of all hygienist licensed in ND and are reaching out to them via Mailchimp with the benefits of becoming a member. We continue to pull in 1-3 new members at our state meetings by having our membership trustee set up an area to answer questions and help with registering people interested right there.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):
None

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

NDBODE adopted amendments for expanded functions for RDH and DA practice acts. This allows for restorative functions: placement class I & V amalgam and composite restorations & adjustments with low speed hand piece done under direct/indirect supervision with DDS doing prep and checking restoration before patient is able to leave.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):
None

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

None

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

We are currently waiting to see if the Legislative committee will continue to study the need for dental care in ND; especially in the rural areas. We will continue to monitor this and stay active during the interim year.

The NDBODE also proposed an amendment to allow the DA to scale supra-gingivally, but due to the hard work of the hygienists in ND this proposed amendment did not pass.

The NDBODE also drafted a legislative bill and included language to allow the RDH to administer local anesthesia to those under 18. This bill was defeated due to other items in the bill and the RDH is not able to administer local anesthesia under 18. We are able to continue to administer to those 18 and older.

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

1

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

None

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

NDSCS is looking into options to provide training for the expanded functions. Currently ND has no options available to train those interested in using the expanded scope.

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

We have a student liaison committee for the students at NDSCS.

We have an increase in people interested in getting involved with NDDHA and our BOT. We will continue to mentor current BOT member in their current positions. We will invite others to become involved in the NDDHA by encouraging more involvement from members and nonmembers on our various committees in hopes of fostering further involvement or gaining of more members.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

Our student liaison, interested BOT members and NDDHA members are invited to meet with the students (First years students in the spring semester and 2nd year students in the fall) We do a short presentation on NDDHA/ADHA, bring lunch and visit. We also attend the table clinic presentations by the 1st year DH students. We present awards to the highest scoring presentation. We also try to attend graduation for the DH Students.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

We continue to have a spring CE and meeting in March rotating between Dickinson & Minot. We also continue to hold our Fall Annual Session in collaboration with the NDDA & NDDAA every September, rotating between Bismarck & Fargo.

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

We continue to do our resource table at our CE sessions with a variety of merchandise available. We also donate \$1 from each registration to a local charity for each CE session. In the locations that allow we do 'Lucky Buck' actions allowing people to purchase tickets for various baskets with all proceeds going to specified charities/causes.

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT – OHIO

Name: Amy L. Kinnamon RDH EFDA BSASc

Title: President

Name of Constituent: Ohio

Membership

Current Number (Active Members):

Approximately 700

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

We have lost members in recent months. The scarcity of jobs, retiring RDHs and graduating student members have contributed greatly to this loss.

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

We have visited 10 of the twelve dental hygiene schools in Ohio and member services are calling members at renewal time.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

HB 463 had unexpected negative change for RDHs in Ohio with one benefit of loan repayment for students and a reduction of time restriction on general supervision and OHASP We anticipate this bill in whole to fail as it does not address access to dental care.

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

EFDA's and DAs performing duties without the DDS present and also in community settings.

Loan repayment for DH in shortage areas

Reduced time restriction for DH under general supervision

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

Increase in medicaid reimbursement for dental shortage areas (pilot program)

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

N/A

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

N/A

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

12

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

None.

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

Two schools are working on Dental Therapist curriculum.

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

We are working on a strong successful mentoring program. For each position we ask for mentorship and our volunteers are great at coming together to help each other be successful.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

We have visited 10 of the twelve DH programs in Ohio to foster membership and raise awareness to the challenges we will face in the near future.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

N/A

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

N/A

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT – OKLAHOMA

Name: Robyn McLaren, RDH, BS

Title: President

Name of Constituent: Oklahoma

Membership

Current Number (Active Members):

322

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

Membership is a constant challenge - We mentor as many students as we can but due to changes in faculty at our three dental hygiene programs, its been hard to keep consistent programs in place year to year. Older non-members tend to not value the benefits and to add insult to injury, several periodontists in the state are now offering CE courses at half the price of Annual Session which is a hot spot for Non-Members almost like a mini-annual session for Non-Members. We've gone and hosted booths there and they walk by without even making eye contact. What they don't understand is when they support ODHA Sponsored events the money goes toward supporting their profession where as attending these cheaper events the money goes into somebody's pocket. That's what we're trying to promote.

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

We host a State Student Meeting at Annual Session where we engage the students with a Mega Issues Forum asking them how they would solve some of the problems we're facing in our state. We also host individual component meetings at each of the programs and address the students about the latest legislative activities and membership. We put together care packages for all the students at WREB and enclose membership transition information. Our Membership Chair makes personal calls to all those who drop memberships or don't convert their membership.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

Our scope is not currently changing although a few changes were discussed but quickly dropped in Board of Dentistry Committee Meetings like Indirect Supervision for Local Anesthesia was mentioned only because a dentist was upset about having to cancel some SRPs while she was out of the office to attend the meeting. Once her peers informed her that would lay the ground work for hygiene to move for Independent Practice, she dropped the suggestion. We are concerned because a new Oral Maxiofacial Surgery Assistant Position was created and Passed in the updated Dental Practice Act. This person can learn with minimal training to insert IVs and push general anesthesia. What concerns us, is there is not a list of duties that this OMS Assistant can not do which theoretically means they could do prophylaxis and local anesthesia. We will be watching this closely. We fought for limitations to be listed but we ignored.

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

N/A

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

We introduced legislation 2 years ago to add a second hygienist to the Board of Dentistry to reduce the workload on the only hygienist on the board and were unsuccessful. We are anticipating trying again. We would also like to introduce a limited access permit to allow hygienists more freedom to get to patients who can not get to us.

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

N/A

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

N/A

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

3

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

There are three programs in our state. Two offer Associates Degrees while the 3rd offers a Bachelors. The third also has one main campus at the OU College of Dentistry as well as THREE distance sites at Bartlesville, Ardmore, and Weatherford.

Potential Changes: (300 character max): N/A

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

I mentor several students through out the year and encourage them to get involved after graduation often finding positions or assigning them tasks to keep them involved.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

We host a state wide Student Meeting within our Annual Session each year where we engage the students in a Mega Issues Forum where we present them with questions/problems we are facing and ask them how they would solve these problems. We also throw in fun activities between each questions where students compete to draw works of art using dental brushes/materials, wrap their partner in floss, carry ping pong balls on toothbrushes, and have a themed fashion show. Last year's theme was what dental hygienists will look like in the future. We also break off into groups at Lobby Day which is where we get our students to mentor. I usually end up with 5-6 students to mentor each year. I check on them periodically and offer help any way I can as they finish school and look for work. Some ignore me while others become friends and stay involved.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

N/A

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

N/A

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT – OREGON

Name: Gail Aamodt

Title: Oregon Dental Hygienists' Asso President

Name of Constituent: Oregon

Membership:

Current Number (Active Members):

400

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

This number is down from previous years. Our membership council was not very active last year. We had not done anything to contact dropped members. The main focus was at our Oregon Dental Conference where we hold a table each year.

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

We have launched a membership drive this year. We are asking each component to try to double their membership, each member to ask at least one dental hygienist to join. We have prizes and the executive team is trying to visit as many components as possible. I do not have the numbers yet but we are starting to see positive growth.

We have also instituted that to go to a dental hygiene conference it is extremely beneficial to be a member. The cost of registration for non-members is high enough to cover the cost of membership. We have added 5-10 members at the last 2 conferences.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

We have independent practitioners in Oregon with the Expanded Practice Dental Hygienist. The EPDH can work in many areas with a variety of populations and is able to be reimbursed by insurance. Some work completely independently and some choose to have a collaborative agreement with a dentist in order to increase their scope out in the field (anesthesia).

We also have the restorative endorsement where dental hygienists can place and carve both composite and amalgam restorations.

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

N/A

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

There is discussion on what should be eliminated in the collaborative contract between dentists and Expanded Practice Dental Hygienists. This is in discussion and review at this time.

We are looking at the term 'risk assessment' as a component of dental hygiene care for all dental hygienists in Oregon.

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

We are moving forward with pilot projects for advanced practitioners. There is a committee to review proposals. This has been a slow process but there is forward momentum.

Prescription writing for dental hygienists was moved from 'rules' to 'law' thereby re-instituting prescription writing to dental hygienists in Oregon.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

N/A

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

7

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

Carrington was closed.

Potential Changes: (300 character max): N/A

N/A

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

We had a July Leadership meeting.

2 members attended Unleashing Your Potential.

Future Leader Awards were distributed to an outstanding senior dental hygiene student in all programs.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

We have 289 student members. They are welcomed into all component meetings. We have open invitations to the schools to speak with students. Many components offer 'Welcome to the Profession' meetings for new graduates. We ran a student section during the last Oregon Dental Hygiene Conference in November and sold out!

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

We have 2 major conferences each year. The Oregon Dental Hygienists' Conference in November and the Expanded Practice Conference in May. Both are growing in attendance. The November Conference has 3 tracks: dental hygiene, educators and students.

We have an agreement with the Oregon Dental Association who sponsors a speaker for dental hygiene courses at the annual Oregon Dental conference in April.

We are offering a 'Tooth Wisdom' CE on working with the oral health of the Elderly in July.

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

Our primary fundraising activity is our 2 conferences.

We had our first silent auction at the Oregon Dental Hygiene Conference in November.

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT – PENNSYLVANIA

Name: Danette Shaffer

Title: President

Name of Constituent: Pennsylvania

Membership:

Current Number (Active Members):

731

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

As of May 2015 PDHA has 731 members.

In April, the roster had 715. We had an increase of 16 members.

The last several years we have seen a decline in April in membership. We continue to increase our efforts to keep existing members and gain new members using personal phone calls when possible.

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

Most of PDHA's members are recruited through personal contact at continuing education courses held across the state. Most components offer incentives if a new member registers that day. The component will offer to pay the local dues or the new member will be reimbursed for the difference between the member and potential member rate.

All PDHA sponsored events have a manned membership table set up with information on benefits of becoming a member.

The PDHA President and members of various components visit the schools to offer greetings and the invitation to the students to convert their student membership to full membership upon licensure.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

Registered Dental Hygienists can practice under general supervision for exposure of X-rays and other services within the scope of practice for healthy or mildly medically compromised patients at the discretion of the supervising dentist; and, under direct supervision for local anesthesia administration and subgingival medicament placement. Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioners, PHDHPs, are licensed and authorized to work in certain settings without supervision to perform services within the scope of practice excluding local anesthesia administration and subgingival medicament placement.

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

There have been no changes enacted this past year.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

We are continuing our efforts to gain recognition of Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioners as providers for insurance reimbursement. Currently only PHDHP's working in Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) receive payment for the patient encounters. We are collaborating with several agencies that have recognized our potential and are working with PDHA and PHDHPs to help us gain this recognition.

We held our second symposium in early May for PHDHP's to meet and gather information on the current use of the PHDHP license. This symposium included information for the PHDHP to learn about grant writing and how to start a business.

Legislative**Changes Enacted: (300 character max):**

Under Act 31 of 2014, any licensed professional in the state, including dentists, hygienists and EFDAs, must complete 2 hours of approved continuing education in child abuse recognition and reporting in the two-year period preceding license renewal. This went into effect in January 2015 and was required prior to license renewal at the end of March 2015.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

PDHA has representation at the meeting of the State Board of Dentistry. Our representatives gain information on possible changes to the scope of practice being considered for the RDH, PHDHP and EFDA. When permitted, input is given to help insure that the scopes are not compromised. The minutes of the meeting are reported to the PDHA Board of Trustees for input and discussion.

We are currently meeting with state dental providers to possibly implement a mandatory infection control course for license renewal.

Education Settings**Number of Programs in State:**

12

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

There have been no new dental hygiene programs established in the past year. PDHA would like to limit the number of new programs as the job market is saturated with new graduates gaining employment. We are hearing that many of our veteran hygienists are having difficulty in securing jobs as well.

Potential Changes: (300 character max): N/A

Our programs continue to gain recertification as the required. They continue to meet the current standards set forth by CODA. We are proud of their efforts to maintain these high standards.

During Presidential visits, students are encouraged to continue their education towards earning a BS and MS degree in dental hygiene. This will help to fill the openings in the dental hygiene programs, as well as, give them other alternatives for employment.

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

PDHA encourages all members interested in advancing into leadership positions to apply for the UYP- Unleashing Your Potential conference in Chicago.

Students, through election by their peers, are able to sit in a position on the PDHA Board of Trustees and House of Delegates. This gives them a vote and experience for future leadership positions within ADHA and PDHA.

PDHA has a mentoring program where experienced member mentors and new graduating mentees can work together to meld them for future board positions. Experiences can be shared on a personal level and can help with networking.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

PDHA uses Facebook and Twitter and the PDHA website to communicate upcoming events. Students present table clinics at PDHA's Keystone Dental Conference at Annual Session. They are able to attend PDHA sponsored CE courses at no charge to a nominal fee charge. Student delegates are selected to attend ADHA, CLL and PDHA Annual Sessions to learn and share the information with their peers.

Students hold a yearly Board Bowl to help prepare them for boards. With the President and board members visiting the schools, the students are able to ask questions about PDHA and membership.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

PDHA sponsors continuing education courses in different parts of the state and many are offered at Keystone Dental Conference at Annual Session. Courses are sponsored by local components throughout the year. A membership table is present at the courses with questions answered and registration for membership encouraged.

A Public Health Committee Nursing Home Project table is also present as most courses. This nursing home course can be given by any member and, when completed, earns the presenter 3 CEUs.

PDHA is collaborating with the Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance to train a select few members to be able to present the Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse Program to dental professionals across the state.

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

PDHA raises some funds through the CE courses that are sponsored. We are always trying to gain new members and retain current members to add to our revenue base. PDHA is open to new ideas and hopes to transition more student members through the personal contact of the mentoring program. It is encouraged that members bring potential members and students to courses or component meetings. PDHA hosted its second PHDHP Symposium in early May 2015 which also helped with revenue.

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT

Name: GWEN DOMINICK

Title: PRESIDENT

Name of Constituent: Rhode Island

Membership

Current Number (Active Members):

105

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

Membership was up and down all year. We finished the year at 105 which is the same as last year.

The poor economy and the lack of value of Association.

CEU's are more economical online and elsewhere.

Hygienists still not aware of advocacy of ADHA/RIDHA

Little national level support.

I hear from hygienists how hard it is to register online. Website confusing. Passwords often don't work.

Resetting time consuming!!!!

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

2 members joined last year due to the student brunch. They are now active on the RIDHA executive board.

Reinstatement of past members at CEU courses

Jessica Mendes IPP attended professional day at CCRI.

Kristen Emery (membership chair) sent letter/phone calls to dropped members.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

PHDH unanimously voted in favor in senate committee hearing.

Up for Senate vote.

Mass hygienist mailing performed to notify hygienists to contact their senators.

Marie Jones Bridges gave testimony and has been attending all legislative meetings.

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

rewriting a bill for CHAPTER 16-21

23 Health and Safety of Pupils

SECTION 16-21-9

Clean bill submitted S0683

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

CHAPTER 16-21

23 Health and Safety of Pupils

SECTION 16-21-9

S0683 A/2 PHDH

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

pending bill

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

pending bill

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

1

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

0

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

PHDH curriculum

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

Professional Day at CCRI

Student prenerb get together at Asia Grille

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

Professional Day CCRI

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

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ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT – SOUTH CAROLINA

Name: Tammi Byrd

Title: N/A

Name of Constituent: South Carolina

Membership

Current Number (Active Members):

106922

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

Membership has dropped. There were many RDHs in the state that were not even aware we still had an association because of its lack of visibility for the past several years. This is changing and the association has a lot of new young blood wanting to grow.

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

Old membership chair asked to keep position. That will need to change to move forward. We are working on ideas now.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

Increased Board members to two. No other anticipated changes at this time.

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

N/A

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

One RDH member is actually serving illegally. She was moved into the new position, but our statute states that NO ONE can serve two consecutive terms.

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

Nothing new yet. Direct Access already.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

Actively pursuing unsupervised practice in public health settings and medical offices and the ability to perform ART. Also supporting a bill for a dental hygiene therapist that a Senator independently dropped in.

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

Six with one pending.

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

None

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

A program in Aiken has been approved, but thankfully, the economy has kept it from coming to fruition.

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

Much more mentoring this year. We have new officers that are young and motivated. They are being closely mentored by experienced leaders.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

Good. Our student liaison retired this year and we have a new liaison that will be great.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

Annual Session continues to grow. We are working to start scheduling CE next year that supports our strategic plan.

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

Annual session is the largest. But also having a raffle and independent CE courses.

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT - SOUTH DAKOTA

Name: Amy Tejral, RDH, BS
Title: SDDHA - President
Name of Constituent: South Dakota

Membership

Current Number (Active Members):
108

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

- *SDDHA changed our Annual meeting dates to accommodate our members and non members.
- *SDDHA is working on developing an Executive Director position for our organization.
- *SDDHA has completed our 2015-2017 Strategic plan. We constructed it to simulate ADHA format.
- *SDDHA is doing more Web Ex meetings and conference calls to save time, and money.

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

- *SDDHA made 3 visits to the University of South Dakota dental hygiene students.
- *SDDHA contacted the names of those interested in more information about our state that we received from ADHA.
- *SDDHA keeps updating our social media websites, face book and constant contact. We send out notices of volunteer positions available on the local and state levels of SDDHA.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

SDDHA worked well with the SD State board of dentistry as they opened up the practice act.

- An Act to revise certain provisions and update the statutes related to the practice of Dentistry. There were no fee changes.. The Act has not been opened in 20 years. It proved to be an intensive project with the following organizations being consulted through forma meetings, conference calls, numerous phone calls, and emails.
- SD Dental Assistants' Association
- SD Dental Hygienists'' Association
- SD Dental Association
- Community HealthCare Association of the Dakotas
- Delta Dental
- Some limited Highlights:
- Definitions were redefined:
- Registered Dental Assistants was added to clarify those that are on a roster with the state.
- Dental auxiliary was recognized to not include Dental Hygiene so it will read'' Dental Hygiene and Dental auxiliary.

Regulation -- *continued*

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

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- Dental auxiliary was recognized to not include Dental Hygiene so it will read" Dental Hygiene and Dental auxiliary.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

Now that the Practice Act was passed

House Bill 1045 (HB 1045): Signed in to Law on Feb. 6, 2015

and will be implemented on July 1, 2015. The rules and regulations with in the act need to be updated as well. This may take 1-2 yrs to complete.

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

South Dakota Board of Dentistry opened the practice act and presented House Bill 1045 (HB 1045):

Signed in to Law on Feb. 6, 2015, and will be implemented on July 1st , 2015.

- An Act to revise certain provisions and update the statutes related to the practice of Dentistry.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

With in the Practice Act - SDDHA and SDDA have a collaborative agreement. The collaborative agreement states that a dental exam must be completed with in 13 months after the preventative services were provided. This is becoming an issue and a task force is being implemented to consider other alternatives.

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

USD - University of South Dakota - Vermillion, SD

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

* SDDHA president attended two Component CE's during Dental Hygiene month to mentor. promote membership, and stir up excitement as we celebrate 60 yrs as an organization in 2015.

*SDDHA addressed the Students at University of SD on two occasions.

-discussed job opportunities thru community health

-ADHA membership and what that mean to the Student, and encourage them to transfer their membership to professional once they graduate.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

- SDDHA awarded and presented a scholarship at the USD awards banquet.
- each spring SDDHA presents the 2nd year students with a good luck gift as they prepare for their board examination.
- SDDHA invites the students to join us at our Annual Session meeting in May.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

- Each of our components are required to offer at least 2 CE's per year with two business meetings per year also.
- We offer CE at our Annual Session in May.
- *We offer CE at our semi-annual session in September.

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

SDDHA have done many fund raising actives this year.

- Pizza Hut donated a portion of the sales generated from using a coupon code given to us.
- SDDHA sold fund raiser coupon cards for Pizza Hut.
- *We had vendors at our annual session and Semi annual session CE events. we charged businesses a fee for having a table at our meetings.
- SDDHA has been doing silent auction items at both of the CE events.
- *SDDHA have raffled off a saddle chair
- *sold 60th annual T-shirts
- offered people to pledge money to the organization to promote our legislative fund.

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT - TEXAS

Name: LeeAnn K Winkler

Title: President

Name of Constituent: Texas

Membership

Current Number (Active Members):

1051

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

If we track based on January of each year we had 1260 members in 2013, 1311 in 2014, and 1283 in 2015. Showing a -28 from 2014 to 2015.

We are still struggling with getting the students to transition to the paid membership status and converting the non members, and losing members in the inactive component areas. There is not a strong WIIFM in those areas.

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

With the help of our management team we are developing a clear set of contacts to reach out to students, those who drop membership, and new members.

Our newest effort will involve using punchbowl to send out cards to the new graduates:

<http://www.punchbowl.com/ecards/share/ddb15b0f32279e96061a>.

Our strategic plan for the coming year includes looking at our current membership by age and focusing on target groups to conduct focus groups to identify WIIFM statements to use in our marketing campaigns.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

We practice under General Supervision.

We still are unable to administer local anesthesia.

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

There is a new rule that has just passed regarding laser usage by a dental hygienists that will be under Direct Supervision. The good news is our State Board reviewed the current rule , the TDA wanted to remove the rule because the intent when formed was for diagnodont usage only, but we were not only able to get the votes to keep the rule but to clarify CE requirements. A hygienist and the dentist supervising will both be required to have 12 hours of in person CE, 3 hours of which are hands-on, for a hygienists to use a non initiated tip for bacterial decontamination.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

There has been the formation of a Texas Dental Access Coalition with membership from AARP

Adult Day Health Care Association of Texas

Americans for Prosperity

Americans for Tax Reform

Career Colleges & Schools of Texas

Center for Public Policy Priorities

Children at Risk

Children's Defense Fund-Texas

Coalition of Texans with Disabilities

The Geo Group

Grassroots America: We The People

Helping the Aging, Needy and Disabled

Methodist Healthcare Ministries

The Pew Charitable Trusts

Texas Action for Healthy Kids

Texas Association of Business

Texas Conservative Coalition

Texas Dental Hygienists' Association

Texas Dental Hygiene Educators' Association

Texas Hospital Association

Texas Impact

Texas Nurse Practitioners

Texas Oral Health Coalition

Texas Public Policy Foundation

Texas Silver-Haired Legislature

They sponsored a bill for the creation of a Dental Hygiene Practitioner in our legislature this year. We were unsuccessful on our first try but will continue to work with the coalition to increase awareness.

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

No response

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

No response

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

26

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

We have been told that Sanford-Brown College will be shutting down.

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

No response

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

We hold a SCADHA Annual Session for our students each year. This year we had over 350 attendees. Many of our local components have mentoring programs with the schools. We have a student delegate who sits on our board. We are moving to the TDHA Annual Session to combine it with the SCADHA Annual Session beginning in February of 2016.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

We are holding a Texas Sized CE weekend September 25-25, 2015 with a focus on laser usage, and our working on having nitrous oxide monitoring and medical emergency courses that weekend. TDHA also offers CE courses during our Annual Session.

The components also offer CE courses throughout the year.

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

We designed an Access to Care awareness pin that we sold at ADHA Market place last year and will again this year. We also have Access to Care rubber bracelets and will have a gift card tree that we will raffle off at Market Place.

We have a raffle every year with funds earmarked for our ADHA delegation, we have held silent auctions at our annual session in the past and will do so again this year. Our big fund raiser will be the CE weekend.

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT

Name: Amanda Chugg

Title: UDHA President

Name of Constituent: Utah

Membership

Current Number (Active Members):

214

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

Our numbers have dropped some. Last year our primary focus was on active membership and it reflected in our numbers. This year we have had a lot of legislative success and that has been our focus.

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

Our current recruitment efforts are e-mail blasts and increasing traffic to our Facebook page. We have had some success increasing our Facebook and other social media presence.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

Prophylaxis - General Supervision

X-rays - General Supervision

Local Anesthetic - Direct Supervision

Topical Anesthetic - General Supervision

Fluoride - General Supervision

Sealants - General Supervision

Root Planing: General Supervision

Administering N2O - Direct Supervision

We currently have no prescriptive authority.

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

Currently no changes have been enacted, stay tuned as they will be by this time next year.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

With great legislative efforts, we were able to push through legislation that gives us direct access to patients who normally would not be able to walk through the traditional dental office door.

Unfortunately, the bill drafter made a clerical error of 'and' instead of 'or' which will delay changes until May of 2016.

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

No response

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

No response

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

6

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

None

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

None in the foreseeable future.

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

Staci Stout, President Elect, presented to the Utah Assisted Living Association and spoke to nurses about collaborating with dental hygienists. Amanda Chugg, President, attended graduation banquets for WSU, SLCC and Fortis college and presented students who had leadership roles in SADHA with Future Leader awards. She was also able to speak to the students about the importance of being ADHA members after graduation. Staci Stout was able to attend UCDH graduation and present a future leadership award there as well.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

The delegates were able to visit all 6 dental hygiene programs in the state of Utah and spoke to students about ADHA. Amanda Chugg, President, attended the SLCC and UCDHA student research presentations and spoke to the students about their work.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

On Lobby day in February 2015, members had the opportunity to attend a CE course presented by our lobbyist on the legislative process. Members and delegates were then able to talk to senators and representatives about allowing dental hygienists direct access to the public for oral health care.

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

Members and potential members were able to order magnetic name tags with the ADHA/UDHA logo and pick them up at Annual Session this year. This was successful and many participated in this opportunity.

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT - VERMONT

Name: Marijke Kopecky

Title: President

Name of Constituent: Vermont

Membership:

Current Number (Active Members):

112

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

In the past year membership numbers have decreased by 16. The VDHA Membership Committee is in need of more committee membership to actively recruit and retain members.

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

In order to stay in touch with and provide updates on pertinent professional issues and events, Constant Contact is utilized on a regular basis as a main method of communication with Vermont dental hygienists. Hygienists, both member and non-member, are asked to participate in community events, provided with detailed information on any issues affecting dental hygiene practice, and invited to attend monthly board meetings. Membership information is provided at all continuing education courses sponsored by the VDHA.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

None at this time.

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

None at this time.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

None at this time.

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

None at this time.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

S.20 bill ran out of time in the Legislative Session. Favorable testimony was heard in the Human House Services. We had 3 legislators and 3 dentists in favor. Bill S. 20 is on the docket for the 2016 legislative session.

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

1

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

Additions: In 2014 our program moved from a Baccalaureate Degree entry with students earning an Associate Degree after the third clinical year. They can complete the last year totally online while working as a dental hygienist.

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

None at this time.

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

The VDHA has no official mentoring process. Members of the Executive Board personally recruit hygienists for active participation in the VDHA. New recruits often begin participation by serving on a committee and are then encouraged to join the Board, and most often accept the position.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

VT Tech dental hygiene students are kept informed of current issues in dental hygiene (state and national) through communication/discussion with dental hygiene faculty (current and former VDHA board members) and involvement with community service projects sponsored by the VDHA. Students have the opportunity to network with VDHA members, and dental professionals through attendance at the VDHA Annual Meeting (courses and business meeting) held each year in late August, and at the District I SMADHA meeting at the Yankee Dental Congress in Boston.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

VDHA had four CE courses so far this year

Friday, April 24, 2015

“Dying From Dirty Teeth....Oral Health of Dependent Adults” and
“Brilliant HyDuction”

Presented by: Angie Stone, RDH, BS

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Friday, May 29, 2015

“The Human Papilloma Virus: How Will It Affect Your Practice?”

Presented by: Jacquelyn Fried, RDH, MS

“Hands-on Whitening”

Presented by: Lee Somerville, RDH, MS

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

Most fund-raising is accomplished through the offering of continuing education. At the annual Vermont Oral Health Conference, product companies provide sponsorship to reduce conference costs as well as donate items for raffle. Raffle tickets are available for purchase at all CE courses.

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT – VIRGINIA

Name: Michelle McGregor, RDH, BS, M.Ed

Title: VDHA President

Name of Constituent: Virginia

Membership

Current Number (Active Members):

563 per the May 2015 Constituent Alpha Roster sent on 5/15

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

None

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

The VDHA continues to be active in recruitment activities. The President attends component meetings and visit schools to discuss the benefits and importance of membership. In October 2014 the VDHA contracted with our lobbyist to attend schools for the purpose of recruitment, it has been difficult to track the impact of these visits. This contract will be reviewed and may not be renewed due to the inability to quantify or qualify increase in membership related to the lobbyist visits. Components promote membership at their meetings and during continuing education events.

In January 2015, the VDHA Foundation voted to fund \$4000 in grants towards components who propose incentives for increasing and retaining membership. Each component can receive up to \$500. To date, two components have taken advantage of this opportunity. The VDHA Foundation will be receiving an update July 2015 on outcome measures of proposed initiatives from components that received funding.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

Currently, a Licensed Dental Hygienists may practice under direct, general or indirect supervision of a dentist. However, all patients must be examined by a dentist within ten months prior to a dental hygienist providing hygiene treatment under a written order.

A Dental Hygienist employed by the Virginia Department of Health may practice under remote supervision of a VA Department of Health Dentist.

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

The Board of Dentistry has added the use of nonsurgical lasers to the scope of practice for dental hygienist. It is still pending Governor's approval.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

The Virginia Board of Dentistry had an “Open Forum” in May 2015 looking at potential changes that would enable greater access to dental treatment. One of the topics discussed was allowing Dental Hygienists to practice under remote supervision in Free & Charitable Clinics and Community Health Centers. The Board of Dentistry heard various stakeholders submit their comments regarding best next steps. The Board of Dentistry will vote at the next Board Meeting to determine if they should continue to study this issue through the Board, put forth legislation to the Governor or take no further action.

Legislative**Changes Enacted: (300 character max):**

The 2015 General Assembly approved funding for comprehensive dental services for pregnant women enrolled in Medicaid and FAMIS MOMS that went into effect on March 1, 2015.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

VDHA leadership has been actively participating in ad-hoc groups and attending meetings with other stakeholders to address access to oral health care in the state of Virginia. Currently only dental hygienist employed by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) can work under a remote supervision policy. At the time of this report the VDH employees eight dental hygienist. More hygienists are needed to meet the needs of our communities. VDHA is actively lobbying to address supervision requirements and expand the remote supervision protocol beyond the VDH.

Members of VDHA have been working with the Virginia Dental Association on a Long Term Care Facility Task Force. The VDA was awarded a grant from Altria, ADA and Dental Trade Alliance that will fund a dental hygienist and a dental assistant to oversee mission of mercy type projects.

Education Settings**Number of Programs in State:**

There are nine dental hygiene programs in the state. Two programs offer a Baccalaureate Degree, one program offers a degree completion program and one program offers a Master’s Degree.

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

There have been no additions or deletions of programs this year.

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

None

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

- In April of 2015, VDHA contracted with Susan Motley as an executive director for the organization. Ms. Motley will assist in increasing membership, administration of the organization as well as provide a leadership and professional development workshop at our fall HOD meeting.
- The VDHA president spoke to students during Rally Day on the importance of membership and advocacy.
- The District III Trustee, Michele Braerman spoke during the 2015 Annual Session.
- Component leadership continually work with members to mentor them for positions within the organization.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

- The VDHA Foundation funds transportation for schools to attend Rally Day at the state capitol. This year students heard from the VDHA president and lobbyist on the importance of membership and advocacy. Photos from the event were posted on our newsletter.
- A student from each school is funded to attend the VDHA HOD. A mini workshop is held to teach students the process of the HOD.
- The VDHA president visited schools as requested and spoke at the VCU, ODU and TNCC pinning ceremonies.
- The VDHA has a student liaison who communicates with faculty members and Student Chapter of The American Dental Hygienist Association (SCADHA) members.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

The VDHA Scientific Session was held in March 2015. Continuing education speakers included. Betsy Reynolds: "Exploring How Oral Health Affects Women's Systemic Well Being" and "The Bitter Side of Sweets: Understanding Dietary Sweeteners & Their Impact on Oral and Systemic Health"; Judy Zack Bendit: "The Myths, Legends and Realities of OTC Products"; Michele Braerman with an "ADHA Update"; Dr. Thariani: "Recognition and Benefits of Early Intercepted Orthodontic Treatment"; Dr. Gouldin: Understanding Current Hard and Soft Tissue Strategies in Periodontal Treatment And Dental Implant Therapy, and the Implications for the Dental Hygienist".

Components continue to sponsor CE courses for their local members.

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

VHYPAC fundraising this year centered around 4 projects.

- A quilt raffle (year-long event) tickets were sold for \$10each/3 for \$25. This was a donated item by member.
- Component \$500 challenge.
- Proceeds from CE donated from as many components possible.
- Silent auction at the Scientific Session and an evening event to gain individual members; this was possible due to a \$500 sponsorship/seed money from the Foundation. The event was Country Themed, in honor of CLL this year.

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT -- WASHINGTON

Name: Marilyn Roth

Title: President

Name of Constituent: Washington

Membership

Current Number (Active Members):

732

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

No significant change since last year.

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

We had a membership booth at our recent 2 day Symposium for Oral Health Professionals. We had a large number of non-members in attendance and were able to recruit a couple of new members by offering them the membership rate for Symposium if they signed up that day. Additionally, our Member Services Chair gave the keynote presentation at the Awards Luncheon at the event emphasizing the importance of advancing the profession of dental hygiene and the association's role in that effort.

We will have a membership booth at the upcoming state dental convention.

As usual our President-Elect has visited all the dental hygiene programs in the state to educate students about the importance of membership in their professional association. We have a very active Member Services Chair this year and hope to capitalize on these President-Elect visits with a campaign to recruit students to transition their student membership to professional membership both after licensure and at the time dues payment is actually required six months later.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

Rules for meeting CE requirements for dental hygienists were reviewed by the Washington State Department of Health this past year.

The Dental Commission that determines supervision requirements for dental hygiene practice is reviewing the request of the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee to move local anesthesia from close to general supervision.

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

WSDHA was very active in the rules review process for CE requirements. WSDHA provided input and was significantly able to influence the outcome of both the new categories of accepted means for acquiring CE and the number of hours allowed per category. The new rules will go into effect in August.

Regulation -- *continued*

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

The Dental Quality Assurance Commission has formed a subcommittee to review the change in supervision requests of the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee. The subcommittee is composed of members of both groups and a dentist. Their recommended changes will be heard by the Commission this summer.

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

WSDHA proposed and passed legislation with the support of the Dental Association that updates the taking of impressions by dental hygienists and dental assistants and allows Canadian hygienists to apply for a limited license in the same manner that hygienists from other states can while waiting to obtain anesthesia credentials.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

Dental hygiene self regulation is being examined by a joint working group of WSDHA and the Washington State Dental Association.

A mid-level dental hygiene provider bill was introduced again this past session, but did not receive a hearing in either the related Senate or House Committees. In theory this bill is still alive for the next legislative session.

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

Ten

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

None

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

No additions or deletions anticipated. Two Associate degree programs have become BASDH degrees now with another approved to offer that degree next year and an additional program working toward the BASDH degree.

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

We held a Strategic Planning workshop for the first time in several years and I think this was a great way to help to mentor interested members into leadership as they had the opportunity to both see and participate in the development of the vision for the future of their professional association.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

The WSDHA President-Elect visits every dental hygiene program in the state to educate the students about their professional association. Every program elects a student delegate and alternate delegate to attend our state HOD. Some programs have activities to support students enabling them to attend ADHA's HOD.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

WSDHA holds an annual two-day Symposium for Oral Health Professionals in the spring. In addition, there is usually a CE course put on in conjunction with the University of Washington CDE department each autumn. A CPR course is also provided.

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

WSDHA raises money for scholarships.

WHY-PAC is of course a completely separate entity, but for information purposes it might be useful to know that it has held very successful dessert auctions at our HOD President's reception and Symposium Awards Luncheon. At Symposium it also raised funds through a jewelry re-sale this year & a purse re-sale last year.

ADHA CONSTITUENT ANNUAL REPORT – WEST VIRGINIA

Name: Sharon Stemple Hinchman, RDH, MSDH

Title: Secretary/Treasurer

Name of Constituent: West Virginia

Membership

Current Number (Active Members):

86

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):

A net gain of 4 members. 12 are 2014 graduates. 4 are 2013 graduates. 2 losses were WVU faculty. WVU no longer pays for faculty membership. Several faculty did not renew last year. A 2014 graduate who was awarded a one year membership did not renew.

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

This year WVDHA awarded a one year membership to a student chosen by the faculty at each of the three programs. The success is yet to be determined. For many years WVDHA has offered to pay for 1/2 of the membership dues. No one has taken advantage of that award.

Students are invited to attend the two CE events for just the cost of the luncheon. West Liberty University students have never attended. A few WVU students have attended. BridgeValley Community & Technical College requires their students to attend the CE event that is held near their school and gives extra credit if they attend the CE event held 2 hours north. The thought is to expose the students to a short General Assembly meeting, mingling with other state RDHs and getting them to recognize that WVDHA offers the required CEs.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

Recently, WVDHA was asked for a statement regarding the use of laser in the treatment of periodontal disease. Currently, the law states that RDHs may not use lasers. No explanation was given for the request. This may mean that the WV Board of Dentistry is considering RDH use of laser. WVDHA sent a positive statement including the fact that it has been legal and used successfully in many states. WVDHA is in favor of the use.

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

None

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

No known issues pending.

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):

None

Issues Pending: (300 character max):

No known issues pending.

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

3

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

All 3 programs are state schools and are long time stable programs. West Liberty University dental hygiene program was established in 1938 is over 50 years old, offers both an associate and a bachelor degree. The program moved into a brand new building within the past year. Full time faculty, including the Director of Dental Hygiene are employed with 10 month contracts.

WVU was established in 1961. WVU offers a fully integrated 4 year Bachelor of Science in dental hygiene. WVU also offers a Master of Science in Dental Hygiene. Full time faculty are on 12 month contracts. Rising juniors and seniors are required to participate in summer clinic.

BridgeValley Community & Technical College was established in 1975, formerly called Bridgemont Community & Technical College and before that WVU Institute of Technology, merged with Kanawha Valley Community College. The dental hygiene program remains stable, though as a community college, they are restricted on the number of hours they can require. Students are required to have specific college prerequisites to apply for admission.

Potential Changes: (300 character max):

No changes anticipated.

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

The Pres-Elect accompanied the Delegate and Alternate to the 2014 District III workshop and to the ADHA Annual Session. She was encouraged to apply to UYP and attended in November 2014. She is the SADHA adviser with BridgeValley Community & Technical College.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

Students at each school are invited to attend each WVDHA CE event and General Assembly meeting for just the cost of the luncheon.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

An annual Mid-Winter CE and General Assembly meeting is held in the south central part of the state in January. The Annual WVDHA Session and CE Event is held in the north central part of the state. WVDHA offers all required CE courses except CPR, along with course to keep RDHs current. WVDHA has been fortunate to secure quality national speakers for some CE events.

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

An envelope is passed around during each CE event to collect money to be sent to the ADHA IOH. A couple of baskets are offered for silent auction. No significant fund raising activity.

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Name: Keisha Brinkerhoff
Title: WDHA President
Name of Constituent: Wyoming

Membership:

Current Number (Active Members):
N/A

Significant Changes + or - with a Brief Explanation (300 character max):
None

Recruitment Efforts and Success Rates (300 character max):

Speeches to dental hygiene graduates at both Wyoming Dental Hygiene colleges about the importance of joining the professional dental hygiene association.
Emails to all dental hygiene members and non-members encouraging them to join.

Regulation

Practice Regulations - Current and Anticipated Changes: (300 character max):

State of Wyoming Statues is attempting to change the bylaw stating dental assistants can apply dental sealants with in office training by their dentist as opposed to a former education on dental sealants. WDHA is speaking at the WDA annual session to attempt to discard the new regulation.

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):
None.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):
None.

Legislative

Changes Enacted: (300 character max):
None.

Issues Pending: (300 character max):
None.

Education Settings

Number of Programs in State:

Two

Additions or Deletions of Programs in the Past Year: (300 character max):

None

Potential Changes: (300 character max): N/A

New dental hygiene program director position available at the Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne. The current director retired this year.

Leadership/Mentoring Activities

Leadership/Mentoring Activities: (300 character max):

None.

Student/Constituent Interaction

Student/Constituent Interaction: (300 character max):

WDHA President presented to both Wyoming dental hygiene school graduations and spoke about the importance of joining the professional association upon graduation. Each graduate was given a gift from the WDHA.

Students are invited to the WDHA Annual Session at a greatly reduced fee. The annual session is taking place in Cheyenne so students can have a greater opportunity to attend.

Continuing Education Activities

Continuing Education Activities: (300 character max):

Continuing Education is offered at the WDHA Annual Session.

Fund-Raising Activities

Fund-Raising Activities: (300 character max):

Each year the WDHA has a silent auction at their WDHA Annual Session to raise money for the association.