



# **Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association**

## **ANNUAL REPORTS 2016-2017**

Annual Meeting  
9:00 am-12:00 pm  
Sunday, April 23, 2017  
Gallagher Centre  
Yorkton, SK

Please bring this booklet to the Annual General Meeting, April 23, 2017.

**Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association  
43<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting  
April 23, 2017**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order: Welcome/Introduction
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting
4. Officers' Reports
  - 4.1 President – Glenda Burnouf
  - 4.2 Vice-President – Heather Sali
  - 4.3 Executive Director – Cindy G. Reed
  - 4.4 Registrar – Cindy G. Reed
  - 4.5 Treasurer - Cindy G. Reed
5. Election of Council
6. Committee Reports
  - 6.1 Executive Committee – Glenda Burnouf
  - 6.2 Professional Conduct Committee – Adam Heimbecker
  - 6.3 Discipline Committee – Dwight Krauss
  - 6.4 Credentials Committee/Professional Development Grant – Amy Read/Shari Nowosad
  - 6.5 Legislative Review Committee – Loretta Singh
  - 6.6 Continuing Education/Professional Development Committee – Amy Read /Mary-Lou Sanderson
  - 6.7 SDTA 2017 Annual Conference Committee/Election – Adam Heimbecker
  - 6.8 Editorial Committee – Amy Read
  - 6.9 Community Oral Health Committee/Trade-a-Tooth – Amelia Swiderski /Lenia Rivera
7. Other Business/Discussion
  - 7.1 Audit – Cindy G. Reed
  - 7.2 SDTA Survey 2016 – Cindy G. Reed
  - 7.3 Saskatchewan Oral Health Coalition – Leslie Topola
  - 7.4 Saskatchewan Oral Health Professions Conference – Cindy G. Reed
  - 7.5 Saskatchewan Oral Health Professionals Committee for Long Term Care – Leslie Topola
  - 7.6 PBL/Malpractice Liability Insurance – Cindy G. Reed
  - 7.7 DT Training Modules – Patricia Gottselig
  - 7.8 CDTA/Canadian Oral Health Round Table – Loretta Singh
  - 7.9 Re-Entry to Practice Mentorship Program – Cindy G. Reed
  - 7.10 Dental Therapy Training – Cindy G. Reed/Glenda Burnouf
  - 7.11 Memorandum of Understanding – Cindy G. Reed
  - 7.12 SDTA Position Statements – Loretta Singh
  - 7.13 Saskatchewan Coalition for Tobacco Reduction – Cynthia Ostafie
8. Reports of Election Results
9. Adjournment

**SASKATCHEWAN DENTAL THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION  
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**PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT**

My first year as President has now come to an end and what an amazing year it has been! I would like to thank our membership for placing their trust in me to fulfill this role. I have slowly transitioned into assuming the Presidents roles and responsibilities under the guidance and expertise of our past President Loretta Singh and our very knowledgeable Executive Director Cindy Reed. Without their help as well as the help of our seasoned members of Council it would not have been an easy transition.

I stated in my very first newsletter message that when I was first approached with the nomination my initial reaction was "absolutely not". After some lengthy discussion and critical thinking, I decided that yes, I will allow my name to stand and as a result I became the newly elected President. Big shoes to fill however it has been a very rewarding and educational year for sure. With one year under my belt, I am becoming more and more in tune to what a rewarding experience this has and will be in the years to come.

One of my first duties as President was to attend the Saskatchewan Oral Health Profession Conference. I spent a bit of time at the SDTA Booth hoping to meet as many new faces as possible. We also had our Annual Forum which was well attended. We had some very good discussion on a few items with the members in attendance which was great.

The SDTA 2016 Annual Conference in Waskesiu was absolutely fabulous. It was a fantastic wedding celebration with the speakers, games and events. Excellent job to the Prince Albert Planning Committee for hosting a very informative and fun conference. By the time, we read this report, I imagine we will have recovered from our Mexican Fiesta in Yorkton. I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

There hasn't been any movement in regards to dental therapy training in Saskatchewan thus far. We have worked with our consulting firm for another six months however this contract has now expired. Our efforts in the past year have not produced any action with sparking up dental therapy training in Saskatchewan so we are now looking at other viable options.

We are currently reviewing documentation from the Ilisagvik College Dental Health Aide Therapist's program in Alaska. We have also had some discussion with the SDHA and the CDHA on how we can work together collaboratively to have a greater impact on the oral health needs of the people of Saskatchewan.

Thank you to our public reps: Pastor Ken Epp, Linda Allen-Hardisty and Richard Rodda who have been a great support and voice for the public. Linda and Ken have completed their terms and we are awaiting new appointments.

A huge heartfelt thank you to Cindy Reed our Executive Director for her tireless work she devotes to our association. It definitely does not go unnoticed.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to our Council Members. Completing their term on Council are Vice President Heather Sali, Adam Heimbecker, Lenia Rivera, Mary-Lou Sanderson and Amelia Swiderski. Continuing their term are Dwight Krauss, Jaylynn Parenteau, Amy Read and Shari Nowosad.

Finally, I would like to close by saying that it is very important for our members to take pride and ownership in your association. Please consider putting your name forward for a term on Council. It is a very rewarding and valuable experience that you will not regret. The relationships and friendships with our Council make for a very enjoyable tenure.

It continues to be both a pleasure and an honor to be part of this association and profession.

Respectfully submitted,

*Glenda Burnouf*

SDTA President

### **VICE-PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT**

As I reflect on the past year serving on council I wonder where the time has gone. Being a member on council is a very rewarding job. I have served 10 years on council and I continue to grow each year. I would like to thank our wonderful President Glenda Burnouf for all her hard work and dedication this past year. I am sure after our last Annual Professions Conference she wondered what she had got herself into but she has done an amazing job this year. Cindy G. Reed as always continues to do a phenomenal job as our Executive Director and representing our association. She puts in so much extra time that does not go unnoticed. I recently took over the task of recording the meeting minutes from our council meetings and I am just after a year getting the hang of it. To all the other council members your hard work and knowledge has not gone unappreciated. It's been a very busy and rewarding year. One thing we all have in common is our love and dedication for Dental Therapy. We are hoping that there are great things to come in the future for the profession of Dental Therapy, I believe that is one thing we can all agree on. My main job as Vice-President is to assist the committees in their work as needed and to provide direction if required. This year has been very quiet in this regard as the committee chairpersons are very motivated and competent and have required little to none assistance. This past year I helped update documents, continue to record additions to the Book of Resolutions, review terms of references and added minutes from previous meetings to the Vice-President's binder. As Vice-President I continue to work on the Legislative Review and Executive Committees.

Thank you again to all the members who served on council this year. I would like to encourage all members of the association to consider a position on council. I can promise you that you will not regret this decision.

Respectfully submitted

*Heather Sali*

SDTA Vice-President

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT**

Welcome everyone to the SDTA's 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting.

The main focus again this year has been on the training of dental therapists. The agenda this afternoon will address the many issues council has been faced with over the past year.

This was Glenda Burnouf's first year as president and it has been a busy year. The first year is a huge learning year so she has been busy and has done a great job. I am really looking forward to the next year and more.

Loretta Singh has finished her year as the Past President. This is a newly created position. It certainly has made the transition for the president as well as council go a lot more smoothly. Loretta has done a great job and her expertise has been a great asset to council.

Heather Sali our dedicated Vice-President will be finishing her term this year. Whenever something comes up she is the one to say "I can do that". She is always eager to assist council with anything and everything. Thank you for all of your hard work.

I would like to say thank you to outgoing Council Members for their work on Council. Outgoing members are Adam Heimbecker, Lenia Rivera, Mary-Lou Sanderson and Amelia Swiderski. I would also like to thank returning members Dwight Krauss, Shari Nowosad, Jaylynn Parenteau and Amy Read. Everyone had a committee and a lot of work got done this year. I am looking forward to the next year. I would also like to give a thank you to Lacey Evanochko our Trade-a-Tooth and Facebook Coordinator and also Nicole Gratton who has volunteered to assist with the Infection Prevention and Control Standards for the Oral Health Facility document.

Richard Rodda is our lone public representative on council this year. Being our only representative on council he has and will be playing many roles, so thank you Richard. Linda Allen-Hardisty and Pastor Ken Epp have completed their terms on council. I have been keeping in contact with the ministry as our council cannot operate effectively without three public representatives.

I once again encourage members to join council. We will need four members at large and a Vice President this year. Dental Therapists work in numerous practice settings and locations so the more diverse our council is the better. Each member will chair or co-chair a committee. Each committee as well as the vice present has a set Terms-of-Reference so their function is clear. Members new to council will have lots of direction and assistance.

Other duties of the Executive Director and activities will be discussed as they come up in the agenda.

I would like to take the time to thank the SDTA council and the SDTA membership for their support and encouragement over the many years that I have been part of the SDTA.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cindy G. Reed SDT*

Executive Director/Registrar/Secretary/Treasurer

### **REGISTRAR'S ANNUAL REPORT**

There have been four dental therapists registered since the 2017 Annual General Meeting. In accordance with Bylaw II Section 2 of the Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association Bylaws, on January 31, 2017, the names of 13 dental therapists were removed from the register as they no longer met the requirements for registration. In accordance with Section 19 of The Dental Disciplines Act, there are currently 228 dental therapists registered with the Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Council.

There are currently 201 Practicing Memberships (licenses) issued to date for the year 2017. There are 197 members with a clinical restorative practice and 4 members with a public health preventative practice. There were 220 Practicing Memberships in 2016.

There are 27 Non-Practicing Memberships issued to date for the year 2017. There were 21 Non-Practicing Memberships issued in 2016.

There are 25 Affiliates issued to date for the year 2017. There were 25 Affiliates issued in 2016.

Current membership information has been compiled for our Annual Report 2016 and has been submitted and filed with the Information Service Corporation of Saskatchewan, according to Section 49 of the Dental Disciplines Act.

There has been no application under review at this time.

There were 4 applications for reinstatement accepted since the last AGM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cindy G. Reed SDT*

Executive Director/Registrar/Secretary/Treasurer

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee Chairperson: Glenda Burnouf (President)

Committee Members: Heather Sali (Vice President), Ken Epp (Public Representative), Cindy Reed (Executive Director non-voting)

There was one motion brought before the Executive Committee since last year's AGM.

A Work Plan was shared and the Terms or Reference was reviewed and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

*Glenda Burnouf*

Chairperson

### **PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee Chairpersons: Adam Heimbecker

Committee Members: Richard Rodda (public representative), Patricia Gottselig, Shirley Mathieson, Lenia Rivera

Activities:

This year the PCC had a busy year with a lot of heavy investigation, consulting and decision. The PCC finished up 1 case from the previous year and had 4 complaints and investigations through the 2016/2017 year. There is a significant amount of investigation, research and review that goes into a single complaint and I cannot stress enough the extensive amount of critiquing, evaluation and complexity involved in a single case. For this reason, it takes time to complete each one; to date there are 2 cases still active and under review with the PCC.

The PCC this year was fortunate enough to have Legal Advisor Brian Salte once again to consult with and question on concerns with legal advice and direction. He has been a staple in guidance and a truly beneficial and cost effective asset to our committee and association.

Recommendations:

Our goals moving ahead for the upcoming year are to clearly reduce and virtually eliminate any complaints and concerns coming forward for our members. We want to strongly recommend being thorough and confident with all your diagnosis and diligent with your clinical notes. The PCC feels members must be conscious of the fact that they hold a respected, professional position in their communities and must reflect this in their actions and daily lifestyles. "Let us ensure that Dental Therapy maintains a positive image in our communities and amongst our fellow dental colleagues."

Accepting the position of chair of the PCC in my second term has yet again proved to be demanding and extremely fulfilling in expanding my knowledge even further in the profession of Dental Therapy. I would like to personally thank my members for their work and willing cooperation this year; special thanks to Trish Gottselig as your experience, professionalism and solid support in this committee has been invaluable to me. Thank you also to Cindy Reed and our

Council for your helpfulness, patience and support in the past year yet again I dig deeper into scope of practice and culture myself to protocol, expectations and timelines of council.

Respectfully submitted,

*Adam Heimbecker*

Professional Conduct Committee Chairperson

### **DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee Chairpersons: Dwight Krauss

Committee Members: Linda Allen-Hardisty (Public Representative) and Darren Berg

Activities: No matters were referred to the Discipline Committee from the Professional Conduct Committee for consideration. The Terms of Reference were reviewed by the chair and no changes were considered.

Recommendations: The Terms of Reference to be submitted for review to all committee members yearly to keep them current. Developing a flow chart for committee deliberations shall be under consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dwight Krauss*

Discipline Committee Chairperson

### **CREDENTIALS/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee Chairpersons: Amy Read & Shari Nowosad

Committee Members: Barb Ing & Cindy Reed

#### Activities

SDTA Council meetings were attended as required. Cindy Reed issued Continuing Education Credit reports to all members via mail. Continuing Education Credits Document has been updated with notable changes. Applicants for reinstatement were discussed and dealt with according to the SDTA policy and guidelines.

#### Recommendations

1. All SDTA members should be using the SDTA Continuing Education Credit "Request Form" for credit submissions. Proof of Attendance to all conventions, seminars, etc. must be verified and documented by members attending.
2. All credits must be obtained by members by the end of the 3-year reporting period to maintain a license with the SDTA. Updated CPR course is also a requirement for every 3 year reporting period. First Aid is not required but if members wish to recertify it will be counted towards CEC points.
3. If members have participated in training that qualifies for the Annual SDTA Bursary please apply. The application form is always included in first newsletter printed of each year (Volume 1).

Respectfully submitted

*Amy Read & Shari Nowosad*

Co-Chairpersons

### **LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Chairperson: Loretta Singh

Committee Members: Glenda Burnouf (President), Heather Sali (vice-president), Cindy Reed (Executive Director)

Committee Meetings /Activities

The committee members met and have continued to make changes and seek advice to update the SDTA Bylaws.

Bylaw changes to the “Requirements for Registration” will be necessary to comply with the Re-Entry Mentorship Program being developed by the SDTA. A draft of the program and the bylaw changes have been sent to the ministry for their comments.

A work plan was shared and the terms of reference was reviewed and approved by Council.

Recommendations

Finalize edits to the SDTA Bylaws and submit to the Ministry of Health.

Review our existing polices.

Respectfully submitted,

*Loretta Singh*

Legislative Review Committee Chairperson

**CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee Co-Chairpersons: Mary Lou Sanderson & Jaylynn Parenteau

Committee Members: Heather Sali & Glenda Burnouf

Activities:

Organized speakers for the 2017 SDTA Annual Conference, which are as follows:

- 9:00 – Dean Swift, Development Biochemist “Religion, Sex & Politics in the Microbial World as Communicated by the Bacterial Twitterverse” Also, “Water as a coolant/lubricant – forget it”
- 1:15 – Michelle Engel, MA, (C), S-LP (CCC) – Speech-Language Pathologist, Registered SK, Owner-Communication Innovations “Communicating Successfully with Patients with Communication Difficulties”
- 3:15 – Dr. Mark Berscheid – “Let the Good Times Roll!! How to Manage the Behaviour of Young Dental Patients”

Recommendations:

- Encourage members to contact the committee or any council member if they have suggestions for speaker and or topic for speakers.
- If there is enough interest amongst members other continuing education be organized at other times throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

*Amy Read/Mary Lou Sanderson*

Co-Chairpersons

**SDTA 2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee Chairperson: Adam Heimbecker

Treasurer: Adam Heimbecker/Rosanne Brezinski

Registration: Susan Churko

Entertainment: Lee Pawliw

Schedule/Work Plan Budget: Bernie Laevens

All committee members and helping dental colleagues has so many tasks and jobs it would be impossible to break down the endless tasks involved.

The SDTA 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Professional Development Conference will be held in Yorkton on April 21, 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Yorkton Gallagher Center has been chosen as the venue for this event. This year's theme is "MEXICAN FIESTA". There will be registration and social evening Friday night, the scientific session Saturday followed by a fantastic "Yorkton" meal and entertainment to fill the evening. The Annual General Meeting will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> morning. The planning Committee from Yorkton has worked very hard on the upcoming conference, being only 5 of us it took a lot of dedication.

Our Continuing Education Council Members have confirmed all speakers and educators for this year's conference. This year's conference speakers will be Dean Swift, Development Biochemist and Educator; Michelle Engel, MA, (C),S-LP (CCC), Speech Language Pathologist; Mark Berschied, DMD, Pediatric Dentist, U of S Professor. As well we will be fortunate enough to have our Minister of Rural and Remote Health, Greg Ottenbreit, doing our Opening Address to start our scientific sessions.

We as the Conference Committee look forward to hosting an amazing conference here in Yorkton. The Planning Committee from Yorkton has worked very hard on the upcoming conference, being only 5 of us it took a lot of dedication. I look forward to meeting the future Council Members and choosing a new representative for next years Annual Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

*Adam Heimbecker*

Chairperson

### EDITORIAL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Chairperson: Amy Read

Committee Members: Lacey Evanochko, Nicole Gratton

#### Activities

Information for newsletters was sent to me from various members of the SDTA and other associations by newsletter deadlines. Compiling, editing and proofreading (done by council members) are included in the annual activities. Three newsletters were printed this year and distributed to members. Online viewing was also made available of the newsletters on the website. The option to advertise in our newsletter was discussed with council to offset some of the costs incurred for each newsletter. Research was performed to determine what other associations charge for this newsletter advertising. Ongoing work is still being done on this matter.

#### Costs Associated with printed newsletter issues

Summer 2016 Edition	\$584.85 (print)	\$534.60 (postage)	(275 copies)
Fall/Winter 2016 Edition	\$584.85 (print)	\$534.60 (postage)	(275 copies)
Spring 2017 Issue Edition	\$658.35 (print)	\$505.44 (postage)	(260 copies)
Totals	\$1 828.05 (print)	\$1,574.64 (postage) =	<b>\$3 402.69 total</b>

#### Recommendations

1. Ensure that newsletter is properly edited and appealing.
2. Any submissions for the newsletter meet the newsletter deadline. The deadline date for upcoming newsletter can always be found on the SDTA website. I encourage members to submit anything that they would be interested in seeing in the newsletter.
3. Continue work on advertising in newsletter.
4. Submit more photos for "pictorial" history.

Respectfully submitted,

*Amy Read*

Chairperson

### **COMMUNITY ORAL HEALTH COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee Co-Chairpersons: Lenia Rivera, Amelia Swiderski

Committee Members: Savannah Davis, Tinadza, Loretta Singh

Activities:

- The Community Oral Health Committee presented to Council a position statement on Fluoride.
- Penny Griffith and Patricia Skalicky updated and edited the Lift the Lip pamphlet and the Parents Guide. Both should be ready for printing.
- As an effort to support fun activities and promote dental therapist throughout Saskatchewan, colouring and activity pages of Tooth Fairies and Charlie Chew were drawn by Amelia Bandet. The pages will also be available within clinics to help promote the fun of the tooth fairy as well as promote Dental Therapists within the community.
- Dental Therapists Week, April 23-29, 2017, was proclaimed by the Minister of Health of Saskatchewan.

Recommendations:

- To continue working on position statements
- To continue working in public awareness regarding oral health

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lenia Rivera, Amelia Swiderski*

Co-Chairpersons

### **TRADE-A-TOOTH ANNUAL REPORT**

Coordinator: Lacey Evanochko

Activities

1. Some great letters have been received this year and all were returned with packages. We have received letters from many locations in Saskatchewan as well as a few from Alberta and Manitoba.
2. Numbers continue to be much lower than years prior and an average of 6 were received per month.
3. Packages include toothbrush, pencil, stickers, dental colouring and activities, brushing chart with stickers, dental information for parents.
4. Cindy Reed distributes the Trade-a-Tooth Posters.

Recommendations

1. I didn't receive any classroom letters this year as I have in previous years so I encourage all Dental Therapists and Dental Health Educators to get as many classrooms involved as possible.
2. Many letters come via email as technology progresses and that has reduced the number of teeth being sent in the mail although it still happens. Please encourage all to write letters or emails but teeth are not a requirement.
3. As always, we would love for teeth to be cavity free!

Respectfully submitted,

*Lacey Evanochko*

Trade-a-Tooth Coordinator

SASKATCHEWAN DENTAL THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL MEETING – AGM  
9:00AM – Sunday, May 1, 2016  
Spruce Room – The Hawood Inn  
851 Lakeview Drive, Waskesiu, SK

**1. Call to Order: Welcome/Introduction**

Loretta Singh called the meeting to order. Council members were introduced.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Addition: 7.15 Position Statement

Motion: Darren Berg moved the agenda be adopted as circulated and amended. Seconded by Amie Gohlke. Carried.

**3. Approval of Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting**

No corrections.

Diane Berg moved the minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting be adopted as presented. Seconded by Darcy Tkatchuk. Carried.

**4. Officer's Reports**

**4.1 President's Report – Loretta Singh**

Loretta Singh reviewed her Annual Report as circulated and amended in the Annual Report.

Motion: Loretta Singh moved her President's Report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Amy Gabruck. Carried.

**4.2 Vice-President's Report – Heather Sali**

Heather Sali reviewed her Annual Report as circulated and amended in the Annual Report.

Motion: Heather Sali moved her Vice-President's Report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Petra Beaven. Carried.

**4.3 Executive Director's Report – Cindy G. Reed**

Cindy G. Reed reviewed her Annual Report as circulated and amended in the Annual Report.

Motion: Cindy G. Reed moved her Executive Director's Report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Janis Johnson. Carried.

**4.4 Registrar's Report – Cindy G. Reed**

Cindy G. Reed reviewed her Annual Report as circulated and amended in the Annual Report.

Motion: Cindy G. Reed moved her Registrar's Report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Barb Ing. Carried.

**4.5 Treasurer's Report – Cindy G. Reed**

Cindy G. Reed presented members with an updated financial statement for the association.

Motion: Cindy G. Reed moved her Treasurer's Report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Heather Sali. Carried.

## **5. Election of Council**

Janis Johnson opened the floor for nominations for president.

Heather Sali nominated Glenda Burnouf for President. Seconded by Mary-Lou Sanderson. Glenda Burnouf let her name stand.

Janis Johnson opened the floor for nominations for the four members at large.

Sali nominated Amy Gabruck. Seconded by Amy Gohlke. Amy Gabruck let her name stand.

Adam Heimbecker nominated Dwight Krauss. Seconded by Amie Gohlke. Dwight Krauss let his name stand.

Petra Beaven nominated Jaylynn Parenteau. Seconded by Mary-Lou Sanderson. Jaylynn Parenteau let her name stand.

Cindy G. Reed nominated Darren Berg. Darren Berg did not let his name stand.

Petra Beaven nominated Shari Nowosad. Seconded by Darcy Tkatchuk. Shari Nowosad let her name stand.

Shirley Mathieson moved nominations cease. Seconded by Trish Gottselig.

The incoming council members are:

Glenda Burnouf – President  
Amy Gabruck – Member at Large  
Jaylynn Parenteau – Member at Large  
Dwight Krauss – Member at Large, Discipline Committee  
Shari Nowosad – Member at Large

## **6. Committee Reports**

### **6.1 Executive Committee – Loretta Singh**

Report as circulated in the Annual Report.

Motion: Loretta Singh moved the Executive Committee report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Darcy Tkatchuk. Carried.

### **6.2 Professional Conduct Committee – Adam Heimbecker**

Report as circulated in the Annual Report.

Motion: Adam Heimbecker moved the Professional Conduct Committee report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Darren Berg. Carried.

### **6.3 Discipline Committee – Dwight Krauss**

Report as circulated in the Annual Report.

Motion: Dwight Krauss moved the Discipline Committee report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Darren Berg. Carried.

#### **6.4 Credentials Committee/Professional Development Grant – Darcy Tkatchuk**

Report as circulated in the Annual Report. Amy Gabruck was the recipient of this year's grant.

Motion: Darcy Tkatchuk moved the Credential Committee report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Janet Grey. Carried.

#### **6.5 Legislative Review Committee – Loretta Singh**

Report as circulated in the Annual Report.

Motion: Loretta Singh moved the Legislative Review Committee report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Darcy Tkatchuk. Carried.

#### **6.6 Continuing Education/Professional Development Committee – Amy Gabruck/Mary-Lou Sanderson**

Report as circulated in the Annual Report.

Motion: Amy Gabruck and Mary-Lou Sanderson moved the Continuing Education Committee report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Heather Sali. Carried.

#### **6.7 SDTA 2015 Annual Conference Committee/Election – Petra Beaven**

Report as circulated in the Annual Report.

Next year's Annual Conference will be tentatively held in Yorkton, SK.

Motion: Petra Beaven moved her report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Heather Sali. Carried.

#### **6.8 Editorial Committee – Amy Gabruck**

Report as circulated in the Annual Report.

Motion: Amy Gabruck moved the Editorial report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Lenia Rivera. Carried.

#### **6.9 Community Oral Health Committee/Trade-A-Tooth – Lenia Rivera/Amelia Swiderski/Lacey Evanochko**

Report as circulated in the Annual Report.

Motion: Lenia Rivera moved the Community Oral Health report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Barb Ing. Carried.

Motion: Cindy G. Reed moved the Trade-A-Tooth report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Amy Gabruck. Carried.

### **7. Other Business/Discussion**

#### **7.1 Audit – Cindy G. Reed**

Motion: I move that Stark and Marsh accountants be appointed as auditor to carry out the SDTA's yearly audit. According to the SDTA's bylaws Part II Admin Bylaws, Bylaw II Section II. Moved by Darren Berg. Seconded by Trish Gottselig. Carried.

### **7.2 SDTA Survey 2015 – Cindy G. Reed**

SDTA surveys were distributed at the conference. Those who filled out the survey were eligible for a draw for a \$30 Boston Pizza gift card. Those not at the conference will have their surveys mailed out to them. We will also be developing an employer's survey to be sent out at a later date.

### **7.3 Saskatchewan Oral Health Coalition – Leslie Topola**

In October 2015, the Saskatchewan Oral Health Coalition (SOHC) held its' first meeting in Regina. The meeting was well attended and was successful in engaging our partners in southern Saskatchewan. Meetings will now alternate between Saskatoon (spring) and Regina (fall). A key highlight was the Honourable Greg Ottenbreit, Minister of Rural and Remote Health, bringing a welcome greeting on behalf of the government. It was a busy and informative session. In September, the SOHC was a key presenter at the 2015 Saskatchewan Oral Health Professions (SOHP) Conference. It was a team presentation that included:

- Background history of the SOHC – Leslie Topola
- Better Oral Health in Long Term Care – Sheri Townsend, Manager Parkridge Centre
- Canada's Tooth Fairy – Kellie Watson
- Saskatchewan Prevention Institute Maternal & Child Resources – Megan Clark
- *Inclusive Dentistry* video – Megan Wells, Saskatchewan Association for Community Living
- *A Day Surgery Perspective: Treating Dental Cavities in Children* video presentation – Marcella Ogenchuk, Professor, University of Saskatchewan College of Nursing

The SOHC also had a booth at the SOHP Conference Exhibitors Road Show.

The SOHC was successful in obtaining a grant from Dakota Dunes to promote the Canada's Tooth Fairy *My Smile Matters: A Youth Movement*. Currently a dental assistant has been hired to work with 25 high-risk schools in the Saskatoon Health Region. Each school has identified four Grade 6 & 7 students who will be trained to use community resource kits to teach younger students about oral health. Each student must do four presentations, and hopefully continues on to teach the following year when he/she is in Grade 7 & 8. The community resource kits were provided free by Canada's Tooth Fairy. The concept is for youth to learn about oral health and understand its' importance to overall health. Then, as peer leaders, they can teach/support others to have good oral health. The SOHC continues to seek funding to expand this work.

The SOHC launched its' second Smile Drive for the Canada's Tooth Fairy in April 2016. All oral health professional associations and SOHC members were sent information to participate.

Membership in the SOHC continues to expand. Non-oral health professional membership is one of the key factors that leads to the success and engagement of the coalition.

There has been a change to the administrative support for the SOHC. Our new administrative coordinator is Maryam Jafari-Horestani.

To learn more about the Saskatchewan Oral Health Coalition, go to <http://www.saskohc.ca/>.

### **7.4 Saskatchewan Oral Health Professions Conference – Leslie Topola/Cynthia Ostafie**

Dates: September 15-17, 2016.

All speakers for the conference have been booked/confirmed. Keynote presenters are Meg Sopher (motivational speaker. I personally went to her presentations at the Pacific Dental Conference. She is very engaging and entertaining), Dr. Ross Anderson (Presentation is on First Tooth, First Visit – so emphasis on a dental check-up by age 1, varnish and other preventive strategies) and Dr. Sergio Kuttler (Era of Root Canal – focus for Dentists with a hand's on component for 30 Dentist's). For the rest of the presenter's visit the website.

Website is fully functional for registration as of April 27, 2016. Please register on-line.

Registration for Dental Therapist's is \$194.50 – same fee as 2015. Dental Aide category has been added to the professional listing this year.

Exhibitor's Road Show will again be open on Thursday evening with food and entertainment in the same area. SDTA will have a non-profit booth. If you are attending the conference – please volunteer your time to work a few hours at the booth!

### **7.5 Saskatchewan Oral Health Professionals Committee for Long Term Care – Leslie Topola**

#### **Better Oral Health in Long Term Care – Best Practice Standards for Saskatchewan**

Better Oral Health in Long Term Care – Best Practice Standards for Saskatchewan has been implemented in the Saskatoon Health Region at Parkridge Centre, Sherbrooke Community Centre, and Sunnyside Adventist Care Centre. A full time Long Term Care – Oral Health Coordinator (LTC-OHC) dental assistant has been hired by the Saskatoon Health Region – Oral Health Program, to work with long term care staff in all homes in the region. The LTC OHC promotes daily oral care for residents by mentoring and training staff. Progress is continuing, with more long term care homes wanting the program.

In addition, all training modules and resources have been placed on the Saskatoon Health Region *Infonet*, available for all staff to access and use.

In June, 2015, Ashley White – Dental Health Educator, Saskatoon Health Region, orientated staff in all regions to the Better Oral Health in Long Term Care modules. All regions were provided with the training modules and resources to use in their own health regions. Other dental therapists in Saskatchewan, who are working in long-term care, have also been provided with the resources.

The Saskatchewan Seniors' Oral Health and Long Term Care Strategy – Better Oral Health in Long Term Care Best Practice Standards in Saskatchewan is just being finalized. In the next few months, the Saskatchewan Oral Health Professions and the Saskatchewan Oral Health Coalition will meet for a second time with the Ministry of Health, Continuing Care Branch, to update them on progress to date. The group will advocate for the Saskatchewan government to accept and implement the reports' recommendations.

Dental treatment in Saskatchewan LTC homes continues. In Saskatoon Health Region, Dr. Raj Bhargava's team provides treatment services to Parkridge Centre, Sherbrooke Community Centre, St. Ann's Home, Luther Special Care Home, and numerous other LTC homes. In addition, a few dentists in rural communities are also providing treatment.

In Regina, Dr. Maureen Lefebvre continues to provide treatment services to Santa Maria Senior Citizen Home. In Five Hills Health Region, Arleen Champion, dental therapist, is working with LTC residents in two homes.

There is a shift in the awareness of the importance of oral health for LTC residents. Many health professionals, including LTC staff, see the need for daily oral care. Attitudes and behaviors are slowly evolving; time and support are required for the paradigm shift!

#### **7.6 PBL/Malpractice Liability Insurance – Cindy G. Reed**

There was discussion on categories included in the SDTA's MLI policy. Cindy Reed will contact PBL our malpractice liability insurance carrier to discuss the responsibilities of our members for reporting incidents to the carrier.

#### **7.7 New Technologies – Cindy G. Reed**

There was discussion on new tools vs new skills. New tools can be used only as long as they are not used for a new skill that is not part of our scope of practice as a dental therapist. When using new "tools" such as lasers, air abrasion, etc. you have to remember to use them only for a skill that you already have. An example of using a laser for cold sore removal would not be allowed because it does not fall into the scope of practice of a dental therapist. Using a laser for cutting a cavity preparation would be allowed because it would fall into our scope of practice.

#### **7.8 DT Training Modules – Patricia Gottselig**

If any Dental Therapists are interested in taking an "Impressions" or "Space Maintainer" module, please contact Sandy Peach at Sask Polytechnic to put your name on the list. Phone 306-775-7474 or email [sandy.peach@saskpolytech.ca](mailto:sandy.peach@saskpolytech.ca).

If you are a Dental Therapist wanting to take the "Orthodontics" module you are required to have the "Impressions" module.

#### **7.9 CDTA/Canadian Oral Health Round Table – Loretta Singh**

Ashley White reported on this meeting via Skype for all the members to hear as she represented the SDTA in Ottawa this spring.

#### **7.10 Immediate Past President – Heather Sali**

We have implemented the position of past president to the SDTA council. Loretta Singh will stay on council for the next year to guide and assist our new president Glenda Burnouf as she takes on the role of president.

The SDTA also purchased the president a computer to assist with the transfer of information.

#### **7.11 Membership Re-Licensure Program – Cindy G. Reed**

A Re-Licensure Program is being developed for dental therapists that do not comply with the SDTA bylaws to enable them to be registered and licensed. The program details will be developed in consultations with the ministry of health as bylaw changes will have to be made to accommodate the program.

#### **7.12 Dental Therapy Training – Loretta Singh**

Members were updated on the associations consultations with the dental therapy school in Alaska.

Members were also updated on the associations dealings with Hill & Knowlton the consulting firm that the SDTA is currently in contract with.

The following members spoke openly regarding this issue: Janet Grey, Darren Berg, Cindy G. Reed, Loretta Singh, Dwight Krauss.

#### **7.13 Standards for Dental Therapy Education Programs in the US Expert Panel – Darren Berg**

Darren Berg updated members on his work with the “Standards for Dental Therapy Education Programs in the US”. The standards were passed in the summer of 2015. Darren has been actively supporting dental therapy in the US for many years.

#### **7.14 Memorandum of Understanding – Darren Berg/Cindy G. Reed**

A Memorandum of Understanding is being developed between the six dental professions governed by the Dental Disciplines Act. Darren Berg represented the SDTA by attending a MOU meeting at the College of Dental Surgeon office in Saskatoon. More work will be done on the MOU and council will remain updated.

#### **7.15 Position Statements – Cindy G. Reed/Loretta Singh**

A suggestion has come from one of our members suggesting that the SDTA should consider developing position statements. It was decided to assign this to the community oral health committee.

### **8. Report of Election Results**

Janis Johnson reviewed election results.

President (two-year term)

Glenda Burnouf

Members at Large (two-year term)

Amy Gabruck  
Jaylynn Parenteau  
Dwight Krauss  
Shari Nowosad

Amy Gabruck reviewed the action list.

Date and place of next regular council meeting will be June 18, 2016 in Saskatoon, SK. 10:00 AM at the Sandman Inn Hotel. This is a transition meeting so outgoing and incoming council members are to attend.

### **9. Adjournment**

Loretta Singh moved the meeting be adjourned.