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Minutes
NCDS Board of Trustees
Meeting Friday, January 19,
2024
NC Dental Society
Chadwick Room

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Board Members Present or via ZOOM:

Dr. Robert Stowe (President); Dr. Joe Hendrick (Immediate Past President); Dr. Roslyn Crisp (President-Elect); Dr. Shelley Olson (Vice-President) (Chair, NC-ADA Delegation); Dr. Kenneth Sadler (Interim Executive Director and Trustee); Dr. Thomas Buttler (Treasurer); Dr. Woody Bolinger; Dr. Ashley Lowery-Marsh; Dr. David Kwon; Dr. Daryl Hill; Dr. Mary Gaddis; Dr. Naz Ahmad; Dr. Catie Cunningham; Dr. Brad Adams; Dr. James Purvis, Dr. Curtis Newsome (ONSDS President), Elmira Hezarkhani (UNC-CH School of Dentistry Student Rep).

Guests:

Dr. Gary Oyster, ADA Trustee for the 16th District; Mr. Tom Lyon (Board Legal Counsel); Mr. Ralph Bizzarro (Accounting); Dr. Frank Courts, Chair of the NCDS Council on Prevention and Oral Health; Dana Simpson (NCDS Lobbyist); Carrie Heber (NC Program Dental Lifeline Network); Hollie Stevenson, JD (Vice-President Affiliate and Government Relations, Dental Lifeline Network).

NCDS Staff Present:

Shelly Dates, Duncan Jennings, Elle Basile and Prissy Allen.

9:00 a.m. Dr. Robert Stowe, NCDS President welcomed all to this meeting and called the Board of Trustees meeting to order.

Dr. Stowe read the NCDS Conflict of Interest Statement, and no conflicts were reported. Dr. Stowe reminded all that if something comes up that may be a conflict during discussions to please bring it to the attention of the Board. A private invocation was offered by each attendee. This invocation was followed by the pledge of allegiance. Roll call was made, and the declaration of a quorum was received.

Introductions were made for guests participating in this meeting as listed above.

Dr. Stowe reminded all that during the meeting partial comments will be made by different people. Dr. Hendrick commented that the BOT does not mean to be redundant, but some topics do cross over other agenda items. If possible, it will be mentioned that the current item on the agenda was covered

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in an earlier discussion, and if there are no additional questions, the next agenda item will be addressed.

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Stowe asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Hearing none, a motion was received, seconded and unanimously approved:

RESOLVED that the draft agenda for be approved as presented.

Orientation Introduction.

Dr. Kenneth Sadler, Interim Executive Director provided the background regarding the orientation requirements for the members of the BOT on an annual basis, at least for the new members; however, it is felt that all members should participate in this annual review.

Dr. Stowe thanked Dr. Sadler for his role in keeping the NCDS in line during the past months as Interim Executive Director.

Dr. Sadler commented that the link to a video orientation was provided prior to the meeting for viewing by all which provided an overview of the NCDS Organization.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pnHTIdvNAYs&feature=youtu.be>

Mr. Tom Lyon, Legal Counsel to the NCDS and BOT, reviewed the necessary paperwork that members of the BOT need to understand, sign, and submit to Prissy Allen, NCDS Staff Liaison to Governing Bodies. Mr. Lyon thoroughly reviewed the Conflict of Interest Statement and the important of this document as well as the three others. Duncan Jennings, Chief Innovation Officer, reviewed the 5th form, MEWA, that the DOI only required new members to the BOT to sign. Ms. Allen will be pleased to notarize this form today if you have it ready to sign in her presence or certainly the form can be notarized elsewhere and sent to Ms. Allen.

Dr. Sadler outlined some future steps of orientation for the new BOT members and any or all members. Special Presentations related to the workings of the NCDS will be given during each BOT meeting. Dr. Sadler asked if you have special items to be covered to let him know including:

- ✓ History of the NCDS Mission, Vision, Values
- ✓ Organization Chart and roles
- ✓ Primary Vendor relationships Legal and CPA
- ✓ Organizational structure
 - ❖ Subsidiaries
 - NCSD and HP
 - NCDSF
 - PAC
 - Districts
- ✓ HOD
 - ❖ Charter and Articles of Incorporation
 - ❖ Bylaws
 - ❖ Committees and Charges
 - ❖ Councils and Charges

Dr. Stowe reminded all that questions are encouraged and welcomed during a meeting. Dr. Stowe feels the question you may have that someone else would like to ask it as well. If you do not understand any action or report during a meeting, please let the leadership know.

Government Relations 2024

Dental Medicaid Survey Results. Ms. Shelly Dates, Chief Strategy Officer, reviewed the recent survey results. Questions were asked and answered.

Legislative Agenda 2024. Ms. Elle Basile, Public Affairs Senior Manager, reviewed the drafted 2024 Legislative Agenda. Also present was Mr. Dana Simpson, NCDS Lobbyist, who answered questions as needed regarding these items and how they should be approached. During this presentation an update on each current and former issue was provided. A motion was made to accept this agenda on behalf of the Council of Government Relations, and it was unanimously approved.

RESOLVED, that the NCDS 2024 Legislative Agenda be approved as presented.

Dental Medicaid/Managed Care. Ms. Basile presented some background information on recent meetings and discussions regarding Dental Medicaid since the October BOT Meeting. Dana Simpson and Dr. Frank Courts also made comments and answered questions.

Dr. Stowe thanked all for their comments and provided his comments regarding how careful steps do need to be taken during the short session. The membership is concerned. Increases in the Medicaid Reimbursements have not taken place since 2008 and currently the rates are approximately 28% of the UCR. More discussions will be held in the coming weeks with the NCDHHS and other stakeholders.

Appointments to the NCDS Council on Government Relations Updated.

Recommendations were made by the Chair, Dr. Gary Oyster for appointment to this Council who are:

Dr. Robert Pinner (District 5), Dr. LaJoi Wiggins (District 2), Dr. Shruti Shastri (District 3), Dr. Candace Arrick (District 4) and Dr. Cody Godwin (District 5).

Background information was provided for each of these nominees.

A motion was received from this council so a second was not needed. The following Resolution was received and approved unanimously.

RESOLVED, that the requested appointments to members of the NCDS Council on Government Relations be approved as presented: Dr. Robert Pinner (District 5), Dr. LaJoi Wiggins (District 2), Dr. Shruti Shastri (District 3), Dr. Candace Arrick (District 4) and Dr. Cody Godwin (District 5).

NCDPAC Board Update.

Dr. Tony Porter, Chair, of the NCDPAC Board of Directors recommends the following new members to this Board:

Dr. Alec Crisp (3rd District Director), Dr. Anna Rovetto (District 5 Director), Dr. Mary Gaddis (At-Large Director), Dr. Davia Nickelson (At Large Director), and Dr. Glenn Baldwin (ONSDS Director).

Background information was provided on each of these nominees.

A motion has been prepared by Dr. Porter that read:

RESOLVED, that the slate of nominations as presented be approved as directors of the NCDPAC Board of Directors.

There was no second needed because this motion was presented on behalf of the NCDPAC, and the resolution was unanimously approved.

PAC Contributions and Comments.

Dr. Stowe reviewed the provided financial reports for the NCDPAC, and the proposed 2024 PAC Contribution Giving Schedule.

Dr. Stowe shared his personal thoughts that all members of the NCDS should support the work of the PAC in NC and in the ADA DC area. The future of dentistry is in the hands of the members and that the members should hear more about this work and need.

Consideration of Consent Agenda

Dr. Stowe explained that the reports found on the Consent Agenda are not reviewed individually; however, if there are questions about any of these reports, they will be moved to a later agenda topic. Consent agenda items are important but most times they do not need to be reviewed and discussed in this meeting. There were no questions connected to these reports. Dr. Stowe commented that if you approve the motion to accept these reports that you are accepting all of them for information without questions. A motion was received to accept the amended agenda, second received and unanimously approved as follows:

- **Report from the Executive Director, NCDS** *submitted by Dr. Kenneth Sadler, Interim Executive Director*
- **2023-2024 Budget and Financial Report** *submitted by Ralph Bizzarro*
- **NCDS Healthcare Plan Report** *submitted by Duncan Jennings, Chief Innovation Officer*
- **NC Services for Dentistry Update Report** *submitted by Duncan Jennings*
- **NCDS Strategic Plan Update** *submitted by Shelly Dates, Chief Strategy Officer*
- **NCDS Membership Report Update** *submitted by Shelly Dates*
- **NCDS Foundation Update** *submitted by Sharon D'Costa, Fund Development and Program Director, NC Dental Society Foundation*
- **DRAFT MINUTES –October 27, 2023** *submitted by staff*

A motion was presented to approve the consent agenda, seconded, and unanimously approved.

RESOLVED that the reports provided in the Consent Agenda Calendar be approved as provided.

ONSDS Update

Dr. Curtis Newsome, President commented that the annual convention for the ONSDS will be held in June at the Proximity Hotel in Greensboro.. Dr. Newsome commented on the benefits of an officer from the ONSDS serving on the BOT. The important information about dentistry in NC is shared with the leadership of this group. Dr. Newsome hopes that additional collaborations will be held.

Dental Lifeline Network Update

Mr. Duncan Jennings introduced the request to provide an update to the NCDS BOT on this important NC program. Ms. Hollie Stevenson, JD and Vice President Affiliate and Government Relations for the Dental Lifeline Network provided this update with comments also shared by Carrie Heber who handles the NC Program and Dr. Gary Oyster who serves on the Board for this group as a representative from the ADA as 16th District Trustee.

The NCDS has previously supported the endeavors of this group by providing office space for the NC coordinator. Since COVID, Carrie has been working from home and provides 30 hours a week to the NC program. This program provides treatment for veterans and disable senior citizens. Ms. Stevenson shared some important data regarding NC and its program including a list of dentists and other groups who support it and explained the need for additional dental volunteers and specialists to help with need treatment. A listing of counties that have a waiting list was shared. Due to some technical issues, much of the report was not addressed, and Ms. Stevenson requests to return to this group at another time.

Dental School Reports and Other Updates

Reports from Dental School Trustees.

ECU SoDM student trustee, Marcus Mosley unable to attend.

Elmira Hezarkhani, the UNC ASOD student trustee, provided a written report and had earlier joined the meeting by Zoom.

Update from the NCDS Committee on Dental Teams.

Dr. Keels provided a written report but unfortunately was suffering for a cold. She commented about items as she could On behalf of the Chair, Dr. Martha Ann Keels, Dr. Crisp, shared an update on what this committee members are addressing which included the dental assisting program is up and running at the UNC SOD under the management of the Alamance Community College. Work is underway with the Community College System to consider a high school program being developed. This committee feels strongly that working with the community college system and high schools will reap benefits. Dr. Catie Cunningham, Dr. Keels and Dr. Catherine Bickley have been visiting with high school career fairs to offer information to the students. All members of this Board are encouraged to borrow this program and share it with local school programs. Also mentioned was a the development of a Career Center to be placed on the NCDS Website to enable students interested in one of the dental fields can visit and locate information or request other necessary information.

Dr. Stowe thanked Dr. Keels and her committee for their work on this Committee and with this problem that so many are facing.... lack of adequately trained and number of staff members available to work in the dental field.

Search Committee ED role update.

In Dr. Pabst's absence, Dr. Stowe explained that a recent interview session was held January 5 – 6 where 9 candidates were interviewed. They were all outstanding candidates. The next meeting is planned for the end of January when second interviews will be held with the 4 finalists.

This is confidential information; however, the Chair feels that some details should be shared with the BOT as an update.

NCDS Foundation Board of Directors Nominations.

A written report was received from Dr. Ruma Sinhan, President, and Dr. Stowe presented it on the behalf of their Board. The NCDS Foundation is down to 4 members due to the rotation of three leaving the Board and the resignation of one member in 2023. Following the guidelines in the Foundation's bylaws, the Nomination Committee recommends the following names which had been voted on by the Foundation Board of Directors:

Eric Ludwig and Dr. Jim Harrell, Jr. were nominated, and background information was shared on each of the nominees.

A motion was presented on behalf of the Foundation Board of Directors that read:

RESOLVED, THE NCDS BOT APPROVES THE SLATE OF TWO DIRECTORS TO BE NAMED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE NCDS FOUNDATION.

The motion was approved unanimously by the NCDS BOT.

NCSD Board of Directors Nominations.

Duncan Jennings presented a report on behalf of Dr. Vincent Allison, President.

The following nominations were provided with background information on each:

Dr. Karen Barwick and Dr. Anuj James

RESOLVED, that the NCDS BOT approves the nominations for Directors of the NC Services of Dentistry as provided by the President.

NC ADA Delegation Nominees.

Dr. Shelley Olson, Chair, NC ADA Delegation presented the slate of Alternate Delegates for the year. Dr. Olson also reviewed the names of the current members as Delegates. The motion presented on behalf of the Delegation chairs read:

RESOLVED, that the NCDS BOT approve the slate of Alternate Delegates as received from the Chair and Vice-Chair of NC ADA Delegations.

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

President's Closing Comments

Dr. Stowe thanked everyone for their participation and for their help as the NCDS continues with the search for the position of NCDS CEO/Executive Director. He reminded all to reserve hotel rooms for the Annual Session and to watch for Annual Session Registration to open the end of January. Dr. Stowe mentioned a talk he had with a Citadel graduate who serves as President of a group. We are fortunate to have such a great group of individuals who work together so well and such a talented staff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. Stowe asked if there was any additional business to come before this body before he received a motion to enter a closed session. Hearing none, he proceeded with announcements.

Dr. Stowe announced the next BOT meeting will be held on Friday, March 22 at 9:00 a.m. Dr. Stowe asked all to review the meetings and events listed at the end of the agenda and mark their calendar. There was no further business to come before the NCDS BOT, Dr. Hendrick adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Prepared by Priscilla Allen, Liaison to NCDS Governing Bodies