

1996 ABDPH ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Diplomates

September 26, 1996

Orlando, Florida

I. Call to Order. President Alderman called the 46th meeting of diplomates to order at 7:30 PM and welcomed the 55 members and guests present.

A. There were seven past presidents present who were introduced and recognized by Dr. Alderman: Dr. Myron Allukian, Dr. Naham Cons, Dr. Joe Doherty, Dr. Chet Douglass, Dr. Richard Graves, Dr. Gene Lewis, and Dr. Stan Lotzkar.

B. Dr. Alderman introduced the following diplomates who were certified in 1995-96 and presented them with their lapel pins: Dr. Aljernon Bolden, assistant professor, Department of Preventive and Community Dentistry, University of Iowa; Dr. David Brumley, regional dental director for the East Tennessee Region of the Tennessee Department of Health; Dr. Denise Fedele, director of the Geriatric Dental Program at the VA Maryland Health Care System, Perry Point, MD; Dr. Linda Kaste, senior staff fellow at NIDR, DEODP; Dr. Stuart Lockwood, dental officer/epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Dr. Robert Schutt, department head of the Recruit Dental Records and Biometrics at the Naval Dental Clinic, Great Lakes, IL; Dr. Kit Shaddix, dental director, Program Services Branch (CDC); Dr. John Warren, assistant research scientist at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry; and Dr. Carlos Werner, assistant professor in the Department of Community Dentistry, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

C. There was a moment of silence for four diplomates who had passed away during the past year: Dr. Charles Gillooly, Dr. William Jordan, Dr. William Kroschel, and Dr. Dennis Leverett.

D. The minutes of the 1995 meeting of the diplomates as published in the *Journal of Public Health Dentistry* were approved.

II. Report of the Executive Secretary

Dr. Lotzkar reported on the status of board membership as of September 22, 1996. There were 124 active diplomates, 25 life members, and 23 inactive members for a total of 172. The 124 active members represent a net gain of four members since about the same time last year. Although we added nine new diplomates, we lost five active members: one through death—Dr. Dennis Leverett; three becoming life members—Dr. Sherman

Cox, Dr. James Hardison, and Dr. James Lovett; and one becoming inactive—Dr. Mel Ringelberg.

Six candidates took the certification examination this year. There are currently 27 board-eligible dentists, the same as last year. There is only one board-eligible candidate who will lose eligibility if he does not take and pass the certification examination in 1997.

III. Reports of Officers and Members

A. Dr. Lotzkar reported that we began the fiscal year with \$18,036.18 in the checking account, and at the close of business September 18, 1996, had a total of \$18,708.22, a difference of +\$672.04. Whereas for the last two years our cash position increased by \$3,000.00 per year, this year it increased only by about \$672.00.

Our income stayed about the same as last year, only differing by an increase of about \$270.00. Expenses, however, increased by about \$2,675.00, mainly in the categories of travel and meeting expenses. Because of its location, the Las Vegas meeting was more expensive, as were specialty board meetings in Chicago because two rather than one board representative attended.

Nevertheless, we appear to be holding our own, and with the assistance of the American Association of Public Health Dentistry, we can expect to maintain a similar cash position for the coming year.

B. Dr. Alderman introduced Dr. Jane Weintraub, who gave a report on the status of updating the competency objectives in dental public health. AAPHD has received a grant of \$50,000 from HRSA for this process. The American Dental Association also is requiring us to revise our Standards for Advanced Specialty Education Programs in Dental Public Health and that process will be under way as well. Many diplomates will be involved in the process in one way or another. A workshop is being planned for some time in the spring of 1997, possibly in May; it will be held either in the Washington, DC, area or San Francisco.

Another area being discussed is the development of a recertification procedure for the board. Dr. Alderman introduced Dr. Joe Doherty to report on the questionnaire of diplomates on their continu-

ing dental education activities in 1995. A survey also was conducted in 1994. Previously, surveys were conducted every three years until 1972 and after that every two years until 1980. The questionnaire in 1995 was simplified in that there were questions pertaining only to attendance or participation in short-term courses, workshops, conferences, and meetings attended relating to the specialty. As of December 31, 1995, there were 127 active diplomates and 57 (45%) of the forms were returned. This compared to 14 percent in 1994. The average number of short-term courses per diplomate was 2.4; workshops and conferences, 2.5; and meetings, 3.0. This was an increase in all three categories compared to 1994, but fell short of the 1980 report. The 1980 report did not indicate the number of hours spent on activities in the three categories and hours spent is probably a better indicator of participation. The 1995 report indicates an average of 23, 30, and 34 hours were spent, respectively, in short-term courses, workshops, and conferences and meetings. The total average number of hours, 87, is rather impressive and exceeds the annual requirement of any board in the United States known to the author. It also should be mentioned that, rather than simply attending, diplomates were participants, speakers, moderators, organizers, trainers, lecturers, and sponsors. Dr. Doherty's recommendation was that we poll the other specialty boards to see what they are doing in regard to recertification.

Dr. Linda Niessen spoke about the discussions related to recertification. Mentioning that we are be-

hind the other specialties in developing a recertification plan, she is appointing a committee to develop a process for recertification for all of the diplomates, not just for the new diplomates. Dr. Alex White has agreed to be on the committee and Dr. Niessen called for other volunteers with an interest in recertification to serve on the committee.

Dr. Alderman spoke about the development of a code of ethics for the specialty of dental public health and that Dr. Bob Mecklenburg has agreed to be the board representative in a joint project with AAPHD.

Dr. Alderman introduced the officers of the board for 1996-97. Dr. Linda Niessen will be the incoming president; Dr. Steve Corbin, vice president-auditor; and Dr. Jay Kumar, treasurer. The new director-elect is Dr. Caswell Evans, director of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services.

Dr. Alderman commented on his six years on the board and that it had been a wonderful and stimulating experience for him and one of the highlights of his career.

Dr. Linda Niessen as incoming president presented to Dr. Alderman the President's Plaque and noted his kind and gracious manner in the examining room and that it has been a pleasure to work with him over the last five years.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

ABDPH NAMES NEW DIPLOMATES

Dr. Linda C. Niessen, president of the American Board of Dental Public Health, announced that the following dentists have passed the board certification examination and are now diplomates of the board: Dr. Aljeron J. Bolden, Iowa City, IA; Dr. Joseph W. Karitis, Bethesda, MD; Dr. Rebecca S. King, Raleigh, NC; Dr. Thomas M. Leiendecker, Bethesda, MD; Dr. Stuart A. Lockwood, Atlanta, GA; Dr. Ana Karina Mascarenhas, Columbus, OH; and Dr. Sena Narendran, San Antonio, TX.

Dr. Niessen also announced that the board examination will be given October 12-14, 1997, in Washington, DC, and October 18-20, 1998, in San Francisco, CA. Application forms and/or information concerning the requirements for board certification may be obtained by writing to Dr. Stanley Lotzkar, 1321 NW 47th Terrace, Gainesville, FL 32605, or tel. (352) 378-6301. Applications will be accepted at any time, but must be received by January 15th of the year in which one wishes to take the examination. Once declared board eligible, the examination must be taken within a five-year period.