



# **Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association**

## **ANNUAL REPORTS 2020-2021**

Annual General Meeting  
12:30 pm-2:30 pm  
Saturday, May 8, 2021  
Video Conference



**Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association  
47<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
May 8, 2021**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order: Welcome/Introduction
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting
4. Officers' Reports
  - 4.1 President – Glenda Burnouf
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  - 4.4 Registrar – Cindy G. Reed
  - 4.5 Treasurer - Cindy G. Reed
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  - 6.7 Editorial – Patricia Skalicky
  - 6.8 Community Oral Health – Loretta Singh
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7. Other Business/Discussion
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  - 7.2 PBL/Malpractice Liability Insurance – Cindy G. Reed
  - 7.3 Internationally Educated Dental Therapist Assessment – Cindy G. Reed
  - 7.4 Dental Therapy Training – Glenda Burnouf/Cindy G. Reed
  - 7.5 Saskatchewan Oral Health Professions Forum – Cindy G. Reed
  - 7.6 Infection Prevention and Control Standards – Cindy G. Reed
  - 7.7 Saskatchewan Coalition for Tobacco Reduction – Loretta Singh
  - 7.8 Saskatchewan Oral Health Coalition – Meagan Kachur
  - 7.9 DDA – Amendments/Advocacy Plan – Cindy G. Reed/Glenda Burnouf
  - 7.10 Pandemic Planning/Covid-19 – Cindy G. Reed
  - 7.11 Website Design – 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 47<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. This is our second 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 have made that emergency declaration due to the pandemic related to Covid-19 on March 20, 2021. 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 second virtual Annual General Meeting.

I am completing my fifth year in my third term as President, and it has proven to be a very innovative year. Our Council really embraced the changes that came with Covid19 and became very efficient at meeting and completing tasks virtually. We were still able to come together at our virtual table to bring our own individual knowledge, ideas, and opinions from many different practice settings. It continues to be a rewarding, learning 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 the virtual NOHWG meetings throughout the year. This group continues to be an excellent avenue for program delivery and resource sharing.

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.

Cindy and I met with the SDHA, CDSS, SDAA and the CDSS 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 are still navigating our way through this pandemic.

Our sole public representative Marlo Dunlop continues to be a great support and voice for the public. Thank you for being a member of our council. We 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 Patricia Skalicky, Jennifer Pituley, Loretta Singh and Petra Beaven as well as our Vice President Adam Heimbecker. Continuing their term are Jaylyn Parenteau, Margaret Morin, Penny Griffith, and Meagan Kachur.

And last but not least, I would like to acknowledge our Executive Director Cindy. She has been a true pioneer during these unprecedented times throughout Covid19. Thank you so much for attending to all the responsibilities within our association. Your dedication and devotion to the SDTA have amazed me. I am extremely grateful to have had you by my side for the last five years.

I would like to take a moment to express my excitement at the announcement of the partnership between the Northern Inter-Tribal Health Authority, the University of Saskatchewan, and

Saskatchewan Polytechnic in the development of a proposal for an accredited dental therapy program based in Saskatchewan. Excellent news for the future of dental therapy!!

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

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 reflect on the past year on council and the changes, challenges, and successes we faced as a small council, I want to start my report with a huge expression of gratitude and accomplishment to all the council members as well as all the Dental Therapists that went over and above this year. Contending with all the restrictions, employment challenges, complications and struggles left a lot of us having to dig deeper than ever before. It still now astonishes me, with all our worlds technology and the length of time, that we would yet still be living and contending with an ongoing Covid 19 pandemic. Our province of Saskatchewan, I feel, has went over and above in keeping safe, following protocol, and continuing to make positive change. On a wonderful note, there is not another time where I have talked to so many patients and colleagues who have spent so much time with their immediate families doing activities and making lifelong memories.

Council had a busy year yet again with many topics of discussion, issues resolved, and decisions finalized. With all the hard work and determination Dental Therapy has many exciting and rewarding things in its future such as finalization of the foreign qualification recognition program and introduction of a Dental Therapy School once again just to name a couple. As my job of Vice President, I continue to work along side all the council committees and provide support and direction in any way possible. Our President Glenda Burnouf has continued to be an uplifting and positive influence on myself for true devotion and passion for council. Every year I have served on council the professionals I work along side have been unbelievably skilled and knowledgeable; this year, yet again, the competence of our council is astronomical and leaves me so honoured to work along side each one of them. I can not encourage our members enough, consider a position on council as there are so many different roles to experience to gain a clear knowledge and understanding of our profession.

There is no doubt everyone is missing getting together for our annual dental therapy conference, and one day we will, but for now I am looking very forward to our online conference and hearing Vera Horn share a wealth of knowledge. Once again, I can not express enough how it continues to be both a pleasure and honour 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

Hi everyone. It looks like spring just may be here. We just have to get through the last of these snowstorms!

It has been over a year now and Covid-19 is still here. Who would have thought we would still be making changes to our professional and personal lives? I guess this is the new normal because it looks like those changes will be here for a while.

Dental Therapists have been providing a multitude of services to assist with reducing the transmission of the virus in the province. They have been taking and transporting samples, contact tracing, staffing phone lines, etc. And now dental therapists are administering immunizations! Truly a multi-talented profession.

Not to be forgotten are the dental therapists that have made vast adjustments to how they provide dental services, in the interest of safety, for patients, the public, and colleagues. The changes and adjustments in protocol enable their clients to continue to receive dental services in a timely manner.

I will say again we are a multi-talented profession!

We will be holding our 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference virtually this year. Jaylynn has lined up a great speaker. Vera Horn has presented Orofacial Myofunctional Therapy at our conference several years ago. I think she was one of our most popular speakers, so I hope everyone gets a chance to hear her speak.

This will be the second year we will not be holding an in-person conference. I miss it immensely! I enjoy touching base with members and learning a little more about everyone both professionally and personally. Now we will hope for next year.

This will be our 47<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and our second one held virtually. It will be great to see everyone even if it is just on the screen. The positions of Vice President and 4 Members at Large are up for election. Nominations can be made in advance or at the AGM. If you are interested and would like more information you can contact me or any member of council. More information can be found in the SDTA Newsletter and website.

A big thank you goes out to our members completing their terms on council, Petra Beaven, Jennifer Pituley, Loretta Singh and Patricia Skalicky, and Vice President Adam Heimbecker. And a big thank you for the returning council members, Penny Griffith, Meagan Kachur, Margaret Morin, and Jaylynn Parenteau. It has been a crazy year with never seeing anyone in person. There is something to be said for how productive sitting around a table, discussing topics and brainstorming ideas can be. But everyone has made the distancing work and we will keep it up (for now!) Thank you for your dedication.

There are lots of exciting things happening in the world of dental therapy so attend the AGM on May 8 for details. We will be having two speaker that have yet to be announced. Of interest to all members is the recent announcement of re-establishing training for dental therapy in the province, an update on international dental therapy training, a path to re-entering the profession and more.

For now, Covid-19 is still here so keep up the social distancing, wear a mask, get vaccinated, and stay safe.

Take care and I look forward to seeing everyone at the conference and AGM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cindy G. Reed SDT*  
Executive Director

## REGISTRAR'S ANNUAL REPORT

I compiled information for and filed our Annual Reports 2020 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, 2021, the names of 11 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 Annual General Meeting of council. In accordance with Section 19 of The Dental Disciplines Act, there are currently 191 dental therapists registered with the Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Council.

There are currently 172 Practicing Memberships (licenses) issued to date for the licensing year 2021 (February 1, 2021-January 31, 2022). There are 169 members with a clinical restorative practice and 3 members with a public health preventive practice. There were 188 Practicing Memberships in 2020.

There are 19 Non-Practicing Memberships issued to date for the year 2021. There was 1 Non-Practicing member with a clinical restorative practice MLI policy. There were 14 Non-Practicing Memberships issued in 2020.

There are 26 Affiliates issued to date for the year 2021. There were 25 Affiliates issued in 2020.

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 was created and signed in June 2020.

Motion was made to declare an emergency due to COVID-19 allowing a virtual AGM as well as electronic voting and allowing a 3<sup>rd</sup> term on council.

### 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: vacant

This year the Professional Conduct Committee was for the most part, not involved in any ongoing investigations; however, towards the conclusion of the year, we have begun work on two new and separate cases.

Upon further review by the committee of these two new cases, the PCC has identified a common element. The identified element is also linked to an investigation that occurred in the previous year. On behalf of the PCC, and as chair of the committee I would like to take this opportunity to strongly advise all of our members to review the importance of, and understand the definitions of informed consent. There is an expectation from the SDTA that these practices are not only followed but also properly documented in the patient record.

Our goal as a PCC is to support our members and protect our patients, further reducing the potential for complaints regarding our members and 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.

It must be acknowledged that we are currently providing services in highly stressful and unprecedented time for our profession. We owe it to our patients, ourselves and our professional body to ensure that we are providing the highest quality of safe informed care at all times.

I wish to acknowledge the continued 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.

Recommendation:

1. Advise all members to review, understand and practice all aspects of informed consent.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jennifer Pituley*

Professional Conduct Committee Chairperson

## DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Co- Chairpersons: Patricia Skalicky

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 via zoom as required. Cindy Reed issued Continuing Education Credit reports to all members via mail. A motion was past at the January 2021 meeting to extend the unlimited CE Credits till June 30, 2021. With an amendment that we only accept 8 CE credits within a 24-hour period.

Members are required to complete CPR C or BLS every 3-year reporting period or when it expires to maintain registration and/or license with the association. Member will receive 6 A credits maximum per 3-year period for taking CPR. Online courses are accepted on proof that course was taken through an online Canadian CPR course.

The professional and Personal Development Grant application was sent to member April 14, 2021. Any members who have participated in training that qualifies for the Annual SDTA Bursary are asked to apply. Application Deadline is April 24, 2021.

### 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 or BLS course is required every 3-year reporting year. First Aid not required but strongly recommended and is counted towards CE credits.
3. All members should review the CE Document (available online). Many avenues to acquire CE credits (online for this COVID year).
4. If members have participated in training that qualifies for the Annual SDTA Bursary, please apply. The application form is always included in the first newsletter printed 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

### Activities:

This has been a year for the books, unlike any other, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It has been a quiet year as we all await and anticipate the return of our "normal." Last year when the COVID-19 restrictions fell upon us and we had to cancel our 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, I had contacted our speakers and asked if we could postpone and tentatively book them for our 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. All agreed as none of us expected that a year later, we would still be in the same boat.

The council members and I decided to try an online event for our 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in conjunction with our AGM. For our first attempt at this we decided that we would keep it to a

shorter day, and if successful, do a series of shorter online events throughout the year. As all of the leg work was done last year, arranging the speakers for this event was quite simple. I contacted one of the prearranged speakers, Vera Horn, and she happily agreed to speak via Zoom on Myofunctional Therapy. She spoke at one of conferences about 10 years ago and we have been eager to get her back ever since as her topic is very important and interesting. I anticipate that she will be the perfect start to our series of learning sessions.

As our conference is something that I look forward to annually, I am saddened that we have to compromise with an online event, especially given our small association and the engagement of our members at these events. However, online events are a wonderful compromise and will keep us connected and educated and will make our next in person event all the more sweeter!

Recommended:

As is suggested each year, bring forth speakers and topic suggestions to your association. This education is for you and catered to you, so let us know what you want to hear! Also, we are in a constant state of change during this pandemic. We are being flooded with information and regulation changes. Be proactive and keep yourself up to date and educated to keep you and your patients safe!

Respectfully submitted,

*Jaylynn Parenteau*

Chairperson

### **SDTA 2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee Co-Chairpersons: Petra Beaven/Margaret Morin

Conference Committee Members: Penny Griffith

This year the Covid-19 restrictions have made social gatherings impossible, and our committee unfortunately had to again reschedule our in-person Professional Development Conference to hopefully 2022.

We are thankful for the option of another virtual AGM to connect with our members, hold council member elections, and for the first time have the inclusion of a speaker for CE via zoom along with our annual meeting this year.

As previously reported throughout the year, we attended meetings (virtually or in hybrid form), reviewed committee responsibilities, wrote reports for meetings, read, and replied to emails, corresponded with Hotel Coordinator for rescheduling purposes, and tried our best to keep positive thoughts that next year our Conference dreams will become a reality!

We look forward to seeing everyone May 8th via zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

*Petra Beaven/Margaret Morin*

Co-Chairpersons

### **EDITORIAL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Chairperson: Patricia Skalicky

Committee Members: Glenda Burnouf, Cindy G. Reed

## Activities

Due to the COVID -19 pandemic demands and time constraints placed on the editor, there were not any newsletters published since the last AGM.

TOTAL: \$0

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 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 SDTA resources: A Parent's Guide and Lift the Lip have been printed. The new prices have been added to our website. A Walk with Charlie Chew is also available, it needs no edits.
- The Saskatchewan Dental Student Society has contacted us again to ask if we wish to submit a congratulations to the graduating class of 2021 in the Saskatchewan Dental Yearbook - 2020 - 2021. Council determined we would contribute to this again this year.
- Dental Therapists week is April 18-24, 2021. This has been added to the SDTA website.
- A letter to the minister of health has been sent requesting Dental Therapist week be proclaimed.
- I am working on the Dental Therapist week poster to reflect the new infection control protocols and the work being done by dental therapists during the pandemic.

- A thank you piece was sent to the newsletter thanking dental therapists for their work during the pandemic.
- The Vaping Position Statement has been completed and approved by council and has been added to the SDTA website.
- Terms of Reference was updated.

#### 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 returned with packages. We have received letters from all over Saskatchewan.
2. An average of 1 were received per month which is down from 2-3 last year. The year prior to that was an average of 6 per month.
3. Packages include a toothbrush, pencil, stickers, floss sticks, brushing chart with stickers, dental information for parents, and dental activity sheets.
4. Cindy Read distributes the trade-a-tooth posters.

#### Recommendations

1. I did not 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

### **CANADIAN DENTAL THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE**

Coordinator: Penny Griffith

The national scene has been busy with the national associations of all Oral Health Professionals coming together to move the health and wellbeing of Canadians to top priority.

The beginning of the pandemic saw us learning about Covid 19 and how to protect ourselves, patients and community. Starting with Covid 19 information, world masking, AGP's, hand sanitizing/washing, and HVAC which then led us to explore the different deployment positions and duties and now, variants of concern (VOC). Many of our therapists across Canada are deployed and it has been most interesting to speak to DTs across the country to see how we are

making a positive difference in our communities. DTs are being recognized as employable in a number of ways, however we also want to applaud our Dental Therapists in dental offices who have adjusted their practice to keep our patients safe.

Communication with the Chief Dental Officer of Canada (and the committees) has been constant, and we are being recognized as an active organization within the national oral health professionals (OHP) by being invited to sit at national tables for discussions around deployment and liability in regard to swabbing and vaccinations. The good news is we have been recognized as vaccinators, swabbers, coordinators, supports and been told our infection control (IPC) is second to none. We had a dental therapist be vaccinated by a dental therapist and with that made the history books. We participated in a Testing Screening Knowledge exchange where we shared our experience as front line staff in Covid deployment as preparation for training non nurses was explored with OHP at the center of this. Cindy Reed has also been representing us on the working group "Evidence to support the safe return to practice by OHP in Canada".

A National School of Dental Therapy training has been announced for enrollment casted for September of 2023 with hopes it will be a degree program with 21 enrolled per year. It is planned to present out of 3 campuses; Regina, Prince Albert and La Ronge. We also know our counterparts in the USA have been very active with training centers and programs expanding exponentially and the British Association of Dental Therapy is also very active. It is an exciting time to be a dental therapist and we wish you and your family a safe and vaccinated summer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Penny Griffith*  
Chairperson

**SASKATCHEWAN DENTAL THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION**  
**46<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**9:00AM – Saturday, May 30, 2020**  
via Videoconference

**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 2019 Annual General Meeting**

Glenda Burnouf moved the minutes of the 2019 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 – Adam Heimbecker**

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

Motion: Adam Heimbecker moved the 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**

Petra Beaven opened nominations for President.

Janet Grey nominated Glenda Burnouf. Seconded. Glenda let her name stand.

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

Petra Beaven opened for nominations for the four council members at large.

Margaret Morin volunteered.

Cyerra Powder volunteered.

Patricia Gottselig nominated Mingma Sherpa, Seconded by Jennifer Pituley. Mingma let his name stand.

Petra Beaven nominated Shari Nowosad. Seconded by Meagan Kachur. Shari let her name stand.

Penny Griffith nominated Jaylynn Parenteau. Seconded by Meagan Kachur. Jaylynn let her name stand.

Jaylynn Parenteau nominated by Penny Griffith. Seconded by Patricia Skalicky. Penny let her name stand.

Patricia Skalicky nominated Meagan Kachur. Seconded by Adam Heimbecker. Meagan let her name stand.

Lacey Evanochko nominated Kristal Basaraba. Seconded by Patricia Gottselig. Krystal let her name stand.

Lacey Evanochko moved nominations for member 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 – Jennifer Pituley**

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

Motion: Jennifer Pituley moved the Professional Conduct Committee report be adopted as presented. Seconded. Passed by the membership.

### **6.3 Discipline Committee – Patricia Skalicky/Shari Nowosad**

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.

Addition: In light of the COVID-19 pandemic for individuals participating in online continue education the restriction of 15 credits per 3-year reporting period has been suspended. Members may apply for unlimited amounts of online CE credits until December 31, 2020. Where certification/proof of the completion of the online continuing education cannot be provided, a report or completed worksheet on the subject matter

must be submitted along with the SDTA Request Form. Credit allotment will be determined by Credentials Committee.

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 – Petra Beaven/Shari Nowosad**

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

Motion: Petra Beaven 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 – Loretta Singh**

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

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

#### **6.9 Canadian Dental Therapists Association Committee – Penny Griffith**

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

Motion: Penny Griffith moved the Canadian Dental Therapists Association 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 Loretta Singh. Seconded. Passed by the membership.

#### **7.2 PBL Malpractice Liability Insurance – Cindy G. Reed**

Forms on What Should you Report and What Should the Report Contain and What to Expect When You Report a Claim were mailed out to members with their license certificate and receipt.

An email was sent to member advising them that Unlimited Telephone Legal Advice is available to members through DAS Legal Expense Insurance. It was made available to

our members at a cost of \$7.00 per person per year. Council will assess this service after one year to determine if it is a useful service for our members,

### **7.3 Foreign Qualification Recognition Program – Patricia Gottselig**

The SDTA has engaged in the development of a Foreign Qualification Recognition Program with the assistance of the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training. As a member of the consultant group, Patricia Gottselig updated members on the work completed by the group. The third contract of the program has been completed and the committee will be proceeding on to a fourth contract.

### **7.4 Dental Therapy Training - Cindy G. Reed**

We have received no further information on dental therapy training. Council will be kept informed as information becomes available.

### **7.5 Canadian Association of Public Health Dentistry – Cindy G. Reed**

Attended the annual conference in September 2019. It was great conference with great recognition and support for dental therapists. They released their position statement on dental therapy. The next conference is to be in Winnipeg in September 2020. The conference is still scheduled although due to Covid-19 it may be cancelled.

### **7.6 Saskatchewan Oral Health Professions Forum (SOHP Forum) - Cindy G. Reed**

The forum met in December 2019 and since March 2020 has met numerous times. The group whenever possible develops group Covid-19 Pandemic statements for our memberships. Currently the only topic has been COVID-19 but we will be meeting in June 2020 and on the agenda is exam codes, billing codes, fee guides, sedation, dental emergency protocol, updating IPC document, etc.

### **7.7 Infection Prevention and Control Standards Document (IPC) - Cindy G. Reed**

The topic of updating the IPC document to include what we have learnt from the Covid-19 Pandemic is a topic for discussion at the SOHP Forum at the June meeting. The document will be updated at some point to include a Pandemic Protocol.

### **7.8 Saskatchewan Coalition for Tobacco Reduction – Loretta Singh**

- I forwarded items of interest to the SDTA Ex Dir for distribution to all members regarding tobacco and vaping.
- The annual meeting for the Saskatchewan Coalition for Tobacco Reduction (SCTR) resulted in a vote as to whether the group remain as non-profit status or whether it would be better run as a working group. The decision to transition from non-profit status to a working group was made and has proven to be a seamless change.
- The SCTR submitted recommendations to the government to change regulations regarding vaping. This was something done by other groups as well. We were happy to see the Bill passed and new regulations come into effect in February. These changes are with regards to sales to minors for vaping products and signage and display. Additional concerns i.e., flavours, taxation and a provincial strategy are issues we plan to continue addressing with the Government.
- National Non-Smoking Week was January 20-26, 2020. We were expecting to share resources being edited by the SCTR with our members but due to a computer virus attack, the communication between organizations was affected and the resources were not received. Our apologies.

- I attended a TEACH Educational Rounds session on Covid-19 with regards to smoking and vaping and forwarded information to our Ex Dir to be sent to all SDTA members.

### **7.9 Saskatchewan Oral Health Coalition (SOHC) – Leslie Topola**

The Saskatchewan Oral Health Coalition Inc. (SOHC) continues to evolve. The spring meeting is held in Saskatoon and is live-streamed, with the fall meeting being face-to face in Regina. Videos of the meetings are available on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com), and can be accessed at any time. These can be used for professional development and continuing education credits. Member and stakeholder updates are a standard agenda item. These updates are exceptionally informative.

The second Annual General Meeting was held May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 followed by a full day education session. Presenters included Dr. Robert Schroth (update on silver diamine fluoride [SDF] and findings from his SDF research project in Manitoba), Carmen Bresch (update on Jordan's Principle), Jenny Besenski (update on Autism services), Brooke Bulloch (update on Canada Food Guide), and Kristen Kezar (update of Direct Dental). The highlight of the education session was the premiere viewing of *The Systemic Effect* documentary. This documentary was produced by Thomega Entertainment in collaboration with Accessible Media Inc., Saskatchewan Oral Health Coalition, Saskatchewan Health Authority and the College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan. It is a 48 minute documentary on oral health issues and best practice for LTC. It has aired on the Accessible Media Inc. channel several times since its release in June 2019.

The October 21, 2020 education session was well attended. Presenters included Patricia Czaplicki (update on Santa Maria Seniors Services), Rene Belitsk (update on radiation therapy), Karrie Derbyshire and Kathleen Jackson (true life story of barriers to oral health care and detrimental effects), Dhaka Tiwari (cross cultural communication in healthcare), Dr. Blake Mitchell (background on Simpli Dental's philosophy/values/operation), Dr. James Robertson (background on perspective of oral health for southern indigenous children), and Bree Calland/Linda Spracklin-Cross/Jackie Treen (updates on dental public health programming in the Saskatchewan Health Authority- Integrated South and Regina). This session also included a working group review of the SOHC Inc. mission, Values and future.

There is an abundance of information and learning available on the SOHC Inc. website. Visit the website at <https://saskohc.ca/>.

The Directors will be completing and submitting the charitable organization application in 2020. The 2019-20 directors are Susan Anholt, Kellie Glass, Jerod Orb, Leslie Topola, and Dr. Parviz Yazdani

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected future meetings. While the May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020, AGM will occur virtually, the education session has been cancelled.

Submitted/presented by Leslie Topola

Further discussion: At the May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting Meagan Kachur has been appointed to the directors of the SOHC.

### **7.10 DDA – Amendments/Advocacy Plan – Cindy G. Reed/Glenda Burnouf**

The SDHA has made a proposal to the Ministry of Health to make an amendment for the removal of Section 25 of the Dental Disciplines Act.

Presently the Ministry has informed all regulatory bodies that they are not accepting any ACT and/or bylaw changes that are not COVID-19 related. They did ask that the three associations work together on a combined presentation/letter/proposal.

### **7.11 Covid-19 - Cindy G. Reed**

Cindy Reed gave a timeline of the process of development of Covid-19 protocol over the past 3 months. Immediately after the announcement of Covid-19 entering the province weekly meetings began between Ministry of Health and the health professions in the province. Those meeting are still being held weekly.

The Saskatchewan Oral Health Professions Forum have worked collaboratively to developed group statements for our members. The SDTA members have been emailed information as it develops. The SDTA website is being updated as new information is available. Members were encouraged to check the SDTA, CDSS, Saskatchewan Health Authority and Government of Saskatchewan websites frequently as information is update as new developments occur.

The College of Dental Surgeons COVID-19 Pandemic: IPC Interim Protocol Update Phase 1 & 2 have been developed to date. Members must keep in mind that if they do not have all necessary personal protection equipment, then they will not be able to provide services. There is no date set for the release of Phase 3.

Cindy Reed highlighted the frequently asked questions asked by members. If there are more questions you can direct them to Cindy or to the CDSS.

### **8. Reports of Election Results**

Petra Beaven reviewed election results.

#### President (two-year term)

Glenda Burnouf has been elected SDTA President for an additional two-year term.

#### Members at Large

Penny Griffith

Meagan Kachur

Margaret Moring

Jaylynn Parenteau

Date and place of next regular council meeting will be determined at a later date.

### **9. Adjournment**

Glenda Burnouf moved the meeting be adjourned.