



North Carolina Dental Hygiene Association

Fall 2015 Newsletter

NCDHA is committed to keeping our members informed about what is happening within our association and in dental communities throughout North Carolina. Check out what we have been doing since the spring!

We had several Board of Trustees and Executive Committee meetings this spring and summer regarding the proposed dental hygiene administered local anesthesia bill and for preparation of our annual House of Delegates Meeting. The Fortieth annual House of Delegates Meeting (HOD) was on September 18-19, 2015, along with the annual Student Meeting, at the Embassy Suites in Cary, NC. Both meetings were very successful and well attended. Our new executive committee members for the 2015-2016 year were elected at the HOD meeting. They are:

President: Laura Cuthbertson	President-Elect: Cheryl Hayes
Vice President: Jennifer Harmon	Immediate Past President: Melanie Owens
Secretary: Lattice Sams	Treasurer: Whitney Simonian
Speaker of the House: Nancy St. Onge	

The component trustees, the liaisons between NCDHA and your local component, for the 2015-2016 year are:

Tiffany Gowin (Cape Fear)	Victoria Clendin (Central Carolina)
Rachelle Rose (Coastal Carolina)	Kristina Alfred (Durham-Orange)
Crystal Adams (Foothills)	Lynn Kelly (Forsyth)
Greater Fayetteville (Michelle Ping)	Gina Moreland (Greater Raleigh)
Martha Townes (Greater Wilkes)	Eileen Clark (Metrolina)
Stephanie Tharrington (Northeastern)	Bethany Reim (Southeastern)

Our 2015-2016 ADHA delegates, liaison between ADHA and NCDHA are:

Kristy Wieder	Lisa Baker Godfrey
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WORKING FOR YOU

NCDHA is committed to connecting, informing and educating all hygienists in North Carolina about things that affect our profession as well as events throughout our state that promote our profession. We encourage you to visit our website (www.ncdha.org) and our Facebook page (North Carolina Dental Hygiene Association) for current information. Tell us what is happening within your component by posting upcoming events, such as meetings or community service projects. Please feel free to contact our Communication Committee Chair, Brigette Easter, RDH, BSDH at brigann12@gmail.com for any questions or suggestions for our Facebook page

or website or if you would like help with posting an event. We are also in the process of developing other social media platforms to promote our profession. Stay tuned!

We also encourage you to contact your component trustee to obtain any information related to NCDHA that is not located on our website or Facebook page, such as copies of minutes from any Board of Trustees meeting. Also, look for our quarterly newsletter which summarizes NCDHA happenings.

Want to make registering for your component's meetings hassle free? Try Eventbrite. Visit their website, www.eventbrite.com for more information. They provide your component with a list of attendees for your records. Please be sure to provide a copy to CCI, our management company, for proof of continuing education hours received. They will also send reminders to attendees and provide online registration and payment by accepting credit cards. Once all registrants have provided payment for the event, eventbrite will send your component's treasurer a check made out to NCDHA. Just simply mail that check to NCDHA with your component's name on the memo line to ensure the money is applied to your component's finances. Nothing is linked to your personal bank account. If you need additional information or want to talk to someone who has used this service, feel free to contact Kristy Wieder at kristy@wiedersweb.com

ADHA NEWS

A big change is coming! ADHA is implementing a plan, Component Restructure Nationwide, due in part to many components nationwide not being in compliance of IRS laws. This is a nonnegotiable process. It is required for components to have a 501 (c) (6) status, liability insurance, officer insurance, file taxes, etc. If components do not have these things in place, then they are considered to be non-compliant which causes the constituent to be non-compliant as well as ADHA, and open for legal action. This change is necessary to ensure that everyone is protected from legal action and that your ADHA membership dues are utilized properly.

What does this mean?

First, we must evaluate our current components. Second, disband/merge inactive components. Next, determine how remaining components will be structured and finally, consider bylaws, governance, and policy and procedure implications.

Most of our components currently house their finances with CCI, NCDHA's management company, which makes them in compliance. Therefore, our Board of Trustees will vote on the location of any remaining components that do not have their finances housed with CCI. It is a great financial burden for a component to assume the responsibility of paying for liability insurance, obtain a 501 (c) (6) status, file taxes, etc. It is the recommendation of our Board of Trustees to merge the Western component, currently inactive, with the Foothills component. Our Board of Trustees will also be evaluating other components that may be struggling for participation and voting to merge with other surrounding components. The Charter Agreement (signing of the agreement by the President of NCDHA, Laura Cuthbertson) must be completed by January 2016.

STRATEGIC PLAN

ADHA recommends that each constituent (State association) implement a long-term plan of specific goals the association wants to accomplish. We are diligently working on developing our long-term plan which should be completed by the 2016 House of Delegates meeting. Currently our goals are:

- 1) Increase Membership**
- 2) Increase finances**
- 3) Implementing the new Charter Agreements by ADHA**

SAVE THE DATE

Spring Symposium **WHEN:** March 11, 2016 **WHERE:** Hawthorne Inn
420 High St. SW
Winston Salem, NC 27101

NCMOM's Clinics for 2016

March 4th and 5th – Dare County
April 22nd and 23rd – Asheville
August (dates to be determined) – Greensboro
October 28th and 29th – Fayetteville
December 2nd and 3rd – Charlotte

Next Board of Trustees Meeting

January 30, 2016

Remember to contact the trustee of your component if you have any questions or need information about NCDHA.

Thank you for your commitment to NCDHA!



Laura Cuthbertson, RDH
President NCDHA