



Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association

ANNUAL REPORTS 2017-2018

Annual Meeting
9:00 am-12:00 pm
Sunday, May 6, 2018
Jackfish Lodge
Battlefords Provincial Park

Please bring this booklet to the Annual General Meeting, May 6, 2018.

**Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association
44th Annual General Meeting
May 6, 2018**

AGENDA

1. Call to order: Welcome/Introduction
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 - 7.6 CDTA/Canadian Oral Health Round Table – Cindy G. Reed
 - 7.7 Re-Entry to Practice Mentorship Program – Amy Read/Cindy G. Reed
 - 7.8 Dental Therapy Training – Glenda Burnouf/Cindy G. Reed/Dwight Krauss
 - 7.9 Saskatchewan Oral Health Professions Forum – Cindy G. Reed
 - 7.10 Infection Prevention and Control Standards – Dwight Krauss
 - 7.11 SDTA Position Statements – Cindy G. Reed
 - 7.12 National Caries Risk Assessment Tool – Ashley White
 - 7.13 Saskatchewan Coalition for Tobacco Reduction – Cynthia Ostafie
 - 7.14 Resources – Cindy G. Reed
8. Reports of Election Results
9. Adjournment

**SASKATCHEWAN DENTAL THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION
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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

I would like to personally welcome each of you to the SDTA's 44th Annual General Meeting. My 2-year term as President has now come to an end and I must say what a rewarding and exciting experience it has been. It takes time to fully transition into this role and I was so fortunate to have an amazing team to guide me along the way. Our Council really comes together at the table as we all bring own individual knowledge and ideas from many different settings. It is a very rewarding and valuable experience and I strongly urge our membership to consider putting your name forward for a term on council.

My two years would not have been as smooth as they were without the help and expertise of our Executive Director Cindy Reed. She definitely goes above and beyond what is expected of her and I am extremely grateful that I have her by my side.

Cindy and I both attended the newly titled Saskatchewan Oral Health Conference in September 2017. We decided to have a booth to showcase our newly developed pop up banner and new resources that were created, "A Parent's Guide to Oral Health" and "Lift the Lip". Both were developed by the Saskatchewan Dental Public Health Network and I commend that group on doing a fabulous job.

We have continued to meet with the SDHA and CDHA to further discuss the model that the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association has proposed in regards to a dually-trained profession. More details will follow in the Dental Therapy training report.

I reviewed and witnessed the audit from our accountant.

I attended the NOHWG meetings throughout the year. This group is remarkable and an excellent avenue for program delivery and resource sharing. I also attend the SOHC meetings either in person or through live stream.

The Canadian Roundtable is being held in Ottawa, April 19th. As part of the CDTA we have been invited to participate and it was decided that our Executive Director will attend. Updates from this roundtable will be presented later.

The SDTA 2017 Annual Conference in Yorkton was very well planned and attended. Excellent job to the Yorkton planning committee for hosting our 43rd Annual "Mexican Fiesta" Conference. I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the 44th Annual "Disney on the Lake" Conference in Jackfish.

In regards to the 2018 Annual Conference, it was initially to be hosted by the Regina region. However there were a few continuing education sessions planned at the same time and in the same city so we decided to move up a year and host in North Battleford. I called out for volunteers to chair the committee for the 2018 Conference however did not receive any feedback so I decided to take on Chair of the Conference Committee and thus the planning started.

Thank you to our Public Representatives: Richard Rodda and Marlow Dunlop have been a great support and voice for the public. We have one vacancy so we will wait for our appointment.

I would also like to express my sincerest gratitude and appreciation to our Council Members. Completing their term on Council are Dwight Krauss, Jaylynn Parenteau, Amy Read and Shari Nowosad. Continuing their term are Vice President Mary-Lou Sanderson, Patricia Skalicky,

Adam Heimbecker, Heather Sali and Lenia Rivera. Again, please consider a term or two on council, it will be a very enjoyable and fulfilling experience.

Finally, a huge heartfelt thank you to all SDTA members for your continued dedication to your profession and to the oral health needs of the people of Saskatchewan.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Burnouf

SDTA President

VICE-PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

My first year as Vice-President has been a great learning experience! It is hard to believe a year has gone by already and there is still so much work to be accomplished.

My main roles as Vice-President are to assist the committees when required and record the minutes/action list at each of our council meetings. This past year I helped update the Executive Policies and Job Description for the SDTA Executive Director. I continue to work on the Legislative Review and Executive Committees.

My goal for my 2nd term is to help alleviate some of the workload of our Executive Director, Cindy G. Reed. I feel it is important to take on a more active role to ensure our Executive Director is supported effectively. Cindy G. Reed goes above and beyond each day and it amazes me how much knowledge she has attained in her position. Thank you for all you do!

Glenda Burnouf has done a remarkable job as President of our association. She does it with such grace and integrity. I am hoping a 2nd term as President is in the future!

And let us not forget our outstanding council members! All your hard work that you accomplish on the committees is greatly appreciated and valued. Thank you for your dedication and commitment this past year.

Lastly, I want to invite all members of the association to ponder a position on council. It is very rewarding, and you get to work alongside some amazing colleagues. Your contribution is valuable and an asset going forward for the future of Dental Therapy.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary-Lou Sanderson

SDTA Vice-President

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Welcome everyone to the SDTA's 44th Annual General Meeting. It will be great to see everyone at conference. It is always nice to put a face to the voice on the phone.

The SDTA council has been very busy this year. Council has several projects on the go so there will be lots to update members on. It seems to get busier and busier every year and the years pass by quicker and quicker.

Glenda our president has been kept very busy. She has played double duty this year with being President as well as Chairperson of the Convention Committee. She has been a great source of support for me over this past year. Thank you, Glenda.

I would also like to thank Mary-Lou Sanderson our Vice President. She her experience has been an asset to council as well as to my role as Executive Director. We have collaborated on a few projects and have a few more we will be working on. Thank you Mary-Lou.

We have a very strong and engaged council this year. It will be sad to let some of you go. This year Dwight Krauss, Shari Nowosad, Amy Read and Jaylynn Parenteau complete their terms. Adam Heimbecker, Lenia Rivera. Heather Sali and Patricia Skalicky will stay on for another year. Thank you for all of your work over the past year.

I have represented the SDTA in numerous capacities throughout the year on various committees/groups either through conference calls or in person meetings. Some of those committees/groups are the Canadian Dental Therapists Association, Canadian Dental Hygienists, Canadian Dental Associations Oral Health Roundtable Symposium, Canadian Association of Public Health Dentistry, Saskatchewan Oral Health Professions Forum, Network of Interprovincial Regulatory Organization, Northern Oral Health Working Group, Ministry of Immigration and Career Training, Ministry of Health, various dental therapy associations globally, etc. These will be expanded on as they come up on the agenda.

Council made a few changes to the SDTA Bylaws this year. Once the motion(s) were made and passed by council, I filed the necessary requests(s) for the change to the Minister of Health. Changes were made to the Regulatory and Administrative Bylaws.

This year there will be four member-at-large positions and the president's position up for re-election. Once again, I encourage members to join council. Each member-at-large is required to chair or co-chair a committee. Committee chairs are given as much direction as they need by the council. Committee descriptions can be found in the last SDTA newsletter as well as at conference. I know you will find being on council a rewarding experience.

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

It has been a busy year and thank the SDTA council and members for all of their kind words and support over the past 25 years.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy G. Reed SDT
Executive Director

REGISTRAR'S ANNUAL REPORT

There have been four dental therapists registered (re-instated) since the 2017 Annual General Meeting. In accordance with Bylaw II Section 2 of the Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association Bylaws, on January 31, 2018, the names of 11 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 221 dental therapists registered with the Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Council.

There are currently 196 Practicing Memberships (licenses) issued to date for the year 2018. There are 189 members with a clinical restorative practice and 7 members with a public health preventative practice. There were 204 Practicing Memberships in 2017.

There are 25 Non-Practicing Memberships issued to date for the year 2018. There were 27 Non-Practicing Memberships issued in 2017.

There are 23 Affiliates issued to date for the year 2018. There were 25 Affiliates issued in 2017.

Current membership information has been compiled for our Annual Report 2017 and has been submitted and filed with the Information Service Corporation of Saskatchewan, according to Section 49 of the Dental Disciplines Act.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy G. Reed SDT

Registrar

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee Chairperson: Glenda Burnouf (President)

Committee Members: Mary-Lou Sanderson (Vice President), Richard Rodda (Public Representative), Cindy Reed (Executive Director non-voting)

There were a few motions brought before the committee:

- For the purchase of a new laptop for the Executive Director
- For the advancement of funds to the Conference Committee to secure the venue for 2018 Conference
- For the Executive Director to attend the Canadian Roundtable Symposium in Ottawa in April 2018

All motions were passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Burnouf

Chairperson

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee Chairperson: Adam Heimbecker

Committee Members: Patricia Gottselig, Shirley Mathieson, Lenia Rivera

Public Representative: Richard Rodda

The PCC had a busy year with a lot of consulting, investigation, and resolution. The PCC finished 1 case from the previous year, had 1 new complaint through the 2017/2018 year which was investigated and completed; none of which had to be forwarded to the Discipline Committee. PCC is currently continuing to investigate a complex case which is not yet in the closing phase and will carry over to next reporting year. There is a significant amount of investigation, research and ongoing communication between the complainant, the dental therapist in question and the PCC in following up on a complaint. For this reason, certain cases and investigations can take significantly longer than others before reaching completion or being forwarded to Discipline.

The PCC this year was fortunate enough to have Legal Advisor Bryan Salte once again to consult with and question on concerns with legal advice and direction. PCC would like to publicly acknowledge his gracious gift of service to us of knowledge, expertise and most of all patience and willingness to help.

Our goals moving ahead for the upcoming year is to further reduce complaints regarding our members and in turn the profession of dental therapy. PCC would like to continue strongly recommending being thorough and confident with all your diagnosis and diligent with your clinical

notes. As well, we recommend being clear to patients your title of Dental Therapist while working within and understanding your scope of practice.

Position of chair of the PCC has yet again proven to be demanding and extremely fulfilling in expanding my knowledge even further in the profession of Dental Therapy. I would like to thank all my members on the PCC, all of you bring oceans of knowledge, experience and dedication to a committee which deals with a lot of different aspects and confrontational levels of professional conduct in dental therapy; I am honored to represent this committee alongside you.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Heimbecker SDT

Professional Conduct Committee Chairperson

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee Chairperson: Dwight Krauss

Committee Members: vacant (Public Representative) and Janis Johnson

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

Recommendations: The Terms of References to be submitted to all committee members for review and 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 & Heather Sali

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. The Credentials Request Form was revamped to allow for more than one continuing education request to be made per submission. Continuing Education credit requests were addressed when they did not fit into guidelines set out in the CE Document.

Applicants for reinstatement were discussed and dealt with according to the SDTA policy and guidelines.

This committee was very busy this year developing the Re-Entry Mentorship Program or RMP. This program is allowing for once dental therapists that have let go of their SDTA license to find an employer, who will act as mentor for an applicant, where the applicant re-enters the career of dental therapy supervised by this mentor. There is much thought and time put into creating a program such as this. The necessary bylaw changes were passed by council and approved by the Minister of Health to enable the SDTA to implement the program. We are on final steps of this program creation and hope to have it accessible soon to members.

The Credentials committee, along with Council, has passed the increase in CE points required per three-year reporting period from 36 CE points to 40 CE points. We have decided that with an ever-growing availability to CE courses online and digitally, it is easy for members to attain the mere 4 CE increase. Due to this increase we have also increased the allotted online 9 CE points to 15 CE points. The more we as dental therapists continue our education, the stronger our profession grows. This change takes effect January 31, 2019 for the members that are starting their three-year reporting period.

The SDTA Annual Bursary will be reviewed in the discussion.

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. All members should review the CE Document (always available online). There are many avenues for members to acquire CE credits that are perhaps unaware of.
4. 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 & Heather Sali

Co-Chairpersons

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee Chairperson: Jaylynn Parenteau

Committee Members: Mary-Lou Sanderson, Lacey Evanochko, Cathleen Lesperance

Activities:

Year one of chairing the continuing education committee has made me appreciate that our conferences are well attended by our members. I have learned how much effort and time goes into planning the speakers and sessions and I am happy that so many people can enjoy and benefit from what our speakers have to offer. Without the attendance and support of our members, our yearly event wouldn't be the success that it is year after year.

I began the year by brainstorming ideas for speakers and topics. I attended the 2017 Saskatchewan Oral Health Conference and was given many suggestions and ideas that provided to be a useful tool in planning our lineup of speakers for our SDTA - 44th Annual Conference.

Once I had a list of ideas, I began contacting speakers and booking them. I provided them with details of what speaking at our conference would entail, had them sign speaker's contracts, and made arrangements to ensure that everything discussed was organized such as honorariums, travel expenses, hotel etc.

Our speakers for the 2018 SDTA Annual Conference are as follows:

Jim Signatovich, BSc. APMR - Minimally Invasive Approach to Treating Dental Caries: Three New Innovations to Combat this Reversible Disease.

Dr. Dean Sexsmith, DDS - Dental Lasers

Dr. Sharon A. Mitchell - Autism and Dentistry
Shane Wiedman, Sinclair Dental - Dental Office Maintenance Review
Janice Riordan, SDI - Tooth Whitening

In this first year as chair of the continuing education committee, I learned a lot about timelines and all that goes into booking speakers. I hope to have another opportunity to chair this committee to put everything that I learned to use.

Recommendations:

I urge the council members to contact the SDTA with speaker or topic ideas or suggestions. If there is something that you want to hear about, let us know.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaylynn Parenteau
Chairperson

SDTA 2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee Chairperson: Glenda Burnouf

Registration: Sheri Nowosad

Conference Committee Members: Darcy Tkatchuk, Amy Read, Dana Lang, multiple other area dental therapists

North Battleford region was chosen to host this year's Annual Professional Development Conference. The dates were set as May 4, 5 and 6th, 2018 and is being held in Jackfish Lodge in the Battlefords Provincial Park. This year we are celebrating 44 years of Dental Therapy and the theme is "Disney on the Lake". Friday night has the usual registration and hospitality night. Saturday features the scientific session as well as a small trade show followed by a fabulous meal and evening festivities. The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 6th from 9:00 to noon.

We had a few meetings with the regional N.B. area dental therapists in North Battleford to plan out our weekend. We have worked very hard to make this conference a success and hope for a good turnout.

I would like to thank the chairperson of the Continuing Education Committee, Jaylynn Parenteau, for confirming our speakers for the education portion of the weekend. The speakers are Jim Signatovich speaking on 'Minimally Invasive Approach to Treating Dental Caries', Dr. Dean Sexsmith speaking on "Dental Lasers", Dr. Sharon A. Mitchell speaking on "Autism and Dentistry", Shane Wiedman speaking on "Dental Office Maintenance Review" and Janice Riordan speaking on "Tooth Whitening".

I would like to thank the entire conference committee for stepping up and volunteering to make this year's conference a huge success. I would also like to send heartfelt thanks to Shari Nowosad for agreeing to help out without any hesitation even though the conference is not in her region.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Burnouf
Chairperson

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Chairperson: Patricia Skalicky

Committee Members: Amy Read

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 distributed this year members, 2 of them printed and 1 electronic only. Online viewing was also made available of the newsletters on the website and the Facebook page. Electronic versions of *A Parent's Guide to Oral Health*, *Lift the Lip* and *A Walk with Charlie Chew* were posted to the SDTA website. Dental Therapy information was posted on the Facebook Page.

Costs Associated with printed newsletter issues

	Printing Cost	Postage	Total
Summer 2017 – full colour (260 copies)	\$1302.00	\$734.81 (included Parent's Guide to Oral Health, a Walk with Charlie Chew and Lift the Lip resources)	\$2036.81
Winter 2017	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Spring 2018	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

TOTAL: \$2036.81 total (cost difference of \$1365.88 from 2017)

*The Newsletter will no longer be printed. Electronic versions will be emailed and can be viewed on the website and Facebook page. Please make sure you opt in on your license renewal form to receive an emailed copy.

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. Utilize the Facebook page regularly to engage members and keep them informed.
4. Update website
5. Submit more photos for "pictorial" history.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Skalicky

Chairperson

COMMUNITY ORAL HEALTH COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee Co-Chairpersons: Lenia Rivera, Patricia Skalicky

Committee Members: Amelia Swiderski

Activities:

- Co-Chairpersons had several telephone meetings to brainstorm ideas to promote Dental Therapy during Dental Health Month, in April 2018. The subject will focus on how the frequency of sugar consumption is related to oral disease.
- The Committee will be presenting to Council two posters with the logo 'you are sweet enough'.
- The Health Minister of Saskatchewan has been contacted regarding Dental Therapy week and we are waiting for reply.

Recommendations:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lenia Rivera / Patricia Skalicky

Co-Chairpersons

TRADE-A-TOOTH ANNUAL REPORT

Coordinator: Lacey Evanochko

Activities

1. A few 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 one from Manitoba
2. An average of 4 were received per month down from about 6 last year.
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 as requested.

Recommendations

1. I again 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. Dental health month is here and is a great time to everyone involved.
2. As always, we would love for teeth to be cavity free and stories to be creative!

Respectfully submitted,

Lacey Evanochko

Trade-a-Tooth Coordinator

**SASKATCHEWAN DENTAL THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL MEETING – AGM
9:00AM – Sunday, April 23, 2017
Gallagher Centre
Yorkton, SK**

1. Call to Order: Welcome/Introduction

Heather Sali called the meeting to order. Council members were introduced.

2. Approval of Agenda

Amendment - 6.6 replace Amy Read with Jaylynn Parenteau

Amendment - 6.9 add Lacey Evanochko

Motion: Heather Sali moved the agenda be adopted as circulated and amended. Seconded by Mary Lou Sanderson. Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting

Corrections - 6.4 Janet Gray's name was misspelt as Grey, change to Gray.

Heather Sali moved the minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting be adopted as presented. Seconded by Darcy Tkatchuk. Carried.

4. Officer's Reports

4.1 President's Report – Glenda Burnouf presented by Heather Sali

Heather reviewed Glenda's Annual Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

Motion: Heather Sali moved the President's Report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Janet Gray. Carried.

4.2 Vice-President's Report – Heather Sali

Heather Sali reviewed her Annual Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

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

4.3 Executive Director's Report – Cindy G. Reed

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

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

4.4 Registrar's Report – Cindy G. Reed

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

Motion: Cindy G. Reed moved her Registrar's Report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Amy Read. 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 Mary Lou Sanderson. Carried.

5. Election of Council

Loretta Singh opened the floor for nominations for vice president.

Heather Sali nominated Mary Lou Sanderson. Seconded by Janet Gray. Mary Lou let her name stand.

Dwight Krauss moved nominations for vice president cease. Seconded by Patricia Gottselig. Carried.

Heather Sali opened the floor for nominations for council members.

Mary Lou nominated Adam Heimbecker. Seconded by Patricia Gottselig. Adam let his name stand.

Heather Sali nominated Patricia Skalicky. Seconded by Janet Gray. Patricia let her name stand.

Mary Lou Sanderson nominated Heather Sali. Seconded by Janet Gray. Heather let her name stand.

Barb Ing nominated Lenia Rivera. Seconded by Darcy Tkatchuk. Lenia let her name stand.

Trish Gottselig moved nominations cease. Seconded by Janet Gray. Carried.

6. Committee Reports

6.1 Executive Committee – Glenda Burnouf – presented by Heather Sali

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

Motion: Heather 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 Reports.

Motion: Adam Heimbecker moved the Professional Conduct Committee report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Mary Lou Sanderson. Carried.

6.3 Discipline Committee – Dwight Krauss

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

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

6.4 Credentials Committee/Professional Development Grant – Amy Read/Sheri Nowosad

Motion: Amy Read moved the Credential Committee report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Lacey Evanochko. Carried.

Discussion: Amy Read discussed potential changes to the policies of the CE credit requirements. More discussion will follow at council.

6.5 Legislative Review Committee – Loretta Singh

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

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

6.6 Continuing Education/Professional Development Committee – Jaylynn Parenteau/Mary Lou Sanderson

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

Discussion: An additional CE day was considered this past year however it did not prove to be cost effective. If a topic or opportunity presents itself, we will consider it. With the various events available from the college and other associations it was determined our association will continue to share these opportunities with our members.

Recommendation: It was suggested that at the conference CE a microphone be used for all questions from the floor. Another suggestion was that those with questions should start by giving their name, profession and place of employment.

Motion: Mary-Lou Sanderson moved the Continuing Education Committee report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Barb Ing. Carried.

6.7 SDTA 2017 Annual Conference Committee/Election – Adam Heimbecker

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

Discussion: Members thanked the committee for a job well done. The location of next year's Annual Conference is still being considered.

Motion: Adam Heimbecker moved his report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Darcy Tkatchuk. Carried.

6.8 Editorial Committee – Amy Read

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

Discussion: The options regarding the newsletter remain electronic version and hard copy. With the cost of postage and environmental concerns it would be better to either email the newsletter to members or make it available on the website. Members have definite opinions on this topic. Some prefer a hard copy while others prefer the electronic version. One suggestion is to have an "opt out option" on the next licensing registration form for members not wishing to receive a hard copy.

One of the issues we have is with the program compatibility and conversion to the webpage. Discussion continued with the possibility of outsourcing the newsletter. This matter will be further discussed by council.

Motion: Amy Read moved the Editorial report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Adam Heimbecker. Carried.

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

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

Discussion: Two resources (“A Parent’s Guide to Oral Health” and “Lift the Lip”) adapted by the Saskatchewan Dental Public Health Network (SDPHN) and printed by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health are no longer being printed at the ministry. The SDTA has agreed to take on the printing as we had done with “A Walk with Charlie Chew” story/activity book. The resources are ready for print and final costs etc. will be available soon. Ultra Print has offered to ship directly for the original order to those getting their numbers in soon. This will reduce storage space needed for this large printing.

It was mentioned that it would be a good opportunity for all members to read the resources and ensure we are providing consistent messaging.

It is hoped that the resources will be able to be viewed on our website in time.

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

Motion: Lacey Evanochko moved the Trade-A-Tooth report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Amy Read. 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 Cindy G Reed. Seconded by Mary Lou Sanderson. Carried.

7.2 SDTA Survey 2016 – Cindy G. Reed

SDTA surveys were completed with a 46% return rate. Results will be printed in the summer newsletter. Some employers have contacted the SDTA office with questions following the survey. An employer’s survey is still planned for a later date.

7.3 Saskatchewan Oral Health Coalition – Leslie Topola

The Saskatchewan Oral Health Coalition (SOHC) continues to expand and grow, with numerous other community agencies and individuals joining as members. The May and October meetings are now live-streamed, so people can join in from anywhere. Videos of the meetings are available on www.youtube.com and can be accessed at any time. This has been an important step, as it provides the opportunity for anyone to participate and to be engaged.

Over the past year the SOHC has received three grants – two from Dakota Dunes, and one from the Community Initiatives Fund. This funding is focused on providing Tooth Fairy 101 Community Resource Kits to elementary schools where children experience high levels of dental disease. The funding covers the salary/travel for a dental assistant to contact/engage schools to participate. The dental assistant uses the Tooth Fairy 101 Kit to train grade 6 & 7 students on how to deliver basic oral health messages. The

students then use the kits to provide oral health presentations to students in Kindergarten – Grade 6. Funding also includes toothbrushes for children and other learning resources. The Tooth Fairy 101 Kit belongs to the school and is housed in the library. When the students move to Grade 7 & 8, they use the kit again to teach younger students. This is an empowering way to teach children about the importance of oral hygiene and have them teach others.

Recently, the Saskatchewan Dental Assistants Association purchased enough Tooth Fairy 101 Kits through the SOHC, to donate one to every dental assistant, dental health educator, and dental therapist in health regions. Thank you to the SDAA for this generous gift! For more information on the kits, go to <http://www.ncohf.org/resources/toothfairy-101/>.

In September 2016, representatives from the SOHC and SOHP presented the Saskatchewan Seniors Oral Health in Long Term Care Strategy: Better Oral Health in Long Term Care - Best Practice Standards for Saskatchewan to the Ministry of Health Community Care Branch. The report was officially released at the SOHC October meeting.

A second video on oral health in long term care was produced. The focus of this video was the Santa Maria Senior Citizens Home (Dr. Maureen Lefebvre) and the provision of daily oral care and oral assessments following Better Oral Health in Long Term Care. This video can be viewed on the SOHC website. There are discussions to pursue making a documentary on oral health in Saskatchewan LTC homes. The company that shot all of the video footage is working on a proposal.

Over the next year, the SOHC will be working towards becoming a charitable organization. This will support the coalition in pursuing additional grants, as numerous grants require that you must be a charitable organization. It will also provide a legal and organized infrastructure to the coalition.

Future meetings are May 29th, 2017 at the Saskatoon German Cultural Centre, and October 24th, 2017 at the Travelodge Hotel in Regina. Please visit the SOHC website at www.saskohc.ca

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

The Saskatchewan Oral Health Professions (SOHP) Conference was held in Saskatoon at TCU Place on September 15-17, 2016. There were over 850 attendees. The SDTA had a booth in the exhibit area as well.

In November 2016 the SOHP committee met for its' annual debrief session. At this time, the College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan stated they would be withdrawing from the SOHP Conference, and independently pursue planning for a 2017 CDSS Conference. The CDSS is currently planning the 2017 conference with the University of Saskatchewan College of Dentistry, Professional Development Coordinator. It will now be called the Saskatchewan Oral Health Conference.

Cindy G. Reed informed members of the decision by council to donate a portion of the money our association inherited to the SOHC from the dissolution of the SOHP conference account.

It was further mentioned that the SDHA and the SDAA will also be holding a CE event in Saskatoon on the same weekend as the CDSS event in Regina (September 28-30, 2017). SDTA members were provided with pamphlets for both events.

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

In October 2016, the Saskatchewan Seniors Oral Health and Long-Term Care Strategy: Better Oral Health in Long Term Care – Best Practice Standards for Saskatchewan was officially released. You can view it online at <http://saskohc.ca/presentations.php>. This strategy was presented to the Ministry of Health Community Care Branch in September 2016 by SOHP & SOHC representatives. In March 2017, a follow-up presentation was provided to all health region Directors of Care. There was significant discussion and interest for the majority of Directors to move this forward. As we transition to one health authority, issues will disappear. There is a commitment by the Ministry of Health Community Care Branch to pursue Better Oral Health in Long Term Care in the future, as the shift of authority moves to one health boundary, and the Ministry responsible for standards and delivery.

In the Saskatoon Health Region, a LTC oral health coordinator (dental assistant) has been hired. She has been working collaboratively with numerous LTC homes to implement Better Oral Health in LTC. She provides training/mentoring on daily oral care and assessments to nurses, nurse educators, clinicians, and continuing care aides. Follow-up assessments are indicating a significant improvement in oral health and quality of care. The Saskatoon Health Region LTC Advisory Board has endorsed the Saskatchewan Seniors LTC Strategy.

7.6 PBL/Malpractice Liability Insurance – Cindy G. Reed

A representative from PBL, our malpractice liability insurance carrier, will be speaking to council at an upcoming council meeting via teleconference. We will keep members informed of matters of interest.

7.7 DT Training Modules – Patricia Gottselig

Patricia Gottselig has been preparing an online practical skill course (50 hour “Impressions and Study Models”) through the Frasier Valley University. A focus group has been selected for the first class. It is expected that in future this will be an option for any of our members in need of this training.

7.8 CDTA/Canadian Oral Health Round Table Symposium – Dwight Krauss

This year’s annual Round Table Symposium was held at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier in Ottawa on April 20, 2017. As is the custom there were two main themes.

The first theme was promoting oral health for persons with disabilities. Panelists included a clinician’s perspective, the provincial dental association perspective and the Council of Canadians with Disabilities perspective. A discussion and Q&A followed. The next step is building a collation to promote knowledge and improved access to oral care for persons with disabilities.

The second theme was the state of the evidence and Health Canada initiatives to reduce sugar consumption. A discussion followed to discuss potential next steps in terms of collaborating to support evidence-based interventions to promote smart sugar use.

This year Sajjev Thomas, president of the CDTA and Dwight Krauss attended the event as representative of the CDTA. Ashley White was also present as an observer. Dwight shared his thoughts on the event. He was able to share and discuss the role of the

dental therapist in Canada and the future of dental therapy at a gathering following the round table event.

7.9 Re-Entry to Practice – Cindy G. Reed

The SDTA has developed a Re-Entry Mentorship program. Our legal counsel and the Ministry of Health have been consulted with regards to the necessary regulatory bylaw changes. These changes are necessary to enable the program to be implemented. A person wishing to register who does not meet all the requirements for registration may have the option to apply to the program. If found eligible for the program, a restricted license will be granted until the successful completion of the program.

7.10 Dental Therapy Training– Cindy G. Reed/Glenda Burnouf

Our contract with the consulting firm, Hill & Knowlton, has concluded. The team however has been kind enough to continue to assist periodically with issues we had begun with them.

Members were updated on the association's consultations with the dental therapy school at Ilisagvik College in Alaska.

A recent webinar "Model Curriculum for Community College Settings" was discussed. Several members participated in the webinar and shared their thoughts, all very positive.

It was mentioned that some of our members have been interviewed by individuals commissioned by the CDHA to develop possible educational models for initializing/integrating dental therapy abilities.

7.11 Memorandum of Understanding – Cindy G. Reed

A Document entitled "Guidelines for Contract Relationships" has been developed. It is a joint message from the SDAA, SDHA and the SDTA. The Memorandum of Understanding which was being developed between the six dental professions governed by the Dental Disciplines Act has not been completed due to differing views.

7.12 Position Statements –Loretta Singh

The SDTA position statement on Community Water Fluoridation is awaiting the updates to the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health endorsement which is mentioned in our position statement. Once completed, it will be posted to the SDTA website. Members are encouraged to submit suggestions for additional SDTA position statements to the community oral health committee.

7.13 Saskatchewan Coalition for Tobacco Reduction - Cynthia Ostafie

As the SCTRC rep for the SDTA, Cynthia will continue to attend meetings and bring members updates and information via the SDTA newsletter.

May 31, 2017 is World No Tobacco Day. In the past advertisements have been placed in newspapers sponsored by various organizations. This is something we will be considering again this year.

We have been contacted by an organization in BC asking our permission to adapt the tobacco algorithm from the SDTA website.

8. Reports of Election Results

Mary Lou Sanderson reviewed election results.

Vice President (two-year term)

Mary Lou Sanderson

Members at Large

Adam Heimbecker

Patricia Skalicky

Heather Sali

Lenia Rivera

Date and place of next regular council meeting will be May 27, 2017 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

Heather Sali moved the meeting be adjourned.