



Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association

ANNUAL REPORTS 2019-2020

Annual General Meeting
via Videoconference
9:00 am-12:00 pm
Saturday, May 30, 2020

Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association
46th Annual General Meeting
May 30, 2020

AGENDA

1. Call to order: Welcome/Introduction
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting
4. Officers' Reports
 - 4.1 President – Glenda Burnouf
 - 4.2 Vice-President – Adam Heimbecker
 - 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 – Jennifer Pituley
 - 6.3 Discipline Committee – Patricia Skalicky/Shari Nowosad
 - 6.4 Credentials Committee/Professional Development Grant – Meagan Kachur
 - 6.5 Continuing Education – Jaylynn Parenteau
 - 6.6 SDTA Conference/Election – Petra Beaven/Shari Nowosad
 - 6.7 Editorial – Patricia Skalicky
 - 6.8 Community Oral Health – Loretta Singh
 - 6.9 Canadian Dental Therapists Association – Penny Griffith
7. Other Business/Discussion
 - 7.1 Audit – Cindy G. Reed
 - 7.2 PBL/Malpractice Liability Insurance – Cindy G. Reed
 - 7.3 Foreign Qualification Recognition Program – Cindy G. Reed
 - 7.4 Dental Therapy Training – Glenda Burnouf/Cindy G. Reed
 - 7.5 Canadian Association of Public Health Dentistry – Cindy G. Reed
 - 7.6 Saskatchewan Oral Health Professions Forum – Cindy G. Reed
 - 7.7 Infection Prevention and Control Standards – Cindy G. Reed
 - 7.8 Saskatchewan Coalition for Tobacco Reduction – Loretta Singh
 - 7.9 Saskatchewan Oral Health Coalition – Leslie Topola
 - 7.10 Northern Oral Health Event – Glenda Burnouf
 - 7.11 DDA – Amendments/Advocacy Plan – Cindy G. Reed/Glenda Burnouf
 - 7.12 COVID-19 – 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 46th Annual General Meeting. This is the first time that we have had to host our AGM via an unconventional method. Section 15 of the administrative bylaws of the Saskatchewan Dental Therapists' Association authorize me to declare an emergency that allows for an alternative method to hold the Annual General Meeting and to elect members to the Council. I made that emergency declaration due to the Pandemic related to Covid-19 on April 23, 2020. That allowed Cindy Reed, the Registrar, to arrange for the AGM to be held by electronic means and allowed her to establish a process to hold Council elections by electronic voting.

Welcome to our very first virtual AGM.

I am completing my fourth and final year as President and it has proven to be a very busy but rewarding and fulfilling year. 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.

A few highlights of the year:

I reviewed and witnessed the audit from our accountant.

I attended most of the NOHWG meetings throughout the year. This group continues to be an excellent avenue for program delivery and resource sharing.

I attended the Saskatchewan Oral Health Coalition meeting on May 27th in Saskatoon. Another very valuable and informative group.

I collaborated with Indigenous Services Canada in planning an IPC Session in Prince Albert on August 19th. The SDTA sponsored the refreshments and snacks at this CE event.

The Canadian Dental Therapists Association is a committee of the SDTA and Member at Large Penny Griffith continues to be the chairperson of the CDTA. Thank you to her dedication and continuity in keeping the majority of dental therapists across Canada abreast of any current events.

The 2019 Annual Conference in Regina was an excellent collaborative event between the SDTA, SDHA and the SDAA. Excellent job to the Regina Region planning committee for hosting our 45th Annual "Let's Get Physical" Conference. It was extremely well attended and turned out to be a very successful conference. Unfortunately, we had to cancel this year's conference and look forward to planning the 47th Annual Conference next year.

Cindy and I met with the SDHA, CDSS, SDAA and the DSS numerous times as we were faced with the Covid-19 Pandemic. We worked collaboratively in creating and sending out messages and sharing updates with our membership. This work continues on as we navigate our way through these unprecedented times.

Our public representatives continue to be a great support and voice for the public. Thank you for being a member of our council. Richard Rodda stepped down as a public representative during this past year and Marlo Dunlop continues to serve his term. We now have two vacancies and will continue to wait for new appointments from the Ministry.

I would also like to express my sincerest gratitude and appreciation to our Council Members. Completing their term on Council are Jaylyn Parenteau, Shari Nowosad, Penny Griffith and Meagan Kachur. Continuing their term are Patricia Skalicky, Jennifer Pituley, Loretta Singh and Petra Beaven as well as our Vice President Adam Heimbecker. Again, please consider a term or two on council, it will be a very enjoyable and fulfilling experience.

As well, I would like to acknowledge our Executive Director Cindy. You truly deserve special thanks for all the hard work that you do. Thank you for shouldering all the responsibilities very well with our association. Your perseverance and passion for this association have amazed me. I am blessed to have had you by my side for the last four years and am extremely grateful for your unwavering dedication and commitment to the SDTA.

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

As I look back on the past year, I cannot believe how fast it has gone. My first year as Vice-President has been a huge learning year and extremely rewarding like my previous years serving on council. I would like to encourage our members to consider a position on council as there are so many different roles to experience to gain a clear knowledge and understanding of our profession.

My job as Vice president is to assist all the committees in their work as needed and to provide support and direction if required. Serving as PCC chair in my previous council terms, I still sit on and have a real passion for the committee helping as much as possible. With such a strong, motivated and devoted council, this past year has not required me to lend much assistance to the separate divisions of council. This has let me focus on assisting and working alongside our very competent and knowledgeable President Glenda Burnouf. I cannot thank her enough for her guidance and for making the last year an easy transition, her passion for our profession makes the job uplifting. Another center piece and absolute asset to our association who I would like to thank is the amazing Cindy Reed. Cindy makes her job look easy and keeping all of our association and members in check does not go unnoticed although is all too often taken for granted; for this I would like to give her a very heart filled thank you, please everyone, take the time to do the same.

These are strange and different times among us right now with the Covid 19 pandemic. I feel our province of Saskatchewan has went over and above in keeping safe and flattening the curve; with this our association and members have been diligent with keeping up and following protocol. As we continue to practice our new normal I send off good vibes and prayers of health to all my friends, colleagues and their families. What a great time celebrating our "Magical Evening of Fairies and Fortune" would have been but now there is next year to look that much more forward to.

In closing, I can not express enough how it continues to be both a pleasure and honor to be part of council, this association and the profession of Dental Therapy.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Heimbecker

SDTA Vice-President

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

I hope everyone is healthy and are finding ways to keep themselves and their families occupied during these crazy times. Covid-19 has turned all our lives upside down. The precautions everyone is taking to "flatten the curve" has gone a long way in protecting family and friends. Our positive thoughts go to our members and others that are working tirelessly to further reduce the transmission of the virus in their communities. This is an uncertain time for all of us.

This will be our first Virtual Annual General Meeting and Election. Since this is a first for the SDTA please be patient as we navigate through these uncharted waters. Logan McManus of Objectified Solutions Inc. from Saskatoon is assisting us with our meeting. Objectified Solutions has had a long history of working with the dental professions in Saskatchewan.

We have had numerous videoconferences with the Saskatchewan Oral Health Professions Forum (College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan, Denturists Society of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Dental Hygienists' Association, Saskatchewan Dental Assistants' Association and the SDTA) to discuss the common issues associated with the public, our members and Covid-19. The SDTA has been in consultation with the College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan on their development of protocols for re-instating dental care and re-opening dental practices in Saskatchewan. It is acknowledged that many offices will remain closed as they will not have adequate personal protection equipment and their workplace will require changes to meet the necessary requirements.

I would like to give a big thank you to Glenda Burnouf for her four years of service as SDTA President. Glenda has been a great president and more importantly a great ambassador for the profession of dental therapy. She has represented the Association in various capacities both provincially and nationally. Her professionalism shines through in whatever she does. She has been a constant support for me whenever I needed her.

Adam Heimbecker has been a great Vice President for the Association. The VP position is a diverse position with an everchanging job description. As well as the regular duties as VP Adam has also been working with Glenda in developing a comprehensive ED Contract and Job Description for myself. Thank-you Adam for the work you have been doing.

Thank you to Meagan Kachur for her work as Credential Committee Chairperson. The committee discussed how the Covid-19 Pandemic has affected our members ability to access continuing education. As a result of the discussion, the SDTA Council has passed a motion to suspend the restriction of 15 credits per 3-year reporting period for online continuing education. Members may apply for unlimited amounts of online CE credits from now until December 31, 2020. If members are having difficulties complying with their continuing education requirements, please contact me. Inquiries will be handled on a case-by-case basis. I hope to have everyone's updated CE reports to members by the end on June.

Various links to online continuing education can be found in the newsletter and the professional development page of the SDTA Website. If members would like to contribute by adding to the professional development page, they can contact me or any council member.

It was unfortunate that we have had to cancel the SDTA 46th Annual Conference. I especially look forward to the conference as it gives me a time to meet with members and catch up with everyone in a more a relaxed surrounding. Petra and Shari have gone to a lot of work, but all is

not lost because they have agreed to co-chair the Conference Committee again next year. Thank you, Petra and Shari. We will just have to wait until next year to see everyone.

Jaylynn Parenteau has been our Continuing Education Chairperson for many years. Jaylynn has done a fantastic job finding professional development topics and speakers that are of interest to our members. If anyone, at anytime, has a topic or a speaker that would be of interest to our members just let Jaylynn know and she will be on it. Thank you Jaylynn.

Penny Griffith is the Chairperson of the Canadian Dental Therapists Association. This is a recent addition to the council, so Penny herself has been developing and expanding this position. She remains in contact with dental therapists across Canada updating everyone on national issues. Penny remains in contact with the Office of the Chief Dental Officer. Thank you for all of your work Penny.

Patricia Skalicky has done great work as the Editor for our newsletter and Facebook page. Patricia's added some personal touches to the newsletter making it a valuable resource for everyone. It is full of interesting articles as well as links to documents and websites. Patricia is also working on the edits for the reprinting of the SDTA's promotional resources.

Loretta Singh is our Community Oral Health Chairperson. As you will see in Loretta's report, she has been busy. Loretta is also the SDTA's representative on the Saskatchewan Coalition for Tobacco Reduction, as well as helping with the SDTA's promotional resources reprinting. Thank you, Loretta.

Jennifer Pituley has done great work as our Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) Chairperson. Jenn and her committee have been busy. The PCC is an interesting and rewarding and Jenn has been a great asset to the committee. If you would like a committee with a challenge join the PCC.

The positions of President and 4 members at large are up for election this year. If you are interested in joining council more information can be found in this newsletter, by contacting me or any member of council.

I hope everyone is finding ways to stay busy, positive, and safe. Take care.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy G. Reed SDT
Executive Director

REGISTRAR'S ANNUAL REPORT

I compiled information for and filed our Annual Reports 2019 that is required to be filed with the Minister of Justice and Department of Health, according to Section 49 of the Dental Disciplines Act.

In accordance with Bylaw II Section 2 of the Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association Bylaws, on January 31, 2020, the names of 9 dental therapists were removed from the register as they no longer met the requirements for registration. There have been no dental therapists registered since the last meeting of council. In accordance with Section 19 of The Dental Disciplines Act, there are currently 202 dental therapists registered with the Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Council.

There are currently 184 Practicing Memberships (licenses) issued to date for the licensing year 2020 (February 1, 2020-January 31, 2021). There are 182 members with a clinical restorative

practice and 2 members with a public health preventative practice. There were 198 Practicing Memberships in 2019.

There are 18 Non-Practicing Memberships issued to date for the year 2020. There was 1 Non-Practicing members with a clinical restorative practice MLI policy. There were 15 Non-Practicing Memberships issued in 2019.

There are 25 Affiliates issued to date for the year 2020. The names appear on Appendix C. There were 28 Affiliates issued in 2019.

There are no membership applications under review at this time. There have been no reinstatements since the last meeting of council. There is one application for the Re-Entry Mentorship Program under review at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy G. Reed SDT
Registrar

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee Chairperson: Glenda Burnouf (President)
Committee Members: Adam Heimbecker (Vice President), Marlo Dunlop (Public Representative),
Cindy Reed (Executive Director non-voting)

Activities:

Terms of Reference were circulated to all committee members and no changes were considered. A contract for the Executive Director is in its final stage of completion. Final contract should be ready for June meeting.

There were a few motions brought before the committee:

- For the advancement of funds to the conference committee to secure their venue for the conference
- For the approval of a restricted license granted to a member until full requirements are met
- To suspend the restriction of 15 CE credits to unlimited amounts until December 31, 2020 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

All motions were approved.

Recommendations:

Review Terms of Reference annually.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Burnouf
Chairperson

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee Chairperson: Jennifer Pituley
Committee Members: Lacey Evanochko, Patricia Gottselig, Adam Heimbecker
Public Representative: Richard Rodda

The Professional Conduct Committee worked towards conclusion of two complaints this year. One complaint was carried over from the previous year along with one new complaint. The first was found to be deficient in information therefore required no further action. The new complaint was investigated over several months with no findings of professional misconduct and was agreed that it did not need to be forwarded to discipline.

This year the PCC was fortunate to utilize the expertise of Connor Clyde for consult and recommendation.

Our goal as a PCC is always to further reduce complaints regarding our members and in turn the profession of dental therapy. The PCC strongly recommends all members practice diligence in diagnosis, case presentation, and documentation while recognizing their duty as a clinician to ensure proper disclosure and information to assist clients in making informed decisions about their care.

I wish to acknowledge with gratitude the contributions of the committee members. Their dedication to task completion, effective communication and willingness to meet have been instrumental to the work of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Pituley

Professional Conduct Committee Chairperson

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Co- Chairpersons: Patricia Skalicky, Shari Nowosad
Committee Members: Marlo Dunlop (Public Representative), Janice Johnson

Activities

No matters were referred to the Discipline Committee from the Professional Conduct Committee for consideration.

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: Sehlile Peters, Amy Read, Heather Sali, 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. 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.

Reformatting of the Re-Entry Mentorship Package have been complete, and no candidate of merit has applied as of yet. 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 credits continues to be 40 CE credits which was just increased from 36 CE credits 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 May 1, 2020.

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,

Meagan Kachur

Chairperson

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee Chairperson: Jaylynn Parenteau

Committee Members: Petra Beaven, Penny Griffith, Cindy G. Reed

As the chair of the continuing education committee, this year began as they all do, with my researching possible topics and speakers that our members would like to have at our SDTA 46th Annual Conference. As this is my 4th year in this position, I am getting more efficient at finding the resources and contacts to aid in the search for informative and entertaining speakers. This year I had an abundance of ideas for speakers brought to me by colleagues and council members and I am extremely grateful for the recommendations and suggestions. I brought all of the potential speakers and topics to council members and together we decided who and what topics we would eliminate, and who we would pursue. Unfortunately, one of the speakers that council wished to

hear from was unavailable for our dates, so I requested we could keep him in mind for our 2021 conference, of which he agreed.

We decided to add a speaker to our Friday night as a wine and learn type of event to increase full weekend enrollment of our members. If successful and reviewed well, this is something we may look into doing in future years as well.

I was able to book the following speakers:

Dr. Jaggi - Beauty Through the Ages (Friday night – 1 hour)

Dr. James Lipon - Contemporary Concepts in Pediatric Dentistry (Saturday morning - 3 hours)

Vera Horn - Orofacial Myofunctional Therapy (Saturday afternoon – 3 hours)

Early in March I received word that Dr. Jaggi was unable to make our date and had to cancel, therefore the search for a new Friday night speaker begun. Unfortunately, this search was short lived as COVID-19 started making headlines and restrictions began to be placed to encourage social distancing. As the days passed and restrictions grew tighter, council had to make the sad decision to cancel the SDTA 46th annual conference. We have decided that it would be held April 30th – May 2nd, 2021, again in Saskatoon at the Travelodge. Vera Horn has agreed to remain as one of our speakers. I extended the invitation to Dr. Lipon as well and am currently awaiting a response.

As these times are hard on all of us, it is a shame that we cannot attend our conference that so many of us look forward to, catching up with old friends and colleagues, but I assure our members, that we will come back with a vengeance and make SDTA's 47th annual conference our best one yet!

Respectfully submitted,

Jaylynn Parenteau

Chairperson

SDTA 2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee Co-Chairpersons: Petra Beaven and Shari Nowosad

Conference Committee Members: Leanne Ziolkoski & Lory Haeusler

This year was Saskatoon Regions turn to host Conference. Shari Nowosad and Petra Beaven volunteered as Council Members to Co-Chair the 2020 Conference.

Shari set out to schedule a venue for our event and after considering all hotel options and prices as well as the event mangers willingness to work with our 'grand' ideas, she decided upon the Saskatoon Travelodge Hotel and booked our event for May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 2020.

Once the hotel was booked, an invitation email was sent out to Saskatoon region members searching for volunteers for our committee and we received two volunteers: Lory Haeusler from Humboldt and Leanne Ziolkoski from Saskatoon.

In September 2019, in conjunction with the SOHPC, our committee had our first meeting to discuss theme ideas. There were many great theme options and one was decided upon, but weeks later our team decided to change the theme to something easier for attendees to dress for and "A Magical Evening of Fairies and Fortune" theme was born.

The new theme allowed ideas for decorations and entertainment to flow easily and our committee then had one ZOOM meeting and we collaborated ideas towards theme and delegated responsibilities and tasks amongst ourselves.

In the months that followed, Shari was busy collaborating with hotel coordinator, organizing vendors, and getting donations. Petra worked towards decorations, entertainment plans, meeting reports, and conference details. Our team members focussed on creating a Pinterest board with ideas, planning registration gifts and searching out donations and sponsors to help our event financially.

We also communicated with Continuing Education Chairperson, Jaylynn Parenteau, regarding the speakers she had arranged and worked together on scheduling details. Jaylynn's experience in arranging knowledgeable and interesting speakers left us with no doubt that, with her arranged speakers and our entertainment plans, this was going to be an amazing 46th Annual Conference.

After that, our world as we knew it took a turn once the Covid-19 outbreak came to Saskatchewan and many things for our communities and Association became uncertain, including the conference.

Shari and I attended the March 14th Council meeting via Conference call and we decided with Council that we would need to see how the pandemic outbreak would spread in the coming weeks before making decisions regarding canceling or postponing the Conference. Just one week later, Council again had another conference call and it was decided that protection of the public and our members was of utmost importance and the Annual Conference must unfortunately, be cancelled.

We then contacted the Travelodge Hotel regarding cancelation fees vs rescheduling fees. After reviewing contracts and speaking with events manager, we decided to reschedule conference this year within one years' time so as to only pay a percentage now of the hotels expected incomes from our 2020 event. This deposit will then be taken off next year's 2021 conference which we scheduled again at the Travelodge Hotel for April 30th, May 1st and May 2nd, 2021. In doing this it saves our Association the cost of cancelation fee as well as saves our Committee from completely losing all our planning efforts, entertainment plans and decorations already made. We have since then re-scheduled entertainment, contacted vendors regarding re-scheduling, and put decorations made into basement storage for now.

At this time, we are very unsure of how the Annual General Meeting will go by having it virtually or how voting will go, but we just need to see how it goes as this is uncharted waters to us all.

As committee Co-Chairs, we were deeply disappointed to have to cancel our event this year. We have discussed the future and are willing to again volunteer and Co-Chair for this committee and are both quite happy that our vision will still come true.

Please save your costumes already planned and save the dates on your 2021 calendar:

SDTA 47th Annual Conference
April 30, May 1, and May 2, 2021
A Magical Evening of Fairies and Fortune
Saskatoon, Sk. Travelodge Hotel

*We regret that continuing credits will not be available by cancelling Conference but hope that our fellow SDTA members will take advantage of the education opportunities available online.

We send wishes to all for good health and inner peace in this time of uncertainty.

Respectfully submitted,

Petra Beaven/Shari Nowosad

Co-Chairpersons

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Chairperson: Patricia Skalicky

Committee Members: Glenda Burnouf, Cindy G. Reed

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 2019 to members. Online viewing was also made available of the newsletters on the website and the Facebook page.
- 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

Unauthorized photo use \$250

TOTAL: \$250 total

Due to the move to electronic newsletters, there was not a cost associated with printing and distributing 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.
6. Scan and catalogue NSDT grad photos

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Skalicky

Chairperson

COMMUNITY ORAL HEALTH COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee Chairperson: Loretta Singh

Committee Member: Lenia Rivera

Activities

- The Terms of Reference and Work Plan for the COHC were reviewed and updates were made.
- The SDTA was approached once again about placing a piece in the University of Saskatchewan Dental Student Annual Publication 2019-2020 congratulating the upcoming graduates. Council approved and the COHC created the required documentation and sent it to the Executive Director to include with the required payment for publication.
- World Cavity Free Future Day was October 14, 2019. This initiative of The Alliance for a Cavity-Free Future organization was shared with all SDTA members.
- The COHC assisted the Executive Director with the collection of numbers from individuals or groups regarding the expected numbers of resources required for printing by the SDTA.
- The COHC was asked and complied with a request to update the tobacco information in the Parent's Guide to Oral Health resource.
- National Non-Smoking Week was January 20-26, 2019. A submission was sent to the Saskatchewan Coalition for Tobacco Reduction editing team to request they share resources to be used provincially. The edits were not completed in time due to the complications of a computer virus that made communications between organizations stall.
- Our committee has created a position statement for vaping. It was passed by council and can be found on the SDTA website.
- The COHC sent a request to the Minister of Health asking him to proclaim April 19 - 25 Dental Therapy week in Saskatchewan.
- An announcement for Oral Health Month created by the office of the Chief Dental Health Officer and a poster created by the COHC were sent to all SDTA members for use during the month of April.
- We were asked to research a list of online activities that could be forwarded to members for use by kids at home during the Covid-19 isolation. Thanks Saskatoon public health for your permission to use your website.

Recommendations

- Consider and create additional position statements for the SDTA
- Be prepared to address any community oral health issues with SDTA members and the public.
- Continue to request a proclamation from the Minister of Health for future Dental Therapy weeks.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loretta Singh

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. Almost all letters have been from Saskatchewan.
2. An average of 1 letter was received per month which is down from 2 last year. Some months there were no letters at all.
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. I Also encourage therapists to get creative during Covid-19 and use social media for dental health education.
3. As always, we would love for teeth to be cavity free!

Respectfully submitted,

Savannah Hryhor

Trade-a-Tooth Coordinator

CANADIAN DENTAL THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

Coordinator: Penny Griffith

During 2019 – 20 year the CDTA became the CDTAC and finalized the Terms of Reference. Communication with members through email let them know of the draft terms of reference and to let them know of the invite to our annual conference in May 2020. I also had some communication with members through Facebook.

Attending SDTA meetings is an opportunity to share knowledge and to have the CDTAC receive direction and support from an experienced executive.

Covid-19 has changed us all and the world we live in. It has also increased the communication between the Chief Dental Office of Canada and CDTAC as well as SDTA and the rest of the associations. The benefits of having a national association was a decision that is proving to be wise, especially in the time of this pandemic. Dentistry as we know it has been shut down with only emergency procedures being offered by level 2b offices as long as PPE is in place. We may see new guidelines in the future as we tread carefully into the new world. Our annual conference has been cancelled and decisions will be made on the AGM and elections for executive members. We will get through this in time; enjoy the time with your family and those you love.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Griffith

Chairperson

SASKATCHEWAN DENTAL THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION
45th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
9:00AM – Sunday, April 28, 2019
Delta Hotel Regina
Regina, SK

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. Passed by the membership.

3. Approval of Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting

Glenda Burnouf moved the minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting be adopted as presented. Seconded. Passed by the membership.

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. Passed by the membership.

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

The Vice-President's Annual Report was presented as circulated in the Annual Reports.

Motion: Heather Sali moved her Vice-President's Report be adopted as presented.
Seconded. Passed by the membership.

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. Passed by the membership.

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. Passed by the membership.

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. Passed by the membership.

Election of Council

Janis Johnson opened the floor for nominations for vice-president.

Patricia Gottselig nominated Adam Heimbecker. Seconded. Passed by the membership. Adam let his name stand.

Patricia Skalicky moved nominations for vice president cease. Seconded. Passed by the membership.

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

Patricia Gottselig nominated Jennifer Pituley. Seconded. Jennifer let her name stand. Passed by the membership.

Penny Griffith nominated Patricia Skalicky. Seconded. Patricia let her name stand. Passed by the membership.

Heather Sali nominated Loretta Singh. Seconded. Loretta let her name stand. Passed by the membership.

Petra Beaven volunteered. Seconded. Passed by the membership.

Patricia Gottselig moved nominations for members at large cease. Seconded. Passed by the membership.

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. Seconded. Passed by the membership.

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. Passed by the membership.

6.3 Discipline Committee – Shari Nowosad/Patricia Skalicky

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

Motion: Patricia Skalicky moved the Discipline Committee report be adopted as presented. Seconded. Passed by the membership.

6.4 Credentials Committee/Professional Development Grant – Meagan Kachur

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

Motion: Meagan Kachur moved the Credential Committee report be adopted as presented. Seconded. Passed by the membership.

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. Passed by the membership.

6.6 SDTA 2019 Annual Conference Committee/Election – Heather Sali

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

Motion: Heather Sali moved the Conference Committee report be adopted as presented. Seconded. Passed by the membership.

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. Passed by the membership.

6.8 Community Oral Health Committee/Trade-A-Tooth – Lenia Rivera /Penny Griffith

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

Motion: Penny Griffith moved the Community Oral Health report be adopted as presented. Seconded. Passed by the membership.

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 Glenda Burnouf. Seconded. Passed by the membership.

7.2 Saskatchewan Oral Health Coalition – Leslie Topola

The Saskatchewan Oral Health Coalition Inc. (SOHC) continues to expand and grow. 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 May 2018, the SOHC held its' first Annual General Meeting since incorporation as a non-profit organization. Current directors are:

- Susan Anholt
- Kelly Glass
- Jerod Orb
- Leslie Topola
- Dr. Parviz Yazdani

Following the success of the first two LTC videos, the SOHC has entered into a collaborative partnership with Thomega Entertainment. Thomega Entertainment has

produced a 48-minute documentary on oral health in LTC, *The Systemic Effect*. Other partners include the Saskatchewan Health Authority, and the College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan. The premier viewing of the documentary will be at the May 27 SOHC meeting in Saskatoon.

The SOHC has an updated logo and look. The website has also been updated by Objectified Software, to reflect the new logo and colours. Visit the website at <https://saskohc.ca/>. Work is progressing on members/registration section.

Future meetings are May 27, 2019 at the Saskatoon German Cultural Centre, and October 21, 2019 at the Travelodge Hotel in Regina.

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

The *Saskatchewan Seniors Oral Health and Long Term Care Strategy: Better Oral Health in Long Term Care – Best Practice Standards for Saskatchewan* has been 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>

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. The demand for the program is expanding!

In October 2018, the *Evaluation of the Better Oral Health in Long Term Care Program: A 12-month evaluation of the oral health status of residents in 2 Saskatchewan long term care homes following the Implementation of the Better Oral Health in Long Term Care Program* was released. It builds on the November 2017 evaluation. This evaluation followed 177 LTC residents over a **12-month period** following the implementation of the *Better Oral Health in Long Term Care* program. Highlights of the evaluation showed significant oral health improvement with:

A few of the significant oral health improvements are noted below: After twelve months of care there were:

- 71 % more residents with healthy teeth
- 67 % more residents with healthy oral cleanliness
- 55 % more residents with healthy lips
- 42 % more residents with healthy tongue
- 35 % more residents with healthy denture
- 34 % more residents with healthy gums
- 14 7% more residents with healthy saliva
- 3 % more residents who were healthy with regard to dental pain in 12-month follow-up compared to the initial assessment.

Both of the evaluation reports and all of the *Better Oral Health in Long Term Care* resources can be viewed on the Saskatchewan Oral Health Coalition web site at <https://saskohc.ca/resources> ; click on *Resources*, then *Other Resources*, then one more click to *other*.

The oral health LTC documentary, *The Systemic Effect*, will have a launch in the summer/fall of 2019. It will be available on the *Accessible Media Inc.* network (a social media platform) as well.

7.4 PBL/Malpractice Liability Insurance – Cindy G. Reed

I have been in contact with PBL Insurance Ltd. regarding the claims process and claims reporting. Information was provided to members in the form of pamphlets. The council will be having a conference call with PBL at the next meeting of council.

7.5 CDTA/Canadian Oral Health Roundtable – Penny Griffith

See the Book of Annual Reports for Penny's report.

7.6 Re-Entry Mentorship Program (RMP) – Amy Read/Cindy G. Reed

The Re-Entry Mentorship Program information has been passed on to various stakeholders and is also available on the SDTA website. The SK Polytechnic Dispensary Assistant Program will be made mandatory to the course. There has been interest but there no applicants to date.

7.7 Foreign Qualification Recognition Program - Cindy G. Reed

Cindy Reed is working with the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training and Shirley Mathieson, Consultant in the development of a Foreign Recognition Program for foreign trained dental therapists. Shirley presented her final report(s) to council on March 31, 2019. Shirley presented a fantastic report and the ministry was happy with Shirley's work. We received a grant for funding from the Ministry.

7.8 Dental Therapy Training - Cindy G. Reed

Glenda Burnouf and Cindy Reed remain in contact with CDHA and SK Polytechnic with regards to the DH/DT training model. The concept is to develop a dental hygienist/dental therapist dually trained provider.

7.9 Canadian Association of Public Health Dentistry – Cindy G. Reed

I attended the CAPHD conference on September 21-22, 2018. The support of the dental therapy profession was overwhelming. I was fortunate to have been able to have conversations with numerous dental professionals that I have talked with on the phone but had never met. A draft of the CAPHD Position Statement on Dental Therapy was presented.

7.10 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.

7.11 Infection Control Standards – Cindy G. Reed

The document has been updated over the past year. There were several presentations throughout the province updating members on the changes in the updated document. Members had some question that need clarification. The CDSS will be gathering

questions and will be developing a Q&A document. The final document has been added to the SDTA website. The CDSS have made June 1, 2019 the implementation date.

7.12 Saskatchewan Coalition for Tobacco Reduction - Cynthia Ostafie

Cynthia Ostafie has been our representative and has been active on the committee for many years. Cynthia has contributed to the newsletter and has kept council current on the coalitions work. At this time Cynthia will be stepping down from the committee. Cindy Reed will contact Cynthia regarding the duties/responsibilities of the position. Council will be appointing a new representative at the next meeting of council.

7.13 Northern Oral Health Event - Cindy G. Reed

Last year's Dental Days was a huge success. The planning committee has met to begin planning for the Northern Oral Health Event in La Loche and Clearwater River Reserve. Glenda Burnouf participated representing the SDTA. The dates of September 27-28, 2019 have been tentatively selected for the event.

8. Reports of Election Results

Janis Johnson reviewed election results.

Vice-President (two-year term)
Adam Heimbecker

Members at Large
Petra Beaven
Jennifer Pituley
Loretta Singh
Patricia Skalicky

Date and place of next regular council meeting will be June 15, 2019 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

Glenda Burnouf moved the meeting be adjourned.