

**NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
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CONCORD, NH 03301**

MEETING MINUTES –November 3, 2008

The November 3, 2008 meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners convened at 3:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Eliot L. Paisner, DMD, President
Neil S. Hiltunen, DMD, Vice President
Gerald A. Smith, DMD
Marshall Baldassarre, DMD
Charles Albee, DMD
Stacy A. Plourde, RDH
Linda M. Seedner, RDH
Lynn Joslyn, Public Member

Absent: Charles Post, DMD

The Board approved the minutes of October 6, 2008 as amended.

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Statutes and Rules
 - a. Statutory Proposals
 - 1) HB 1487 (Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner) – This bill remains in House Committee.
 - 2) HB 1208 (Independent Dental Hygiene Practitioner) – This bill also remains in House Committee.
 - b. Rule Proposals
 - 1) Rule Package 2008-II – These proposed rule amendments are in the rulemaking process. The amendments address Board committees, anonymous complaints, retention of complaints, copying fees, reinstatement of inactive licenses, qualifications, anesthesia/sedation permits and the reporting of sanctions received by licensees from other jurisdictions.

One amendment which may be questioned is the \$50 fee for a current list of dentists or dental hygienists. These lists are updated daily and entail significant time and effort by the Board’s staff as well as expenses paid to the Office of Information Technology – hence the fee. Individuals rarely, if ever, request the list since they are interested in local information which can be obtained from the “yellow pages” at no cost.

- 2) Rule Package 2009 – I – The New Hampshire Dental Hygienists’ Association submitted several proposals regarding public health supervision for possible inclusion.

The Board voted to create an ad hoc committee to address the proposals. The committee will be composed of Dr. Hiltunen (Chair), Dr. Albee, Stacy Plourde, RDH, a member of the NH Dental Hygienists’ Association and the NH Dental Society.

2. Dental Sedation –

- a. The Board voted to approve a letter to licensees who hold a permit to administer moderate (conscious) sedation explaining changes in the Board’s sedation rules. The changes follow amendments to the sedation guidelines of the American Dental Association (ADA) published in October, 2007.

- b. The Board received a letter from the Dental Organization for Conscious Sedation (DOCS) regarding the above sedation rules. The Board voted to respond to the letter with references to the ADA guidelines.

3. Dental Laser – The Board does not regulate equipment (lasers) that hygienists use to do procedures for which they are qualified and legally allowed to perform.

4. Biennial Registration Forms – The Board reviewed and made minor changes to its biennial registration forms.

5. Informational

- a. Massachusetts Dental Offices
- b. Tooth Whitening – This issue has been referred to the Consumer Protection Agency.
- c. ADA Licensing Exam
- d. Council on Dental Accreditation
- e. DOCS Course
- f. Mobile Dental Facilities

QUALIFICATION AND LICENSURE

1. **PUBLIC HEALTH SUMMARY**

The Board voted to accept the report of the Coos County Health Services.

2. **COURSE QUALIFICATION**

The Board voted not to accept a 12 hour radiology course that did not meet the 16 hour requirements of the Board’s administrative rule for dental auxiliary radiology qualifications. The applicant needs 4 more clinical hours.

3. HYGIENIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Kelly A. Tebbetts, RDH
Susan E. Danskin, RDH
Courtney E. Guay, RDH
Lindsay D. Henault, RDH

4. DENTIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Dave C. Pak, DMD
Pamela L. Hamman, DDS
James E. Hamman, DDS