



Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association

ANNUAL REPORTS 2018-2019

Annual Meeting
9:00 am-12:00 pm
Sunday, April 28, 2019
Delta Hotel Regina
Regina, SK

Please bring this booklet to the Annual General Meeting, April 28, 2019.

**Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association
45th Annual General Meeting
April 28, 2019**

AGENDA

1. Call to order: Welcome/Introduction
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting
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 - 4.1 President – Glenda Burnouf
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– Leslie Topola
 - 7.4 PBL/Malpractice Liability Insurance – Cindy G. Reed
 - 7.5 CDTA/Canadian Oral Health Round Table – Penny Griffith
 - 7.6 Re-Entry to Practice Mentorship Program – Amy Read/Cindy G. Reed
 - 7.7 Foreign Qualification Recognition Program – Cindy G. Reed
 - 7.8 Dental Therapy Training – Glenda Burnouf/Cindy G. Reed
 - 7.9 Canadian Association of Public Health Dentistry – Cindy G. Reed
 - 7.10 Saskatchewan Oral Health Professions Forum – Cindy G. Reed
 - 7.11 Infection Prevention and Control Standards – Cindy G. Reed
 - 7.12 Saskatchewan Coalition for Tobacco Reduction – Cindy G. Reed
 - 7.13 Northern Oral Health Event – 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 one of you to the Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association's 45th Annual General Meeting. I am just completing my third year as President and it continues to be a rewarding and exciting experience. It takes time to fully transition into this role and even after three years, I am still learning along the way. Our Council really comes together at the table as we all bring own individual knowledge, ideas and opinions from many different practice 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 three years would not have been as smooth as they were without the unwavering help and expertise of our very valuable 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.

I reviewed and witnessed the audit from our accountant.

I attended a few of the NOHWG meetings throughout the year. This group is remarkable and an excellent avenue for program delivery and resource sharing. I also attend the Saskatchewan Oral Health Coalition meetings either in person or through live stream.

The Canadian Roundtable was held in Ottawa on April 10th. We were invited to participate, and it was decided that Ashley White would attend on our behalf. Updates from this roundtable will be presented later.

The Canadian Dental Therapists Association has become a branch of the SDTA, and Member at Large Penny Griffith is the chairperson of the CDTA. Further discussion will take place during agenda item 7.6.

I participated in a teleconference meeting with the Northern Oral Health Event planners to further discuss the event. It will be held on September 27 – 29th in select Northern communities: La Loche, Clearwater, Buffalo Narrows and Ile-a-la-Crosse. The SDTA will be a sponsor this year and will participate in any future planning meetings as well as advocate for this wonderful event.

I was very pleased with the planning and attendance at the SDTA 2018 Annual Conference in Jackfish Lake. Excellent job to the North Battleford Region planning committee for hosting our 44th Annual "Disney on the Lake" Conference. I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the 45th Annual "Let's Get Physical" Conference in Regina. This year marks our first collaborative continuing education event with the Saskatchewan Dental Assistants' Association and the Saskatchewan Dental Hygienists' Association. I am really looking forward to meeting and conversing with other dental professionals.

Richard Rodda and Marlow Dunlop, our public representatives, continue to be a great support and voice for the public. Thank you for being a member of our council. Richard's term is now complete, and we have one vacancy so we will wait for new appointments.

I would also like to express my sincerest gratitude and appreciation to our Council Members. Completing their term on Council are Patricia Skalicky, Adam Heimbecker, Heather Sali and Lenia Rivera. Also completing her term is our Vice-President Mary-Lou Sanderson. Continuing their term are Shari Nowosad, Jaylynn Parenteau, Penny Griffith and Meagan Kachur. 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

It has been a great 2 years of learning as Vice President of the SDTA. I appreciate and acknowledge all the hard work by our Council Members.

My main message as Vice President is we must embrace and work with our various stakeholders as we move forward. It is vital for the survival and future of Dental Therapy.

I also believe it is important to continually recruit new council members from all walks of life to ensure we have a diverse Council to address all aspects of the dental therapy profession in our province.

I strongly encourage members to consider holding a position on Council especially if you have never participated before. New members can bring a different perspective and outlook on our profession as we move forward.

Lastly, we need to recognize change must happen in order to progress and prosper as a profession. Be part of the change and let your voice be heard!

Respectfully submitted,

Mary-Lou Sanderson
SDTA Vice-President

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Welcome everyone to the SDTA's 45th Annual General Meeting. This year the SDTA has seen a lot of challenges (and changes). Council is in the middle of a few big projects that are making positive changes to the profession as you will later in the agenda.

Glenda Burnouf began her second term as president and has been very involved in representing the profession at many functions and in many roles as you can see in her report. I have really enjoyed working with Glenda over the past few years and am looking forward to the next one. She is always just a phone call away.

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.

I would like to say thank you and farewell to outgoing council members Adam Heimbecker, Lenia Rivera, Heather Sali and Patricia Skalicky. All have been on valuable and active committees.

Also welcome back for another year, Penny Griffith, Meagan Kachur, Shari Nowosad and Jaylynn Parenteau. I also look forward to working with our public representatives Marlo Dunlop and Richard Rodda. We do have one more public representative yet to be appointed.

I was able to represent the SDTA in several capacities throughout the year. I attended the Saskatchewan Oral Health Conference, Network of Regulatory Organizations meetings, Northern Oral Health Working Group meetings, Polytechnic Advisory Panel meetings, Saskatchewan Oral Health Coalition meetings, Canadian Association of Public Health Dentistry Conference, etc. I participated in person or through tele-conferencing. These will be expanded on as they come up on the agenda.

This year there will be four member-at-large positions and the vice-president's position up for re-election. Members-at-Large are required to chair one of the many committees. Chairpersons will have lots of support from outgoing and current council members. I encourage members to join council. Committee descriptions can be found in the last SDTA newsletter as well as at conference.

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

Thank you everyone for your encouragement and support over this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy G. Reed SDT

Executive Director

REGISTRAR'S ANNUAL REPORT

There have been two dental therapists registered (re-instated) since the 2018 Annual General Meeting. In accordance with Bylaw II Section 2 of the Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association Bylaws, on January 31, 2019, the names of 15 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 209 dental therapists registered with the Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Council.

There are currently 193 Practicing Memberships (licenses) issued to date for the year 2019. There are 190 members with a clinical restorative practice and 2 members with a public health preventative practice. There were 200 Practicing Memberships in 2018.

There are 16 Non-Practicing Memberships issued to date for the year 2019. There were 23 Non-Practicing Memberships issued in 2018.

There are 28 Affiliates issued to date for the year 2019. There were 23 Affiliates issued in 2018.

There are no applications under review currently.

Current membership information has been compiled for our Annual Report 2018 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), Marlo Dunlop (Public Representative), Cindy Reed (Executive Director non-voting)

There was one motion brought before the committee:

- For the advancement of funds to the Conference Committee to secure the venue for 2019 Conference

Motion was passed.

A contract for the Executive Director continues to be worked on. Final contract should be ready for June meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Burnouf

Chairperson

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee Chairperson: Adam Heimbecker

Committee Members: Patricia Gottselig, Shirley Mathieson, Lacey Evanochko

Public Representative: Richard Rodda

This year the PCC had a busy year with a lot of heavy investigation, consulting and debate. The PCC has one ongoing investigation which has taken several months and heavy investigation; being its complexity it has required multiple phone calls, legal advice, site visits and countless emails over its time. It is with satisfaction and truly a job well done by the PCC committee, that this investigation is believed to be in its final closing stages. There were also three new complaints brought forward to the PCC this year; the first was determined that there were no findings of professional misconduct and was agreed that did not need to go to the discipline committee, the other 2 concerns are currently under investigation and review.

The PCC this year accepted representation and the legal counsel of Connor Clyde of Mckercher LLP in Regina, who gratefully participated in our aforementioned investigation. We feel confident in his abilities and professionalism although strongly hope we will not need to utilize his expertise very often. The PCC this year was once again extremely fortunate enough to have Legal Advisor Brian Salte to consult with and receive recommendation from as well.

Accepting the position of chair of the PCC continues to be extremely fulfilling in expanding my knowledge even further in the profession of Dental Therapy. The challenges at times being involved in committees while balancing family, work and life in general as everyone knows can be a handful no doubt; the sense of giving back to the association and keeping our members and the face of dental therapy professionally respected though makes me very happy and gives me a real sense of accomplishment. I would like to personally thank my members for their work and willing cooperation this year; special thanks to Trish Gottselig, Shirley Mathieson and Lacy Evanochko, as your experience and professionalism in this committee has been valuable beyond words to me. Thank you also to Cindy Reed and our Council for your helpfulness, patience and support in

the past year as yet again I dig deeper into scope of practice and culture myself to protocol, expectations and timelines of council and professional conduct.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Heimbecker SDT

Professional Conduct Committee Chairperson

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Co- Chairpersons: Patricia Skalicky, Shari Nowosad

Committee Members: Marlo Dunlop (Public Representative), Dwight Krauss, Janice Johnson

Activities

No matters were referred to the Discipline Committee from the Professional Conduct Committee for consideration. Committee Confidentiality Agreement distributed and signed by members of the Discipline committee

Recommendations

1. Review Terms of Reference

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Skalicky

Discipline Committee Co-Chairperson

CREDENTIALS/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee Chairpersons: Meagan Kachur

Committee Members: Heather Sali, Barb Ing and Cindy Reed

Activities

SDTA Council meetings were attended as required. Cindy Reed issued Continuing Education Credit reports to all members via mail. Continuing Education Document has been updated. Due to medical reasons one member was given an extension for obtaining the CPR requirement. It is critical that all CPR submissions and continuing education credits be submitted by December 31 as it may hold up members ability to practice on February 1st of the new licensing year.

February 15, 2019 Cindy did some last formatting and working on changes to the Re-Entry Mentorship Package. Anyone interested in the Re-Entry Mentorship Program (RMP) is asked to contact Cindy to determine the details and if criteria are met.

The Continuing Education points continues to be 40 CE points which was just increased from 36 CE points and took affect January 31, 2019 for members starting their three-year reporting period.

The Professional and Personal Development Grant application form will be attached in the upcoming coming newsletter. Any members who have participated in training that qualifies for the Annual SDTA Bursary are asked to apply. Application deadline is April 6, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Meagan Kachur

Chairperson

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee Chairperson: Jaylynn Parenteau

Committee Members: Amie Gohlke, Heather Sali, Mary-Lou Sanderson,

Activities:

This years planning for the 45th Annual Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association Conference has been markedly different than previous years as our association decided to co-host our conference with the SDHA and the SDAA. After several invitations from the aforementioned associations to have an event together, the rotation of our cities and dates finally coincided to allow us to come together.

The SDHA and SDAA commonly host their events together and their associations take turns leading the planning process. This had me working with Jannelle Claypool from the SDAA. Early on in the planning process we each brought to the table our ideas for speakers and discussed what we thought would be of the most interest to the members of our collective associations.

The following speakers were decided upon:

Liz Pearson

'Eating for Optimal Physical, Mental & Dental Health'

Dr. Keith Da Silva DDS, MSc, FRCD (C)

'Clinical and Community Interventions for the Pediatric Population' and 'Infant Oral Health and Behavior Management'

Robin Daoust / Christina Baldwin-Prpick / Erin Ulmer

'An introduction to the Fundamentals of Psychosomatic Therapy'

Once speakers were decided upon, we began to discuss payment, registration etc. The SDTA Annual Conferences traditionally entail more social events than the SDHA and SDAA's continuing education events do, therefore requiring different registrations, complicated the registration procedure. Due to the confusion this caused, it was decided amongst the associations that the SDHA and SDAA would fund the conference and charge us according to the number of our members that attend. This left the contracts, booking, etc. in the hands of the SDAA, leaving my job nearly complete after contacting and securing the speakers.

Working with Jannelle Claypool from the SDAA has been a delight. She has been easy to deal with and made the process of our associations coming together a smooth one.

The speakers slated for our event are ones that I am very much looking forward to and I am hoping this collaborated event will be a major success!

Recommendations:

I urge the council members to contact the SDTA with speaker or topic ideas and suggestions. We would love to put your ideas into action!

Respectfully submitted,

Jaylynn Parenteau
Chairperson

SDTA 2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee Chairperson: Heather Sali

Treasurer(s): Amie Gohlke, Heather Sali, Cindy Reed

Conference Committee Members: Amie Gohlke, Lacey Evanochko, Barb Ing, Yvette Ludwig, Denise Nelson, Karen Kuntz, Connie Todd

Regina region was chosen to host this year's Annual Professional Development Conference. We have collaborated with the Saskatchewan Dental Assistants Association and the Saskatchewan Dental Hygienists Association to make one big spring conference in Regina. This is the first time we have collaborated during my years as a Dental Therapist and it has been fun working with another association(s). The dates were set as April 26th, 27th and 28th, 2019 and the conference is being held at the Delta Hotel in Regina, SK. This year we will be celebrating 45 years of Dental Therapy and the theme is "Let's get physical". Although we have collaborated with the SDAA and SDHA we are still following the same format as prior years. Friday night will be the usual registration and hospitality night, mingling and reminiscing with friends and colleagues. Saturday during the day will be the scientific session with all the dental professionals and again this year we are having an exhibitor trade show outside the room to offer even more education to everyone who attends the conference. Once we have all spent the day filling our brains with knowledge, we will let loose and let the fun and games begin, literally. Saturday evening should be one for the books. We will end the weekend with our Annual General Meeting on Sunday April 28th from 9:00 am to noon. And just like that another wonderful dental conference is done and we will pass the planning torch to the next region.

We have a great, tight knit group of Dental Therapists in the Regina region who helped plan this year's conference. We had quite a few meetings, lots of correspondence with each other and I like to think a lot of fun along the way. We are very excited to see all our hard work come together for the upcoming conference.

The speakers were all organized and confirmed through Jaylynn Parenteau who is the chairperson of the Continuing Education Committee. She has been on this committee for a few years now and does an amazing job. This year's speakers include, Liz Pearson (keynote speaker) who is speaking on "Eating for Optimal Physical, Mental and Dental Health", Dr. Keith Saliva speaking on "Infant Oral Health and Behaviour Management" and "Clinical and Community Interventions for the Pediatric Population" and lastly Robin Daoust, Erin Ulmer and Christina Baldwin-Prpick speaking on "An Introduction to the Fundamentals of Psychosomatic Therapy".

I would like to close by sending out a very heartfelt thank you to all the members on the conference planning committee, you made this process very enjoyable and a conference to remember. I would also like to thank Cindy Reed and Glenda Burnouf who were always there for me when I was emailing or calling them with numerous questions, they always took the time to guide me in the right direction. Lastly, Jannelle Claypool from the SDAA was amazing to work with and I am so thankful to have met her and hope to be able to work with her again in the future. Along with everything I have done on council over the past 12 years it has been an amazing learning experience to plan another conference. I look forward to helping the next time the conference is in Regina.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Sali

Chairperson

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Chairperson: Patricia Skalicky

Committee Members: Penny Griffith

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 e-newsletters were distributed in 2018 to members. Online viewing was also made available of the newsletters on the website and the Facebook page.

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

- Dental Therapy information was posted on the Facebook Page
- Instagram page was developed. This page will be a pictorial opportunity used at SDTA events.

Costs Associated with Editorial Committee

TOTAL: \$0 total (cost difference of \$2036.81 from 2018)

Due to the move to electronic newsletters, there was not a cost associated with the newsletter.

Recommendations

1. Ensure that newsletter is properly edited and appealing.
2. Any submissions for the newsletter meet the newsletter deadline. The deadline date newsletters are as follows:

Issue:	Newsletter Deadline
Spring	Feb 15
Summer	June 15
Winter	Oct 15

Deadlines 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 Chairperson: Penny Griffith

Committee Member: Lenia Rivera

ACTIVITIES:

- A poster for Dental Health Month 2019 was made and presented to Council.
- The Health Minister of Saskatchewan was contacted and has proclaimed Dental Therapists Week 2019 for April 21-27, 2019.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Penny Griffith/Lenia Rivera

Co-Chairpersons

TRADE-A-TOOTH ANNUAL REPORT

Coordinator: Savannah Hryhor

Activities

1. Some great letters have been received this year and all were replied to with packages. We have received letters from all over Saskatchewan, some from Manitoba, and some from United States!
2. An average of 2 were received per month which is down from 6 last year.
3. Packages include a toothbrush, pencil, stickers, floss sticks, brushing chart with stickers, dental information for parents, and dental activity sheets.
4. Cindy Reed distributes the trade-a-tooth posters.

Recommendations

1. I didn't receive any classroom letters this year, so I encourage all dental therapists and dental health educators to get as many classrooms involved as possible.
2. As always, we would love for teeth to be cavity free!

Respectfully submitted,

Savannah Hryhor

Trade-a-Tooth Coordinator

**SASKATCHEWAN DENTAL THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL MEETING – AGM
9:00AM – Sunday, May 6, 2018
Jackfish Lodge
Battlefords Provincial Park**

1. Call to Order: Welcome/Introduction

Glenda Burnouf called the meeting to order. Council members were introduced.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Glenda Burnouf moved the agenda be adopted as circulated and amended.
Seconded by Penny Griffith. Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting

Glenda Burnouf moved the minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting be adopted as presented. Seconded by Loretta Singh. Carried.

4. Officer's Reports

4.1 President's Report – Glenda Burnouf

Glenda Burnouf reviewed her Annual Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

Motion: Glenda Burnouf moved her President's Report be adopted as presented.
Seconded by Heather Sali. Carried.

4.2 Vice-President's Report – Mary-Lou Sanderson

Mary-Lou Sanderson reviewed her Annual Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

Motion: Mary-Lou moved her Vice-President's Report be adopted as presented.
Seconded by Janice Johnson. 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 Trish Gottselig. 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 Darcy Tkatchuk. 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 Darcy Tkatchuk. Carried.

Election of Council

Mary-Lou Sanderson opened the floor for nominations for president.

Patricia Gottselig nominated Glenda Burnouf. Seconded by Darcy Tkatchuk. Glenda let her name stand.

Patricia Gottselig moved nominations for president cease. Seconded by Darcy Tkatchuk. Carried.

Mary-Lou opened the floor for nominations for the four council members at large.

Mary Lou nominated Jaylynn Parenteau. Seconded by Vivian Merasty. Jaylynn let her name stand.

Darcy Tkatchuk nominated Penny Griffith. Seconded by Trish Gottselig. Penny let her name stand.

Lenia Rivera nominated Loretta Singh. Seconded by Leslie Topola. Loretta let her name stand.

Heather Sali nominated Meagan Kachur. Seconded by Darcy Tkatchuk. Meagan let her name stand.

Patricia Skalicky nominated Jennifer Pituley. Seconded by Mary-Lou Sanderson. Jennifer let her name stand.

Amy Read nominated Shari Nowosad. Seconded by Heather Sali. Amy let her name stand.

Mary-Lou Sanderson moved nominations for members at large cease. Seconded by Amy Read. Carried.

6. Committee Reports

6.1 Executive Committee – Glenda Burnouf

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

Motion: Glenda Burnouf moved the Executive Committee report be adopted as presented. Mary-Lou Sanderson. 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 Penny Griffith. Carried.

6.3 Discipline Committee – Dwight Krauss

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

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

6.4 Credentials Committee/Professional Development Grant – Amy Read/Heather Sali

Motion: Amy Read moved the Credential Committee report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Mary-Lou Sanderson. Carried.

6.5 Continuing Education/Professional Development Committee – Jaylynn Parenteau

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

Motion: Jaylynn Parenteau moved the Continuing Education Committee report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Janice Johnson. Carried.

6.6 SDTA 2018 Annual Conference Committee/Election – Glenda Burnouf

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

Motion: Glenda Burnouf moved his report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Darcy Tkatchuk. Carried.

6.7 Editorial Committee – Patricia Skalicky

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

Motion: Patricia Skalicky moved the Editorial report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Leslie Topola. Carried.

6.8 Community Oral Health Committee/Trade-A-Tooth – Lenia Rivera /Patricia Skalicky

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

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

Motion: Glenda Burnouf moved the Trade-A-Tooth report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Trish Gottselig. Carried.

5. Other Business/Discussion

5.1 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 Jaylynn Parenteau. Seconded by Darcy Tkatchuk. Carried.

5.2 Saskatchewan Oral Health Conference - Cindy G. Reed

The Saskatchewan Oral Health Conference is a conference that is hosted solely by the College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan and is held yearly in September. In 2019 this conference will be co-hosted with the Canadian Dental Association.

The Saskatchewan Oral Health Professions Conference was hosted by the dentists, assistants', hygienists' and therapists' associations in the province but is no longer taking place.

The SDTA has been invited by the SDAA and the SDHA to combine with them to host dental events in the province. The SDTA will be combining some CE events that are held in Saskatoon and/or Regina. The SDTA will continue to rotate their annual conference in various cities throughout the province.

5.3 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 meetings continue to be 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.

In 2017, the SOHC received three grants – two from Dakota Dunes, and one from the Community Initiatives Fund. This funding is focused on providing *ToothFairy 101 Community Resource Kits* to elementary schools where children experience high levels of dental disease. *ToothFairy 101* kits are used 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, floss, and toothpaste for children. *The ToothFairy 101* kit belongs to the school and is catalogued to the library. This is an empowering way to teach children about the importance of oral hygiene and have them teach others. These three grants were completed, and the final reports can be accessed on the SOHC website.

In October 2017 the SOHC was incorporated as a non-profit organization. The Directors are:

- Susan Anholt
- Jerod Orb
- Leslie Topola
- Kellie Watson
- Dr. Parviz Yazdani

The SOHC has a new administrative coordinator – Barbara Anderson. The first general meeting will be held on May 14th. The coalition is now working towards non-profit charitable status.

Following the success of the first two LTC videos, the SOHC has entered into a collaborative partnership with Thomega Entertainment. Thomega Entertainment is producing a 47-minute documentary on oral health in LTC. Other partners include the Saskatchewan Health Authority (previously Saskatoon Health Region), and the College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan. The documentary is scheduled for release in the fall of 2018, with a premier showing at the Broadway Theatre in Saskatoon.

The SOHC website has been updated by Objectified Software. A mobile app is being developed as well.

Future meetings are May14, 2018 at the Saskatoon German Cultural Centre, and October 22, 2018 at the Travelodge Hotel in Regina. Please visit the SOHC website at www.saskohc.ca .

5.4 Saskatchewan Oral Health Professionals Committee for Long Term Care - Leslie Topola

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://www.saskohc.ca/images/documents/PDF//Best-Practices//Resources//Saskatchewan-Seniors-Oral-Health-and-Long-Term-Care-Strategy-Better-Oral-Health-in-Long-Term-Care-Best-Practice-Standards-for-Saskatchewan.pdf>.

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.

In the Saskatchewan Health Authority, two LTC oral health coordinators (dental assistants) continue their work. One is within the Saskatoon area, while the second works in the Regina area, at Santa Maria Senior Citizens Home. The Saskatoon-based LTC oral health coordinator continues to work collaboratively with numerous LTC homes throughout Saskatchewan, 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.

In November 2017 the *Oral Health Status of Saskatchewan Long Term Care Residents: An Evaluation Following the Implementation of the Better Oral Health in Long Term Care Program* report was released. It indicates that LTC residents who are in a home with the Better Oral Health in LTC program have significantly improved oral health after six months. A second follow-up assessment at 12 months is currently underway. The evaluation report will be updated at that time.

A few of the significant oral health stats improvements are noted below: After six months of care:

- 41% more residents with natural teeth had clean mouths, with 73% fewer residents having food debris and plaque.
- 78% fewer residents had unhealthy dentures.
- 53% of residents were referred to an oral health professional (dentist, denturist) for an exam and/or treatment.
- 25% increase in healthy lips, and a reduction of 26% in unhealthy condition of lips.
- 22% increase in healthy tongues, and a 22% reduction in unhealthy tongues.
- 23% improvement in healthy gums conditions, and a 15% reduction in unhealthy gums.
- 9% increase in healthy saliva scores, and a 9% decrease in unhealthy saliva scores.
- 2% improvement in residents with pain, and a 1% decrease in residents identified with pain.

5.5 PBL/Malpractice Liability Insurance – Cindy G. Reed

Currently we have been reviewing our contact with PBL the carriers of our Malpractice Liability Insurance with our legal council. We will continue working with PBL to provide information for our members to better access information and advice.

5.6 CDTA/Canadian Oral Health Roundtable – Cindy G. Reed

Cindy G. Reed is currently the treasurer of the CDTA. The CDTA received an invitation to attend the Roundtable again this year. Cindy G. Reed and Ashley White attended on behalf of the CDTA. The roundtable is attended by national representatives from all the dental professions as well as numerous other professions. The topic of discussion did

not relate to the profession of dental therapy, but attendance gave the opportunity to network with numerous dental and health professionals.

5.7 Re-Entry Mentorship Program (RMP) – Amy Read

A Re-Entry Mentorship Program is being developed by the SDTA Council. The purpose of the Re-Entry Mentorship Program (RMP) is for dental therapists that do not meet the requirements of registration as defined in the Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association Regulatory Bylaws. This allows them the opportunity to acquire licensure with the SDTA.

5.8 Dental Therapy Training – Glenda Burnouf/Cindy G. Reed/Dwight Krauss

Cindy Reed has been working with the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training and Faye Rafter, Consultant, on a “Equivalency Assessment and Recognition Process for Licensing” foreign trained dental therapists. The consultant’s report will be presented at the June council meeting.

The CDHA has finalized “CDHA Position Statement: Filling the Gap in Oral Health Care” in July 2017. The paper focuses on a DT/DH dually trained provider. The SDTA has been asked to be part of the development of a curriculum outline. Dwight Krauss has been asked to be part of this group. The group has met via conference call and will also be meeting on June 4-5 in Toronto.

5.9 Saskatchewan Oral Health Professions Forum - Cindy G. Reed

The forum is made up of the SDTA, CDSS, SDAA, SDHA, Denturist Society of Saskatchewan, and Saskatchewan Association of Dental Technicians. The forum discusses topics that involve the Dental Disciplines Act, professional bylaws and areas of common interest. There has been discussion between the CDSS and the SDTA regarding the use of extraction codes. Members will be notified when a conclusion is arrived at.

5.10 Infection Prevention and Control Standards – Dwight Krauss

Dwight is representing the SDTA on the IPC review group. The group is finalizing their review and update of the IPC document. They are also developing CE sessions highlighting the document and the updates. The sessions will be held in Regina and Saskatoon this fall with dates to be announced.

5.11 SDTA – Position Statements – Cindy G. Reed

The SDTA is in the initial stages of developing a position statement for the SDTA regarding Silver Diamine Fluoride. SDF has not yet been adopted by all agencies/employers of dental therapists.

5.12 National Caries Risk Assessment Tool – Ashley White

The Office of the Chief Dental Officer (OCDO) of Canada commissioned Dr. Bob Schroth’s team from the University of Manitoba to undertake a significant review of the caries risk assessment tool evidence and current tools in this area, and develop a corresponding proposed one-page **Canadian** tool (for children under 6) to be used by oral health and primary health care professionals to assess caries susceptibility in Canadian children.

The intent of this project was to ultimately identify those factors that should be included into an early childhood caries risk assessment tool for use by non-dental providers and to

develop a draft of such tool. However, while it is important to have such a tool for use for screening purposes in Canada, there is also considerable utility in developing a complementary tool for use by oral health professionals. The draft caries risk assessment tool below could theoretically be used by both non-oral and oral health providers.

Canadian literature on risk factors for ECC was also considered to provide some “Canadian” context” of potential risk factors for caries that are currently not included in some of the existing caries risk assessment tools. This is the *first* caries risk assessment tool that has been developed for use in Canada with children < six years of age. While this is a very exciting and promising development for early childhood oral health in Canada, some caution should be exercised. Prospective studies involving Canadian preschool children are needed in order to validate and determine the sensitivity and specificity of this caries risk assessment tool to predict caries risk.

A draft report was provided with the caveat that this is still a working document at this point. The preliminary scientific product will be considered in the language in which it was produced by its authors. Any finalized version would then of be translated in accordance with the Official Languages Act.

As key knowledge-based organizations in Canadian paediatric primary care and paediatric dental public health, the OCDO invited the Canadian Paediatric Society, The Canadian Association of Paediatric Dentistry, and the Canadian Association of Public Health Dentistry to review this work and identify two participants each for a consensus-developing working group based on this document. Participants were identified by their respective organization for their ability to authoritatively discuss the scientific evidence in this specific area from the perspective of the knowledge base that is resident in their organization and speak on behalf of their organization with respect to the development of a consensus-based (but still evidence-based!) version of this draft document. The seventh participant is the lead author of this document, Dr. Bob Schroth.

Addressees were invited to identify one observer from their organization to observe the proceedings being conducted by the participants in the working group. I was very fortunate to attend the working group meetings as an observer on behalf of the Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association.

Attached is a copy of the revised **draft** Caries Risk Assessment (CRA) tool that is a result of the conversations held between the observers and the working group participants. Going forward, each organization will have the opportunity to continue to review the attached CRA and provide further comment. Once finalized by the working group, the CRA tool will be focus tested and validated.

7.13 Saskatchewan Coalition for Tobacco Reduction - Cynthia Ostafie

The Coalition consists of various health groups and organizations working to reduce tobacco-related disease and death in Saskatchewan. The SCTR works with communities, the public and stakeholders to promote effective tobacco reduction measures.

I represent the SDTA and participate as Chair of the Tobacco Cessation Working Group, SCTR Bylaws Committee and AGM Planning Committee. At this year’s AGM, our guest speaker was a U of S Practicum Student who presented on Marijuana.

Through the work of the Coalition and our Executive Director, Cindy Reed, our members were informed of educational opportunities in tobacco control and other tobacco issues. Several webinars were shared with members inviting participation such as “Tobacco Cessation in the Dental Office” and other TEACH courses offered.

Some news this past year included - Federal Bill S-5 seeks to legalize and regulate nicotine containing e-cigarettes and other vaping products in addition to enhancing powers allowing for more comprehensive regulations on tobacco packaging. S-5 is currently in Parliament waiting for Third Reading.

There is great concern over the possibility of The Non-Smokers' Rights Association and Physicians for a Smoke-Free Canada closing due to lack of funding. The Quebec Tobacco Coalition had organized a letter to Health Canada to be endorsed by organizations across the country. SCTR had endorsed the letter and had sent a request for further endorsements to key health professionals in our province, like the SDTA. It is crucial that these organizations continue their role in keeping tobacco control alive in Canada.

In February, there was an increase in tobacco taxes in the Federal Budget. The Government will also invest \$80.5 million dollars into the Federal Tobacco Control Strategy over the next five years. This timely increase will protect children and youth and encourage smokers to quit or cut back.

For January's National Non-Smoking week, the SDTA as well as other organizations sponsored an advertisement in the Regina Leader Post. Thank you to Patricia for developing the ad. The Coalition wishes to thank everyone who contributed to this endeavour!

Visit <http://www.sctr.ca/> to learn more about the SCTR.

5.13 Resources – Cindy G. Reed

Resources made available through the SDTA are the Parents Guide to Better Health, Lift the Lip pamphlets, Walk With Charlie Chew, and Trade-a-Tooth Posters.

6. Reports of Election Results

Mary Lou Sanderson reviewed election results.

President (two-year term)

Glenda Burnouf

Members at Large

Penny Griffith

Meagan Kachur

Shari Nowosad

Jaylynn Parenteau

Date and place of next regular council meeting will be June 2, 2018 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.

7. Adjournment

Glenda Burnouf moved the meeting be adjourned.