

President's Message

What a beautiful summer we are having in Virginia. I hope this finds you all well and enjoying the mild temperatures and wonderful rainstorms.

As this season is a busy time for all, so it is for VDHA. In June a delegation of us headed up to DC for ADHA's Annual Session and Center for Lifelong Learning. It was a wonderful event, and the most attended Annual Session/CLL ever for ADHA. To kick off the weeklong event, a few Virginia hygienists joined the over one hundred hygienists from all over the country demanding to "Put Teeth in Health Care Reform". They met with Rep. Elijah Cummings from Maryland for an emotional and moving speech on his passion for oral health care for all people. To view his speech go to: <http://www.adha.org/news/lobbyday2009.htm>. and for the link to the Washington Post article about Lobby Day go to: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/06/22/AR2009062201658.html>. The hygienists let our voice be heard while visiting their respective legislators.

We had our quarterly Executive Board meeting in Charlottesville where all the councils were busy, but the Annual Session Planning Committee headed by our esteemed Past President Melanie Bartlam was in high gear planning what looks to be our best Annual Session yet. Save the date everyone-you'll want to be at this one! It is being held in Richmond April 15-18, 2010 at the Koger Center. In addition to all the other wonderful events planned, our own ADHA President Lynn Ramer will be our keynote speaker!

Personally, I have been traveling all over the state on behalf of VDHA visiting with components, students and other health care advocates. I am so proud to be your President and represent you in these arenas. It is definitely a wonderful perk of the job to go out, meet people and talk about VDHA.

We are a volunteer organization and I want to thank the Board and Committee members who volunteer their time and are actively involved in the operation of VDHA. I also want to thank those of you who are not actively involved but who maintain your membership and support us.

By doing your part and realizing your potential, VDHA and in turn ADHA is stronger. We are here for you. Empowering, Developing and Supporting you.

Best,
Ellen Austin-Prillaman, RDH
President
Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association



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President Elect Update

I will be traveling to Biloxi, Mississippi to attend the Southeast Regional Testing Agency (SRTA) Conference in August along with Wytheville Community College’s Program Director, Elaine Smith, RDH, MDH. The conference is being held at the Grand Biloxi Casino and Hotel and promises to be an exciting and informative conference.

In addition, I will be working with two of the local pediatricians on establishing a fluoride varnish program for high-risk children in the area. I have secured commitments from my wonderful component colleagues: Maureen Thompson, Margaret Martin, and Kara Gobble who will be assisting me with this project. I am hopeful that I will be able to give a progress report on this endeavor in the next issue.

I hope everyone enjoys the remainder of the summer.

Fondly,

Rita A. Sheaves, BSDH, RDH, PhD
VDHA President-Elect

OUR MISSION

“The mission of the Virginia Dental Hygienists’ Association is to advance the art and science of dental hygiene by ensuring access to quality oral health care, increasing awareness of the cost-effective benefits of prevention, promoting the highest standards of dental hygiene education licensure, practice and research, and representing and promoting the interests of dental hygiene.”

OUR VISION

Oral health professionals promoting total health



CALENDAR UPDATE July 2009

VDHA Annual Session:

April 15-18 2010 Richmond, VA-Holiday Inn Koger Center
April 7-10, 2011 Roanoke, VA-Hotel Roanoke

Executive Board Meetings:

October 3-4, 2009 Charlottesville, Holiday Inn University (6-9pm & 8am-1pm)
January 9-10, 2010 Charlottesville, Holiday Inn University
April 15, 2010 Richmond (Pre-Annual Session 6-10pm)
April 18, 2010 Richmond (Post Session-after 3rd HOD)
July 17-18, 2010 Charlottesville, Holiday Inn University

Governmental & Professional Affairs Council Meeting:

October 3, 2009 Charlottesville (9:30am-1pm)
January 9, 2010 Charlottesville
July 17, 2010 Charlottesville

Rally Day:

January 22, 2010 Richmond
January 29, 2010 **Snow Date**-Richmond

Administrative Council Meeting:

October 3, 2009 Charlottesville (2-5pm)
January 9, 2010 Charlottesville
July 17, 2010 Charlottesville

Annual Session Planning Meeting:

October 2, 2009 Charlottesville (following Leadership Workshop)

Public Health & Education Council Meeting:

October 2, 2009 Charlottesville (following Leadership Workshop)

Member Services Meeting:

October 3, 2009 Charlottesville (2-5pm)

Curet Deadline: One week following Executive Board Meetings

October 10, 2009; January 18, 2010; July 24, 2010

VDHA Leadership Workshop:

October 02, 2009 Charlottesville

VDHA Foundation:

January 8, 2010 Charlottesville, Holiday Inn University 4:00 pm

ADHA Annual Session:

June 23-29, 2010 Las Vegas, NV

District III Meeting:

February 2010 TBA

ADHA Center for Lifelong Learning:

June 23-26, 2010 Las Vegas, NV

Institute for Oral Health:

May 30, 2010 Deadline for donations

Unleashing Your Potential Weekend

November 13-15, 2009 Chicago, IL

VDA Summer Meeting:

June 17-19, 2010 Williamsburg, Williamsburg Lodge

ADA and ADAA Annual Session

Sept. 30-Oct. 4, 2009 Honolulu, HI
October 9-13, 2010 Orlando, FL

Virginia Board of Dentistry-Regular Board Meetings:

September 11, 2009, December 4, 2009

Next Deadline for
submitting articles
and/or letters to the
editor:

October 15 2009
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Component 01 Northern Virginia

The Northern Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association had its annual Installation Dinner on May 28th at PJ Skidoos in Fairfax Virginia. Our new officers that were installed are:

President: Jennifer Zimmerman

Immediate Past President: Michelle Goode

President-Elect: Katie Rohr

Trustee: Jenifer Spencer

Treasurer: Trish MacDougall

Secretary: Allison Small

Vice President: Denise Elliot

Vice President Co-chair: Rhea Rossi

Member at Large: Emily Smith

We are pleased to announce that Jenifer L. Spencer won the Award of Dedication and Tammy Goswick won the Outstanding Member Award at our recent Installation Dinner. They have both given many years of tireless service. Tammy Goswick will be participating in the People to People Ambassador program this October. She will be going to Africa with other members of VDHA to provide dental care and education to those in need.

We are very excited to have our annual September kick-off meeting this year. This is when we begin our executive board session and also start hosting some wonderful CE courses. We hope to have our VDHA president, Ellen Prillaman, as our special guest that night. Other CE courses that we will be hosting are tentatively set on the following dates:

Wednesday, September 23, 2009- Kick off meeting-Free 1 hour CE

Thursday, October 29, 2009-2 hour CE

Wednesday, November 18, 2009-2 hour CE

Please continue to check this website for more specific details and dates.

Saturday October 17, 2009 is our NVDHA Fall CE course. Anne Guignon will be speaking all day. It will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fairfax (Fairlakes area). The topic is "Epidemics"-but goes into soft drinks, ergonomics, medications that patients take etc. It will be a good course for the entire dental office team to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenifer L. Spencer RDH

Trustee Component 01

Component 02 Greater Richmond

Summer is flying by and it is almost time to crack the books again! The GRDHA Executive Board is in the final stages of finalizing the '09-'10 CE course offerings. An e-mail flyer will be in your inbox soon. The VDHA Annual Session for 2010 will be held in Richmond! There will be plenty of opportunities to get involved as we will need many volunteers to make it a great success! (Information on these opportunities will be sent to you via e-mail as well.) If you are not currently receiving e-mails or information for CE courses or events provided by GRDHA and would like to do so, please e-mail your information to trustee02@vdha.net and we will be happy to add you to our list.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelly Caudill, RDH

GRDHA President and Trustee

Component 03 Tidewater

The Tidewater Component 03 would like to congratulate the ODU student membership award recipients:

TDHA award recipient- Kelly Rand

VDHA award recipient-Stacy Ralston

We will be having a meeting to plan our component meetings for the upcoming Fall and Spring, anyone interested is welcome to attend or send ideas by email. Please contact Jackie Perry, jsp3@juno.com. Date and time for the meeting in August have yet to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Perry, RDH, MSDH
03 Trustee/President

Component 05 Piedmont

Our last meeting was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2009. It was a business meeting and the election of new officers. VDHA's own President is now the new Component 05 President. We are thrilled to have Ellen as our new 'leader'. Many of our officers have maintained their previous positions, with a few exceptions: our CE Chair is doing a solo act this year, Amanda Beheler; our Student Chapter Liason/Membership Co-Chairs are Becky Tinsley and Amanda Jordan.

Our next business meeting is on Thursday, July 30, 2009 at the Daily Grind on Electric in Roanoke, VA. We will be discussing the latest information from the Executive Board meeting of the weekend of July 18, 2009, upcoming CE's and RDH After Five. If you are in our area on that evening, we would love to have you visit.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie A. Perry, Trustee
Component 05

Component 06 Monticello

Component 06 formerly Shenandoah Valley Dental Hygienist Association named has been changed to Monticello Dental Hygienist Association.

Officers:

President/Trustee: Evelyn D. Grant

Vice-President: Sarah Hill

Secretary: Sheri Moore

Treasurer: Mimi Magyar

Appointments:

Calendar/Newsletter: Sheri Moore

Legislative Chair: Christina Morris

Membership Chair: Betsey Soulsby

Student Chapter Liaison: Kim Sydnor

Schedule of Events:

Sept. 09 – Social (TBA)

October 8, 2009 – 1 hour CE Course (Subject TBA)

November 12, 2009 – 1 hour CE Course (Subject TBA)

December 09 – Social (TBA)

March 2010 – 6 hour CE Course (Date and subject TBA)

We conducted a community service project at CATEC on Friday, May 22, 2009. The class was Oral Hygiene for the Caregiver. The class was well received and the students were very engaging. Future sessions will be scheduled.

We financially and professionally support the Nelson Dental Clinic.



Component 09 Southwest

Southwest VA Dental Hygienists' Association
2009-2010 Officers

President: Maureen "Moe" Thompson
Secretary: Rita Sheaves
Trustee: Margaret Martin

Vice President: Kara Davis
Treasurer: Terri Atwell

Two 3 hour C.E.'s will be held at Wytheville Meeting Center on Friday, October 9th with Linda Blackiston. The morning session will be on "Teenagers—What Their Mouths Are Telling You but They're Not: Practical Information on Teen Health Issues" and the afternoon session will be on "From 'No' to 'Go': Customized Care for Healthy Patients and a Healthy Practice". For information, email mjmrhdh@embarqmail.com
Congratulations to Kara Gobble who became Mrs. Brian Davis on Sunday, August 9th!!

Component 10 Northwest Virginia

Our component extends from Harrisonburg to Winchester along highway 81. We meet the third Thursday of every month except June, July, and December. Please join us at the Springhouse Tavern in Woodstock at 6:30 for dinner and 7:00 for our meeting. We have a very active component on the local and state level and work hard at keeping everyone up to date on the exciting changes in our profession. For more information you can check out our website at nwdha.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Kitner, Trustee

SAVE THE DATE April 15-18 2010
VDHA Annual Session with our
ADHA President Lynn Ramer



Richmond, VA
Holiday Inn Koger Center

**A Note from Members Services Council
Margaret Martin, Council Chair**

Don't forget to check out VDHA's website: www.rdh-vdha.org

The ADHA Board of Trustees approved the Quarterly Payment Plan at their June pre-annual session meeting! This payment option will be launched during beginning 2009-10 winter cycle. Obviously the goal for the implementation of a quarterly payment plan is to increase our membership!

Now available on any current member's profile is a link which will allow you to get an electronic version of your membership card. This e-Card should be treated just as a plastic membership card.

The ADHA 800 number will continue to be maintained until July 1, 2009. After that time, for a three month period, any calls coming in to that line will route to a voicemail message instructing the member to call 312-440-8900. Please note that this line will not accept messages. The line will be shut off completely on October 1, 2009.

VDHA Foundation

The VDHA Foundation is proud to announce the 2009 recipient of the Alice Hinchcliffe Williams, RDH, MS Graduate Scholarship is student member Lori Ellington, RDH who is attending East Tennessee State University pursuing her Masters degree.

Alice Hinchcliffe Williams, RDH, MS Graduate Scholarship - Funded by the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association Foundation, this scholarship was created to honor a deceased colleague and benefactor, who enabled the VDHA to establish the VDHA Foundation to serve as the primary provider of life long learning for Virginia dental hygienists. An applicant must be a Virginia resident seeking a graduate degree in Dental Hygiene or accredited, degree studies related to the professional roles of the dental hygienist.

For student members to access more information on this scholarship opportunity please visit the ADHA website at <http://www.adha.org/> and go to the "Students" section on the left hand side of the home page. In the middle of the Students resource page you will see "Scholarships", which will take you to the ADHA Institute for Oral Health scholarship page, or you can go directly to that page via <http://www.adha.org/institute/Scholarship/> From there you will be able to access the scholarship application form etc. The scholarships application will be available on October 1, 2009 and the deadline for the next scholarship award cycle is February 1, 2010.

Submitted by Cathy Berard,
VDHA Foundation Secretary



VDHA Student Awards - 2009

VDHA sponsors an annual award for a graduating student at each of the five dental hygiene programs and the three joint venture distant learning sites. The award is presented at each program's graduation or award ceremony and is based on the student's scholastic ability, clinical proficiency, and professional contributions. Also, the awardee must be a student who will be practicing in the Commonwealth of Virginia for at least the first year of employment. Each award recipient receives a free one year ADHA membership. The 2009 student awardees are:

Danville C.C.–Deana Price

Central Virginia C.C. No graduating class

Germanna C.C. – Heather Stoddard

Lord Fairfax C.C – No Graduating Class

Northern Virginia C.C. –Nadjma Ahmadzai

Old Dominion University-Stacy Ralston

Virginia Commonwealth University- Shamyra Davis

Virginia Western C.C.-Kristi Williams Persinger

Wythville C.C.-Miranda Hill

The VDHA 2008-2009 Awards

The Patricia A. Golliday

Award of Dedication

And

The Outstanding Member Award

The following VDHA members were recognized and presented awards at the 2007 VDHA Annual Session for their service and contributions to our Association:

Patricia A. Golliday Award of Dedication Outstanding Member Award

Evelyn Grant-Shenandoah Valley Jackie Perry-Tidewater

VDHA congratulates these two outstanding dental hygienists on their selection for these prestigious awards. Their contributions to the Association are appreciated.

Condolences

VDHA wishes to express our deepest condolences to Peg Desko, Betty Peebles, and Sandy Coggins on the recent loss of their loved ones. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your families.

Regulation and Practice Committee

It is that time a year again when member of the House of Delegates are up for re-election in November. VDHA has reaped the benefits of many years of political involvement from getting to know the legislators. I know that for many members this puts you way out of your comfort zones, and it is ok to explore areas where we are uncomfortable. I continue to chair the Regulation and Practice Committee, (formerly known as the Legislative Committee) because I believe so strongly in our political process. When I was first chair of the Northern Virginia Component in the mid 1990's I only dreamed that Virginia dental hygienists would have general supervision, much less be able to administer local anesthesia and nitrous oxide. It was through many uncomfortable meetings and gatherings that I became more comfortable and felt my voice would be heard. It was not only my voice, however. These efforts take many voices to make that message loud and clear.

I had the privilege to attend the ADHA Lobby Day on Capitol Hill with several members of VDHA. The inspiration that came from being there was overwhelming. Hearing how the death of a young Maryland youth has created awareness among our Representatives in Congress - words cannot explain. It is time for the voice of oral health to be heard. It takes the hands and efforts of many for the work to come to fruition. So while components are preparing their fall events, consider inviting your local legislators to a component meeting as well as the challenger of the local race. With these meetings dental hygienists in the Commonwealth can assure that our voice will be heard collectively and that we have a place in improving the oral health of all Virginians.

To find out who your local representatives are go to <http://legis.virginia.gov> and select the "Who's My Legislator" link to locate who your current representative is. This will also provide you with information on your House of Delegates district as well as your Virginia Senator.

To find out who is running in your local race House of Delegates race in November go to http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Election_Information/Cidate_Lists_Ballot_Issues/Index_new.html.

Get involved by meeting with the candidates and helping with their campaigns. This is as easy as stuffing envelopes, walking around the neighborhood or hosting a meet and greet. Your component leadership and regulation and practice chair are available to answer questions as well.

Enjoy the fall. It is an exciting time to be a dental hygienist!

Current Issues the Regulation and Practice Committee is monitoring:

DAII – Members are still monitoring the progress of the Board of Dentistry regarding the duties that will be delegated to the DA II and DA I. As of this writing there have been discussions with members present as well as our legislative consultants. We will continue our vigilance in all areas of the regulatory and legislative process in keeping members informed with the help of our legislative consultants.

A major victory for citizens of the Commonwealth is the signing of HB 2180 and SB1202. The summary is given below.

Summary: Provides that a dental hygienist who holds a license or permit issued by the Board of Dentistry may provide educational and preventative dental care in the Lenowisco, Cumberland Plateau, and Southside Health Districts, which are designated as Virginia Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas by the Department of Health, and that any dental hygienist providing such services shall practice pursuant to a protocol developed by the Department of Health. The medical directors of the three health districts shall submit a report of the services provided by the dental hygienists to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources by November 1, 2010.

Currently this committee is working together so that these underserved areas may now have access to an oral health provider through the department of health. It is an exciting time to be a dental hygienist!

Respectfully submitted,
Lesa K. Crane, RDH, BSHS
Regulation and Practice Chair

VDHA Student Column

My experience as a student delegate for the 86th Annual American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) was exciting, insightful, an honor, but most importantly an experience that I will never forget.

When I was selected to be the alternate student delegate for District III I was overjoyed to know that someone believed I could be an excellent candidate to represent students from all over the United States.

My experience as a student delegate brought me great opportunities to look forward to as I advance within my career. I was able to network with very successful dental hygienist from various districts and met wonderful students and future colleagues that I will never forget. It was a pleasure to work with other student delegates in various activities such as our student assembly meeting, "Are you Smarter than Dr. Ester Wilkins" symposium, and "America's Next Top Dental Hygienist." The activities were fun but at the same time it allowed us to exercise the knowledge we learned throughout the school year.

Attending the House of Delegates (HOD) at annual session was very insightful and an honor. I was able to see firsthand how the HOD is run on a national level, and the commitment that members must have to ensure the association is run properly. Moreover, I was able to see how ADHA works for our profession as a whole. The experience of being in the HOD was so exciting and I was given the opportunity to be a page allowing me to see how issues are handled in a professional manner.

The opportunity of representing the student body is something that I will always remember. I would encourage any student to consider the responsibility of student or alternate delegate because the opportunities you gain are life changing.

Denise Claiborne





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Report of 86th ADHA Annual Session, 2009

Delegation Chair:

Kelly T. Williams, RDH, MSDH

1st Alternate: Rita Sheaves, RDH,

2nd Delegate: Ellen Austin-Prillaman, RDH 2nd Alternate: Pam Kitner, RDH

3rd Delegate: Catherine Berard, RDH 3rd Alternate: Kimberly May, RDH

4th Delegate: Sheila Sheats, RDH

Lobby Day, Washington, DC

Attended Lobby Day and visited with House Representatives to deliver the message: "Put Teeth in Oral Health Care Reform". Kelly Williams, Lesa Crane, Jackie Perry, Mary Baum attended.

Student Advisor Development Workshop: Discussed how to incorporate student chapter fundraising into dental hygiene programs.

Legislative Chairs Workshop

ADHA offers timely response, evidence-based materials, disseminations through VOCUS and fact sheets/testimony. New resources in 2009 include: 27/7 access to hundreds of bills that are sorted by state and topic: http://www.adha.org/governmental_affairs/tracking

Advocacy List serves: Resource for sharing information and state advocacy news: <http://www.adha.org/lists/index.html> and advocacy@lists.adha.net

ADHA will offer WebEx Advocacy Seminars which are online, issue specific meetings that allow 25 members to a call.

Mega Issues Forum Workshop: ADHA leadership discussed the backgrounder issues among the table, and discussed potential solutions among the group for work force related issues.

Meeting with Stacey Chappel: Discussed current legislative challenges and opportunities within Virginia and received a legislative workshop toolkit.

"Growing Your Membership Online: MySpace, FaceBook and YouTube for Newbies"

The idea is to utilize the Web 2.0 such as MySpace, FaceBook, YouTube and Twitter because of the exposure it encompasses. You can also have "list serve" which is a mass email correspondence. YouTube has 20,000 views a day and Twitter is second to YouTube for views. Social networking is popular because people feel more connected. This is an enhanced marketing possibility since people communicate this way. 70% of people between the ages of 15-35 communicate via Web 2.0 technology.

Organizing and Integrating Effective Public Health Efforts: this session offered participants an overview of evidence-based steps for organizing public health efforts within the community while focusing on the Essential Public Health Services to mobilize partnerships and integrate oral health into existing, sustainable programs. Multi-disciplinary approaches for expanding health promotion and disease prevention throughout the integration of oral health content were showcased.

ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation Hearing

The Commission on Dental Accreditation conducted an open hearing during the ADHA Annual Session. The purpose of the hearing was to provide the dental hygiene community with an opportunity to comment on the proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene Education Programs.

Town Hall Forums: Attended Town Hall forums to discuss proposed policy and bylaw changes.

Report of Minutes from ADHA HOD

Proposed Resolution 1

White paper: An authoritative report or guide that provides information about emerging knowledge and issues on a specific topic.

There being a majority in the affirmative, PR-1 was **adopted as amended**.

Report of 86th ADHA Annual Session, 2009**Proposed Resolution 2**

Fact Sheet: A document that summarizes key points of information for distribution.
There being a majority in the affirmative, PR-2 was **adopted as amended**.

Proposed Resolution 3

Dental Home: A relationship between a person and a specific team of health professionals, led by a licensed dental provider. The dental home is an ongoing partnership that coordinates comprehensive, accessible and culturally sensitive care through delivery of oral health services as part of integrated health care.
There being a majority affirmative, PR-3 was **adopted as amended**.

Proposed Resolution 4

ADHA supports the administration/delivery of preventive and therapeutic procedures as outlined in the dental hygiene scope of practice by licensed personnel only: specifically, those who have graduated from a CODA accredited dental hygiene program and who have successfully completed and maintained all state licensing requirements.
There being less than a majority in the affirmative, PR-4 was **lost**.

Proposed Resolution 5

That Ethics 3-94 which reads:

The American Dental Hygienists' Association opposes any misrepresentation of dental hygiene services.
Be rescinded.

There being less than a majority in the affirmative, PR-5 was **lost**.

Proposed Resolution 6

ADHA advocates that the dental hygiene diagnosis is a necessary and intrinsic element of dental hygiene education and scope of practice.

There being a majority in the affirmative, PR-6 was **adopted**.

Proposed Resolution 7

That Public Health 5-07 which reads:

The American Dental Hygienists' Association supports the role of state based health-related coalitions.
Be rescinded.

There being a majority in the affirmative, PR-7 was **adopted**. **Proposed Resolution 7S**

That Public Health 33-93/27-74 be amended to read:

The American Dental Hygienists' Association affirms its support for optimal oral health for all people and is committed to collaborative partnerships and coalitions that improve access to oral health services. There being a majority in the affirmative, PR-7S was **adopted**.

Proposed Resolution 8

That Public Health 6-99/25-92 be amended to read:

The American Dental Hygienists' Association supports comprehensive oral health programs and services that reach at-risk populations.

There being a majority in the affirmative, PR-8 was **adopted as amended**.

Proposed Resolution 9

That ADHA amend Access 30-92 to read:

The American Dental Hygienists' Association advocates that any health insurance program include benefits for preventive, restorative and therapeutic oral health care.

There being a majority in the affirmative, PR-9 was **adopted**.

Proposed Resolution 10

That Access 6-03 is amended to read:

The American Dental Hygienists' Association supports expanding access to preventive, restorative and therapeutic care within the dental hygiene scope of practice.

There being a majority in the affirmative, PR-10 was **adopted**.

Proposed Resolution 11

That, Access 14-00/28S-92 be amended to read:

The American Dental Hygienists' Association advocates that state dental hygiene and/or dental practice acts be amended so that the services of dental hygienists who are graduates from an accredited dental hygiene program can be fully utilized in all public and private settings.

There being a majority in the affirmative, PR-11 was **adopted**.

Proposed Resolution 12

That, Access 7-99/16-85 be amended to read:

The American Dental Hygienists' Association supports the following:

1. Interdisciplinary care that focuses on prevention for those who are developmentally, physically, mentally and/or medically compromised.
2. Promotion of public and professional awareness of the need for care.
3. The encouragement of public funding, where appropriate, and third party payment for such services.

There being a majority in the affirmative, PR-12 was **referred**. The delegates requested that a definition of *interdisciplinary care* be developed for consideration by the 2010 House of Delegates.

Proposed Resolution 13

That Government 1B-08 be amended to read:

ADHA supports Dental Hygienists as advocates for the profession of dental hygiene and related issues.

There being a majority in the affirmative, PR-13 was **adopted**.

Proposed Bylaws Amendment 1

That the revised bylaws be adopted.

There being a strong two-thirds majority in the affirmative, PBY-1 was **adopted**.

Proposed Resolution 4S

The American Dental Hygienists' Association supports oral health care workforce models that culminate in:

Graduation from an accredited institution

Professional licensure

Direct access to patient care

The speaker declared PR-4S **adopted unanimously**.



Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Tanner Williams, RDH, MSDH

Chair, Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association Delegation

KUDOS

Jill Grassmick is our new District III Trustee

Pam Quinones is now VP of ADHA

Michele Darby was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship

Congratulations Ladies! You deserve it!

OTHER NEWS

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