

Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association



SDTA Community Spotlight: **Delisle**

Delisle is a friendly, active community located 40 kms southwest of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan's largest city. It is located on Highway 7 at the junction of Highway 45. In Delisle, one can enjoy all the amenities of small town living with very easy access to all the attractions of a major city.

Delisle has an official census population of 1038 people and over 400 households. The population is a healthy mix of both young and old alike with demands for services for all age categories. The heartbeat of the community is agriculture and the potash industry. Two potash mines located nearby provide major employment opportunities for the area. In fact, the Agrium Potash mine is only 5 kms. away and is clearly visible from the northern edge of town. Agriculture and agriculture related industries also figure prominently in the local economy. Keybrand Foods Inc. is a major employer in the community involved in the salad processing industry. Orchard Transport Ltd., a local trucking firm, is also a major employer.

Do you live in a great community that you would love to have showcased? Send your photos and write up to patricia.skalicky@sasktel.net and it might be featured in an upcoming issue!

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Why did the Pharaoh visit his dental therapist?

Because Egypt his tooth

Did you know?

Charlie Chew is hidden in this issue. Can you find him?



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It takes 43 muscles to frown. It only takes 17 to smile.

SDTA President's Message – *Glenda Burnouf*



Well this is officially my last newsletter message as President. The past four years have flown by so fast. I guess that is what happens when you enjoy what you are doing and have so much fun! I hope everyone is doing well amid this COVID-19 pandemic and toilet paper shortage. ☺ During these uncertain times, it is very important to abide by the directives put forth by our government officials. We have posted updates and helpful links on our website page for your review.

It is with a sad and heavy heart that we had to announce the cancellation of our 46th Annual Conference that was supposed to take place the first weekend of May in Saskatoon. Our conference planning committee worked so hard to bring you another spectacular weekend. Further details will be shared as they come available. This is consistent with all other organizations and associations as well who have been planning events during the COVID crisis.

We have also postponed our Annual General Meeting. We are currently looking at a number of different options that we may be able to use to host an AGM. Again, we continue to work on this and will advise membership of when the AGM will be hosted and with what format.

Seeing that I have completed my last year of my second term, the time has come to step down from Presidency however I will continue to act as your President for the time being until we decide on an AGM and election process. I would like to take this time to extend a huge thank you to all current and past council members and public representatives who sat at the table with me during my tenure as President. Each one of you gave me the courage, knowledge and drive as I was navigating my way through this presidency. There are so many highlights of the past four years that I could write a few pages on them alone. I was so blessed to have such an amazing and supportive council. I am also very lucky and extremely grateful to have Cindy Reed by my side. She has taught me so much about this role and is a wealth of knowledge! Honestly, that woman can write a few books on the profession of dental therapy. She is sitting at tables and in discussions that are so vital to our profession. Her hard work and commitment definitely does not go unnoticed. Thank you, thank you, thank you everyone for allowing me to serve as your president.

“Anything is possible when you have the right people there to support you”

Stay safe,

Glenda Burnouf SDT, RDH

SDTA President

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



I hope everyone is healthy and finding things to keep them and their families occupied these days. This is an uncertain time for all of us.

We strongly advise our members to regularly check the SDTA website as well as the College of Dental Surgeons (CDSS) website for up-to-date information on Covid-19. If you are providing services at this time you must follow the guidelines found on the CDSS website. If you have questions as to whether you are a level 1, 2a, 2b or 3 provider, contact me as soon as possible.

Glenda and I have been on numerous conference call with the CDSS, Saskatchewan Dental Hygienists' Association and the Saskatchewan Dental Assistants' Association. We have been collaborating so that we are all on the same page and are sending our members the same messages.

Meagan Kachur, Credential Committee Chairperson and I discussed how the Covid-19 Pandemic affects our member's ability to access continuing education. As a result, 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.

Various links to online continuing education can be found on 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 is unfortunate that we had to cancel the SDTA 46th Annual Conference. 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. We'll just have to wait until next year to see everyone.

The SDTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) been postponed. As AGM's are legislated under the Dental Disciplines Act, they must take place. Due to Covid-19 the Ministry of Health has given permission for the health professions to defer their AGM to a more appropriate time. We are looking at various ways of holding our AGM. Once the details have been decided upon members will be notified via email. It is hoped that this will take place prior to June 30, 2020.

The positions of President and 4 members at large are up for election this year. Again, we are looking at various ways of holding an election so details will be emailed to members. If you are interested in joining council more information can be found in this newsletter, by contacting me or any member of council.

I am working from home until further notice. I will be checking the telephone messages; however, the preferred communication is via email. I will be picking up the regular mail and faxes once per week. I anticipate I will be able to address most member's needs and concerns without being in the office regularly.

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

Respectfully submitted

Cindy G. Reed SDT

Executive Director



Mission Statement:

The Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association is dedicated to improving and promoting oral health excellence for all, respecting diversity and individuality. We are committed to protect the public by ensuring the quality and competency of our members.

Vision:

Healthy Mouth  Healthy Body

Values:

- Respect for diversity, culture, and individuality
- Care and compassion towards clients and colleagues
- Innovative and progressive members who adapt readily to change

Goals:

- To protect the public
- To ensure that dental therapists are recognized and respected partners in health care
 - To improve accessibility to oral health care
- To provide quality continuing education/health education for SDTA members and the public

INSURANCE

*Liability insurance is built into your
yearly licence fee.*

*Do you know what you should report?
Or what happens when you report?*

For more information, click [here](#):

SDTA News

The SDTA 46th Annual Conference has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

The SDTA's priority is to the safety of the public, our members and fellow dental professionals. We look forward to seeing everyone next year at the SDTA 47th Annual Conference April 30-May 2, 2021 in Saskatoon, SK.

Those that have registered via e-transfer will be refunded their money via e-transfer. Those that have sent cheques, your cheques will not be deposited.

We hope everyone is adjusting to life in self-isolation and are finding ways to be positive and safe in these uncertain times. Take care.

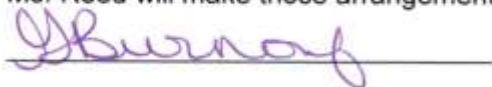
Emergency Declaration

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.

That allows Cindy Reed, the Registrar, to arrange for the AGM to be held by electronic means and allows her to establish a process to hold Council elections by electronic voting.

Ms. Reed will make those arrangements.



President



Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association

46th Annual General Meeting

Saturday May 30, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting will take place through
videoconferencing. Details will be emailed to
members 14 days prior to the meeting date.

See the SDTA Council Nomination Form in this newsletter.



Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association

SDTA Council Nomination Form

This year's elections will take place at the Annual General Meeting Videoconference which takes place 9:00 am, Saturday, May 30, 2020. Members may submit the completed nomination form prior to the meeting.

The Council of the Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association continues to work hard on your behalf. There are many new challenges and opportunities for our profession now and in the future. We encourage you to become involved in your profession by letting your name stand for a position on Council. Your Association needs new Council members who have strong leadership skills, commitment, and enthusiasm for the profession of dental therapy.

Consider getting involved or nominate someone who will. Keep in mind it is important to have therapists who come from different geographic locations and fields of practice as representatives on our Council. Council members who will continue to serve on the 2nd year of their 2 - year commitment include:

- Adam Heimbecker – Vice-President – Yorkton
- Petra Beaven – Prince Albert
- Jennifer Pituley – Assiniboia
- Loretta Singh – Swift Current
- Patricia Skalicky – La Ronge

Volunteers or nominations are now being accepted for the Council positions of:

- **President – two-year term**
- **4 Members at Large - two-year terms**

Expectations of Elected Council Members

Members at Large will be expected to serve as Chairperson and/or be members of the following committees:

- Professional Conduct Committee
- Discipline Committee
- Credentials Committee/Professional Development Grant
- Continuing Education/Professional Development Committee
- Community Oral Health Committee
- SDTA Annual Conference/Election Committee

Council meets at least four times per year. The meetings are generally held on Saturdays. Council members with receive an honorarium to attend. Council members will also receive reimbursement of their travel expenses and reimbursement of accommodation expenses where applicable.

Elected members of Council must hold a current license or non-practicing membership.

Nominee: _____

Position: _____

Nominated by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Mail in nomination forms must be received prior to May 28, 2020

Fax or Email completed application to: Adam Heimbecker

Fax: (306) 782-2357

Email: adamheim.ah@gmail.com



Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association Committees of Council

Executive Committee - Glenda Burnouf, Adam Heimbecker, Marlo Dunlop (Public Rep.), Cindy G. Reed (non-voting)

Professional Conduct Committee – Jennifer Pituley - Chairperson, Patricia Gottselig, Adam Heimbecker, Shirley Mathieson, Lacey Evanochko

Responsibilities are to:

- Carry out the duties as legislated under *The Dental Disciplines Act* and The Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association Bylaws, including investigating incidents of professional misconduct and incompetence.
- Keep all documentation and information confidential.
- See [Dental Disciplines Act](#) 28.-31 and 36
- See [The Saskatchewan Dental Therapist Association Bylaws Regulatory Section 1](#)
- Discipline committee business may occur in person, by telephone and/or by electronic means.

Discipline Committee – Shari Nowosad – Co-Chairperson, Patricia Skalicky – Co-Chairperson, Marlo Dunlop (Public Rep), Janis Johnson

Responsibilities are to:

- Carry out the duties as legislated under *The Dental Disciplines Act* and The Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association Bylaws, including investigating incidents of professional misconduct and incompetence following notification from the Professional Conduct Committee.
- Keep all documentation and information confidential.
- See [The Dental Disciplines Act 32 – 36](#)
- See [The Saskatchewan Dental Therapist Association Bylaws Regulatory Section 2](#)
- Discipline committee business may occur in person, by telephone and/or by electronic means.

Credentials/Professional Development Grant Committee – Meagan Kachur – Chairperson, Amy Read, Heather Sali, Cindy G. Reed

Responsibilities are to:

- Make recommendations to Council and/or the Registrar about the suitability of an applicant for registration or licensure.
- Evaluate and determine credit allocation for courses and/or professional development activities of members that may be approved by council.
- Advertise the professional development grant, review the applicants and assist council in selecting winners.
- See [The Saskatchewan Dental Therapist Association Bylaws Administrative Section 10](#)

Continuing Education/Professional Development Committee - Jaylynn Parenteau - Chairperson, Petra Beaven, Penny Griffith, Cindy G. Reed

Responsibilities are to:

- Organize, publicize and conduct continuing education workshops.
- Arrange speakers for the Annual Professional Development.

SDTA Annual Conference/Election Committee – Saskatoon - Shari Nowosad – Co-Chairperson, Petra Beaven – Co-Chairperson, Penny Griffith

Responsibilities are to:

- The Professional Development Committee has the specific mandate of visioning, planning and hosting the SDTA Annual Professional Development.
- The Annual Professional Development shall rotate to various locations in the province to be determined by council.

Editorial Committee - Patricia Skalicky - Chairperson/Editor, Glenda Burnouf, Cindy G. Reed

Responsibilities are to:

- Design and publish the SDTA newsletter.
- Maintain a written and pictorial history of the SDTA.

Community Oral Health Committee – Loretta Singh – Chairperson, Lenia Rivera

Responsibilities are to:

- Create awareness and prevention of oral disease to the public.
- Organize activities for National Oral Health Month, regionally and/or provincially as determined by council.

Canadian Dental Therapists Association – Penny Griffith – Chairperson, Mary-Lou Sanderson

Responsibilities are to:

- Create awareness at a national level for the profession of Dental Therapy.

Trade-A-Tooth - Savannah Davis

Facebook/Instagram Coordinator – Patricia Skalicky

Website - Glenda Burnouf, Cindy G. Reed, Patricia Skalicky, Adam Heimbecker

SDTA REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Regional Representatives are responsible for administering the Regional Initiative Fund and the Dental Health Month Fund in their respective region. They also act as a liaison between the SDTA council and members.

The Regional Initiative Fund is \$150.00/year. It is to be used for expenses incurred for organized functions in the region. Functions could include study clubs, continuing education sessions, social gatherings, etc.

The Dental Health Month Fund is \$200.00/year. It is to be used for dental health month related activities at a regional level.

Members interested in representing their respective region can contact Cindy G. Reed (306)672-3699 or sdta@sasktel.net.

Released on April 23, 2020

Today, Premier Scott Moe and Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Saqib Shahab announced the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan.

Re-Open Saskatchewan is a plan built on a methodical and phased approach to slowly lifting restrictions so that more businesses can open and more employees can go back to work. The plan introduces five phases to methodically, gradually and cautiously re-open businesses and services across Saskatchewan, beginning May 4, 2020. The plan also details physical distancing measures and restrictions that will remain in place throughout the five phases and provides a number of factors to inform decisions regarding the lifting of long-term restrictions.

“Over the next several weeks, restrictions will be gradually lifted by adding more types of businesses to the allowable businesses list, meaning that they can re-open if they so choose,” Moe said. “All businesses and public venues will be required to continue following physical distancing and cleaning and disinfection practices to protect both employees and customers. Members of the public will be expected to follow physical distancing rules and to stay home if they are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.”

Part of Phase One – Beginning May 4, 2020

On May 4, public access to medical services will be reinstated, including access to dentistry, optometry, physical therapy, opticians, podiatry, occupational therapy and chiropractic treatment. When it is not possible to physically distance, providers will be required to take precautionary measures as outlined by the Chief Medical Health Officer.

[Link to Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan](#)

The Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association acknowledges that on May 4th, access to dental care will be reinstated. This will occur in stages, as regulated by the College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan (CDSS), while the Covid-19 pandemic evolves. The CDSS plans to update the Covid-19 Pandemic Interim Protocol on or before April 27, 2020.

The COVID 19 virus remains in our communities thus returning to work will not be “business as usual”.

Current requirements for dental care remain in place. Members must remain updated on the current protocol. [CDSS Alert – COVID-19 Pandemic: Level 2 IPC Interim Protocol Update](#). Other pertinent information can be found on the [SDTA Website](#) and the [CDSS website](#).

CDSS Alert – COVID-19 Pandemic: Level 2 IPC Interim Protocol Update.

April 14, 2020

All CDSS members are required to review this CDSS Alert and complete the new **CDSS Emergency Dental Provider Form. (Click HERE)**

Current Protocol

- A dental emergency exists if professional judgement indicates that a person needs immediate attention to address oral trauma, pain, infection, bleeding or other associated medical complications.
- Emergency patients should be managed by a telephone or email screening risk assessment tool.
- CDSS members are **not to provide routine or urgent care** to patients. CDSS members are strongly recommended to only provide emergency dental care that fits within the above description.
- All CDSS members must operate under the current CDSS Standards and Alerts relating to this COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Level 1 - All CDSS members** must maintain contact with their patients and manage emergencies using Pharmacotherapeutics whenever possible. If patients cannot be managed at this Level 1, they should be referred to Level 2A or 2B or Level 3 providers.
 - If you have a patient that requires Level 2A or 2B emergency dental care and cannot currently provide that level of emergency care, please contact the CDSS at: tania@saskdentists.com. This list of 2A and 2B providers will be for internal use of the CDSS office only.
 - If you have a patient that requires Level 3 emergency dental care, please contact the Level 3 SHA emergency dental clinic.
 - Regina: www.provincialoralsurgery.com
 - Saskatoon: www.saskatoonoralsurgery.ca

Level 2 IPC COVID-19 Pandemic Interim Protocol Update

Rationale for providing this interim protocol update:

- As COVID-19 community spread increases and the knowledge that **COVID-19 infected asymptomatic individuals** could be spreading the COVID-19 virus to others in the population, the CDSS feels it prudent to provide a **Level 2 IPC COVID-19 Pandemic Interim Protocol Update** for all CDSS dental facilities that are currently seeing emergency dental patients.
- To reconfirm dental emergency patients should be managed by prescreening risk assessment followed by a second on-site risk assessment including a temperature recording.
- Level 2 Emergency Dental Care can be divided into 2 groups:
 - Level 2A-Non-Aerosol Generating Procedure (NAGP)
 - Level 2B-Aerosol Generating Procedure (AGP)
- **Aerosol Generating Procedures are to be avoided if possible.**

Level 2A - Consultation and Non-Aerosol Generating Procedure (NAGP)

IPC Interim Protocol

1. Mandatory routine precautions as per the SOHP Infection Prevention Control (IPC) Standard for Oral Health Care Facilities (04-01 to 04-05).
2. Enhanced cleaning, including twice daily cleaning of high touch surfaces.
3. Mandatory PPE for NAGP includes: Level 2 or Level 3 Mask, Goggles or Face Shield, Gloves. PPE for Front office staff is listed in Appendix B.
4. A 1% hydrogen peroxide mouth rinse for 60 seconds must be performed by the patient and expectorated into the same dispensing cup prior to examination and procedures within the oral cavity.
5. Recommend extraoral radiographs. Minimize the use of intraoral radiographs to prevent the possible formation of aerosols.
6. Utilize a rubber dam with sealing material.
7. Utilize hand instruments only.
8. Utilize four-handed dentistry.
9. Utilize high volume suction evacuation
10. Do not use air water syringes.
11. Do not use ultrasonic instruments.
12. Do not use high-speed rotary handpieces.
13. Patient should don a mask and perform Alcohol Base Hand Rub (ABHR) prior to exiting the operatory room.
14. Clean the operatory room clinical contact and housekeeping surfaces as per normal protocol SOHP Infection Prevention Control (IPC) Standard for Oral Health Care Facilities (04-01 to 04-05).

Level 2B -Aerosol Generating Procedure (AGP)

IPC Interim Protocol

- **Aerosol-Generating Procedure (AGP):** Any dental procedure where aerosolized particles are *expected* to be generated by dental instrumentation. This includes the use of ultrasonic scalers, high-speed handpieces, or air-water syringes at any point in the procedure. **It is strongly recommended not to perform AGPs whenever possible.**
- **COVID-19:** The name of the infectious disease caused by a new coronavirus called SARS-CoV-2. Although COVID-19 is not thought to be an airborne disease, such as measles or tuberculosis, under certain circumstances the virus can be aerosolized into particles much smaller than respiratory droplets (< 5 µm), allowing them to remain suspended in the air longer, to travel farther, and to be inhaled by a person, thus acting like an airborne disease. Aerosol particles bearing SARS-CoV-2 can be generated during medical and dental procedures when a patient's saliva is agitated by mechanical forces, such as an ultrasonic scaler, a high-speed handpiece, or spray from an air-water syringe. Therefore, the risk of aerosol transmission can be reduced by avoiding their generation in the first place, by utilizing appropriate PPE, and implementing appropriate aerosol protective measures.
- **Aerosol-Protective Measures:** Actions aimed at mitigating the risk associated with aerosols; these include a hydrogen peroxide pre-procedural mouth rinse, wearing PPE for high-risk situations, the use of a rubber dam with a sealing material (eg. OraSeal or Kool-Dam), and the use of high-volume evacuation/suction.

1. Mandatory PPE for Dentists and Chairside assistants for AGP includes: Cap or Bonnet, Gown or Lab Coat, properly fit N95 Respirators (fit test with documentation of style and size within the last two years), Goggles or Face Shield, Gloves (to cover gown or coat cuffs), and gown or barrier for patient. **If all mandatory PPE are not available, or staff is not fit tested for N95 respirator and educated in proper donning and doffing of PPE, patients requiring AGP cannot be treated and the provider can only be classified as a 2A Provider.**
2. COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency Treatment Consent should be obtained for both patient and staff.
3. AGP operatory rooms must be isolated rooms with 4 floor to ceiling walls and a door. **If no operatories with a door are available, patients requiring AGP cannot be treated and the facility can only be classified as a 2A Provider doing only NAGP.**
4. Enhanced cleaning, including twice daily cleaning of high touch surfaces.
5. AGP operatory rooms require the removal of all unnecessary cabinets, fixtures, and non-essential supplies or products, including pictures or artwork.
6. AGP operatory rooms must have an adjacent Donning and Doffing Anteroom.
7. [Donning and Doffing Video](#)
 - a. Donning Station of Anteroom – “Clean” Side
 - i. Includes: Caps or Bonnets, Gowns or Lab Coats, Masks, N95 Respirator, Goggles or Face Shields, Gloves, Alcohol Base Hand Rub (ABHR)
 - b. Doffing Station of Anteroom – “Decontamination” Side
 - i. Includes: Laundry Receptacle with Lid, Garbage Receptacle with Lid, Eye Protection Disinfection Receptacle with Lid.
8. PPE must be donned in the “Clean” Side of the Anteroom AND immediately before entering the AGP Operatory Room - do not go anywhere else once the PPE is donned.
 - a. Put on a gown and cap or bonnet.
 - b. Perform hand hygiene.
 - c. Properly fit a N95 Respirator (secure the straps, mold the metal nose piece to the nose bridge, and perform a seal check).
 - d. Perform hand hygiene.
 - e. Put on gown or lab coat.
 - f. Perform hand hygiene.
 - g. Put on appropriate eye protection – goggles or face shield.
 - h. Perform hand hygiene.
 - i. Put on gloves to cover the gown or lab coat cuffs.
9. The operatory door shall remain closed during the procedure. Only the dentist, dental assistant and patient will be permitted in the operatory during treatment. The operatory door should only be opened once to discharge the patient and for clinical staff to exit.
10. Aerosol Generating Procedure signage should be placed at the entrance to the room (Appendix A)
11. Implement Aerosol Protective and Minimization Procedures.
 - a. A 1% hydrogen peroxide mouth rinse for 60 seconds must be performed by the patient and expectorated into the same dispensing cup prior to examination and procedures within the oral cavity.
 - b. Recommend extraoral radiographs. Minimize the use of intraoral radiographs to prevent the possible formation of aerosols.
 - c. Utilize a rubber dam with sealing material.
 - d. Utilize four-handed dentistry
 - e. Attempt to minimize the use of high-speed rotary handpieces.

- f. Attempt to minimize the use of air water syringes.
 - g. Utilize high volume suction evacuation.
 - h. Do not use ultrasonic instruments.
- 12. Patient should don a mask and perform ABHR prior to exiting the operatory room.
- 13. The patient is discharged and guided to the reception area for post op instructions, processing, and exit.
- 14. PPE must be doffed in the AGP Operatory Room and the "Decontamination Side" of the Anteroom.
 - a. In the AGP Operatory Room:
 - i. With gloved hands, remove the gown and gloves.
 - With gloved hands only touching the outside of the gown, grasp the gown and pull away from the body without rapid movements, roll gown inside out into a bundle, simultaneously remove gloves inside out, and discard gown and gloves immediately. Perform hand hygiene.
 - With gloved hands only touching the outside of the lab coat, open the lab coat and remove away from the body without rapid movements, roll lab coat inside out into a bundle, simultaneously remove gloves inside out, discard gloves immediately, and transfer the lab coat to the "Decontamination Side" of the Anteroom laundry receptacle careful to avoid contact with "clean" surfaces. Perform hand hygiene.
 - b. Exit the AGP Operatory Room, close the AGP Operatory Room door, and in the "Decontamination Side" of the Anteroom.
 - i. Perform hand hygiene.
 - ii. Remove eye protection – goggles or face shield – at the sides careful not to touch facial skin with the hands and place in disinfection receptacle or garbage receptacle.
 - iii. Remove the cap or bonnet by grasping at the rear and pulling forward off the head and place in the laundry receptacle or discard in the garbage receptacle.
 - iv. Remove N95 Respirator without touching the front of the mask and discard in the garbage receptacle or stored in a sealed labeled receptacle for possible future decontamination.
 - v. Perform hand hygiene.
 - vi. Put on a clean surgical mask.
- 15. The operatory door and room must remain closed and settle for 120 minutes after AGPs before cleaning.
- 16. After 120 minutes settle time, clean the operatory room clinical contact and housekeeping surfaces as per normal protocol - SOHP Infection Prevention Control (IPC) Standard for Oral Health Care Facilities (04-01 to 04-05).

General PPE Considerations for COVID-19 Pandemic

- 1. Abide by PPE precautions as per the SOHP Infection Prevention Control (IPC) Standard for Oral Health Care Facilities (03-01 to 03-05).
- 2. Hand Hygiene
 - a. Alcohol Based Hand Rub (ABHR) should be available in the following locations:

- i. Clinic entrances and exits
 - ii. Operatory Rooms entrances and exits
 - iii. Donning Doffing Anterooms entrances and exits
 - iv. Reprocessing and Sterilization areas
 - v. Clean Supplies Room entrances
 - vi. Soiled Utility Room exits
- b. ABHR should not be placed adjacent to a sink.
- 3. Eye Protection
 - a. Eye protection, including safety glasses, goggles, and face shields, should be decontaminated as per the manufacturer's instructions.
- 4. Protective Clothing
 - a. Clean protective clothing, including scrub uniforms and lab coats, should be transported to the clinic in a new plastic bag and donned at the clinic if laundry facilities are not available on site.
 - b. Soiled protective clothing, including scrub uniforms and lab coats, should be doffed at the clinic. The soiled protective clothing should be laundered at the clinic or transported in a plastic bag to be laundered at home, and the plastic bag discarded.
- 5. Reception
 - a. Patients presenting with an emergency dental condition will immediately use ABHR and be provided with a face mask, then use ABHR again.
 - b. If the patient presents with a family member or friend the same precautions will apply to them. They shall be encouraged to wait outside the dental clinic if practical; only the patient will be allowed to proceed to the operatory unless a young child requires a parent to be present.

Josh: Why did the king go to the dentist?

Scott: Beats me.

Josh: To get his teeth crowned!

Luke: What is a dentist's favorite movie?

Joey: Beats me.

Luke: "Plaque to the Future"!

Luke: What did the judge say to the dentist?

Joe: I don't know. What?

Luke: "Do you swear to pull the tooth, the whole tooth and nothing but the tooth?"

Bob: What do you call a dentist's advice?

Bobby: Not sure.

Bob: His flossophy.

Appendix A

Example of aerosolize settling time documents to be posted outside each treatment room door:



A vertical form with a green header containing the text "COVID-19" and a yellow plus sign. Below the header, there are three green-bordered boxes. The first box contains the text "AGMP COMPLETED AT:" followed by a rectangular input field. The second box contains the text "SETTLE TIME:" followed by a rectangular input field with the word "MINUTES" to its right, and the text "(IF SETTLE TIME NOT IDENTIFIED USE 120 MINUTES)" below it. The third box contains the text "SAFE TO ENTER ROOM AT:" followed by a rectangular input field. At the bottom left is the Saskatchewan Health Authority logo, and at the bottom right is the website "saskatchewan.ca/COVID19" with "April 2020" in small text below it.

Appendix B

Table 1: Adapted from: World Health Organization. "Rational use of Personal Protective Equipment for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)." February 27, 2020: 1-7

Setting	Staff or patients	Procedure Activity	Type of PPE
Patient Room	Dentists/RDA	<u>Low Risk</u> Providing direct Care (Non-AGMP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Level 2 or 3 mask - Eye protection (googles or Face Shield) - Scrubs - Gloves - If contact with patient then lab coat or gown
		<u>Intermediate and High Risk</u> Aerosol Generating medical procedures (AGMP) only when needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - N95 Respirator (Fitted) - Googles - Face Shield - Cap/bouffant - Gown/lab coat (with cuff) - Gloves
	Disinfecting treatment rooms for non-AGMPs	Can disinfect immediately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Level 1 mask as a minimum - Eye protection - Gloves
	Disinfection treatment rooms for AGMPs	Wait to disinfect (120 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Level 1 mask as a minimum - Eye protection - Gloves
	Visitors	NO Visitors in room during AGMP	
Triage	Door greeter/triage	Preliminary screening (vitals including temp)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Level 1 mask as a minimum - Eye protection - Gloves - Scrubs - Maintain social distancing



Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association

\$500 Professional and Personal Development Grant

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Business: _____

Type of program for which you are seeking this grant: Please include proper documentation i.e. copy of registration, tuition receipt, transcript of marks, etc. Please include a detailed description of the program, conference, workshop, etc. that you have attended. Use additional paper if necessary.

Involvement with the Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association: Detail past and present involvement with the SDTA and why you feel that you are deserving of this award. Use additional paper if necessary. Preference will be given to members who are serving or who have served on the SDTA Executive or Council.

Deadline for Application:

May 16, 2020

Mail completed application to:

**Meagan Kachur
P.O. Box 749
Battleford, SK S0M 0E0**

Happy Dental Therapists Week!

April 19-25, 2020



Thank you for all you do!

Council Meeting Highlights (via teleconference)

March 14th, 2020

THIS SECTION IS TO HIGHLIGHT THE HAPPENINGS AT THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING. ONCE APPROVED AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING, THE COMPLETE MINUTES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE SUBSEQUENT NEWSLETTER

- It has been decided that we will cancel the 46th Annual SDTA Conference due to COVID-19. The Annual General Meeting is postponed to a later date as well. More details will be provided as they are decided upon.
- The Saskatchewan Coalition for Tobacco Reduction's recommendations to the government to change the regulations regarding vaping have been approved. Position statement on Vaping has been approved by Council.
- Edits for the Parents Guide are underway and printing should begin soon. Numbers are being collected in regards to amount of copies to be printed.
- The SDTA supports Dr. Siqueira's application for the Establishment Grant from the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation for his research program in the field of salivary proteomics.

SDTA Position Statement on Vaping

Vaping is a growing trend in our country especially among young people. The long term effects of vaping to oral and overall health is still unknown but current evidence shows that vaping has the potential to harm and is a potential gateway to tobacco use. Substances and toxins inhaled may cause damage to the lungs and other organs. The SDTA does not support the act of vaping especially for minors.

THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH DENTISTRY



1 IN 5 CANADIANS CANNOT ACCESS DENTAL CARE.
BETTER ORAL HEALTH FOR ALL CANADIANS.

**The Federal Government wants to explore national dental care.
We need your help to make sure they deliver on this commitment.**

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- Your MP- Visit www.ourcommons.ca/Members/en and input your postal code to find your MP and click on their "contact" page.

SAMPLE MESSAGE YOU CAN MODIFY:

Across Canada every year, 1 in 5 people (6 million Canadians) are NOT getting the dental care they need because they cannot afford it. It is inequitable that only people with dental insurance or sufficient income can have healthy teeth and gums. I am very pleased to see the 2019 Throne Speech and the Health Minister's mandate letter with the commitment for Parliament to explore dental care for all Canadians. I urge you to follow through and set up a Parliamentary Committee in 2020 so that Canadians from all walks of life can provide their views about the importance of oral health to their whole health. Canada needs to move forward in a timely way to ensure all Canadians have equitable access to dental care!

Include a story from your work of how it affects people when they cannot afford dental care.

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Staying Current

Self-Isolation Information Sheet

Canada Border Services Agency is providing information to returning travelers to either self-isolate or self-monitor.

Self-isolation is required for some travelers, for individuals who have been in close contact with a person with COVID-19, and for individuals who are diagnosed with COVID-19 and well enough to stay at home.

What is self-isolation?

Self-isolation is an important way of preventing COVID-19 from spreading in Saskatchewan. It means staying at home and avoiding situations where there is a potential to spread the infection to others: work, school, sporting events, social, cultural and religious gatherings and public places such as restaurants and malls. You should also avoid public transportation. If you have a pressing necessity and need to leave home, please wear a surgical mask while you are out.

How long is self-isolation recommended for COVID-19?

Self-isolation is required for 14 days after returning from travel to areas with widespread sustained transmission of COVID-19 or exposure to a person with COVID-19. If you have symptoms, self-isolation is required to prevent you from possibly spreading COVID-19 to others. Self-isolation continues until testing is completed and results are obtained. If the result is positive for COVID-19, self-isolation continues until results of further tests confirm that you have cleared the virus.

If you experience difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, chest pain or high fever, immediately call HealthLine 811 for assessment and direction.

It has been recommended that I self-isolate. What are my next steps?

1. Stay at home and avoid contact with others (self-isolate).
2. Call HealthLine 811 to receive advice about self-isolating if you have not already received advice from your local Public Health office.
3. Remain in self-isolation for 14 days after travel or your last contact with a person confirmed to have COVID-19.
4. Call Healthline 811 if you develop symptoms.

How do I avoid contact with others?

We know this is hard, but for the health of your family, friends and community:

- DO NOT go to work or school.
- DO NOT go to public areas, including places of worship, stores, shopping malls and restaurants.
- LIMIT visitors to your home.
- CANCEL or reschedule non-urgent appointments; let them know you are on self-isolation.
- DO NOT take buses, taxis or ride-sharing where you would be in contact with others.
- ASK family/friends drop off food or USE delivery/pick-up services for errands such as grocery shopping.

How do I avoid contact with others in my home?

- Household members should stay in another home or place of residence if possible, especially if they have a compromised immune system or chronic health conditions. If you are sharing your home, stay and sleep in a room with good airflow that is away from others. Use a separate bathroom if you can.

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How do I prepare my home for self-isolation?

Ensure the home is supplied with basic needs including food, medications (such as acetaminophen and/or ibuprofen and prescriptions), personal hygiene products, etc. to support a stay at home of up to 14 days. It is recommended that your sleeping area is separate from other members of the household.

If you live alone or your household is self-isolating, ensure you have a someone who is able to check in on you and can provide an additional support or supplies you will require. Request that person to take all needed precautions to avoid infection.

What if I need medical care?

- Pay attention to your health and how you are feeling. You can call HealthLine 811 anytime to talk to a nurse at and get advice about how you are feeling and what to do next.
- **If you require urgent medical care** because it becomes harder to breathe, you cannot drink anything or you feel very unwell, go to an urgent care clinic or emergency department. Call ahead if needing medical attention and notify reception once you enter a clinic or a hospital that you are self-isolating because of COVID-19. If you or someone in your care has chest pains, difficulty breathing, or severe bleeding, it could be a life-threatening emergency. Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number immediately.
- **If you develop symptoms of COVID-19**, get tested, even if symptoms are mild. Symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath and generally feeling unwell. Call HealthLine 811 for directions for testing.
- **Call ahead before you get medical care.** If leaving your home for medical care, call ahead and tell the clinic you are coming in and that you are self-isolating due to risk of COVID-19. By calling ahead, you help the clinic, hospital, lab, urgent care or doctor's office prepare for your visit and stop the spread of germs.

How do I stop the spread of respiratory illness?

- **Wash your hands.** Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. It is best to dry your hands with a paper towel and throw away after use. If you cannot wash your hands, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- **Wear a face mask when you are around others.** When you are sick, wearing a face mask (surgical or procedure mask) helps to stop the spread of germs from you to others. Even in the early stages of infection, people may be able to spread the disease while having very mild symptoms. If possible, wear a face mask when you are in the same room with other people and always wear a mask when you get medical care. If your mask gets wet or dirty, change it and wash your hands right away. Do not remove the mask from front. If a mask is not available, carry tissues with you any time you are around other people.
- **Cover your coughs and sneezes.** When you feel a cough or sneeze coming on, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue. If you do not have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or the bend of your elbow, not your hands. Wash your hands right away after you sneeze, cough or touch used tissues or masks. Immediately dispose of used tissues and wash your hands.
- **Avoid sharing household items.** This includes dishes, cups, eating utensils, towels, bedding, or other items. After using these items, wash them with soap and hot water.
- **Flush the toilet with the lid down.** COVID-19 virus may also be present in poop (stool or feces). Always wash your hands with soap and water after using the toilet.
- **Clean and disinfect common areas once a day.** Clean surfaces in the room(s) that you are staying in with regular cleaning products. Then, disinfect (kill germs) by mixing one part bleach with nine parts water and applying it to areas that are touched often such as counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, tablets, and bedside tables. It is especially important to use bleach to disinfect if you are sharing any common areas (such as a bathroom) with others or if others will be entering the room(s) where you are staying.

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SOCIAL DISTANCING

Together, we can slow the spread of COVID-19 by making a conscious effort to keep a physical distance between each other. Social distancing is proven to be one of the most effective ways to reduce the spread of illness during an outbreak. With patience and cooperation, we can all do our part.

What does Social Distancing mean?



This means making changes in your everyday routines in order to minimize close contact with others, including:

- avoiding crowded places and non-essential gatherings
- avoiding common greetings, such as handshakes
- limiting contact with people at higher risk (e.g. older adults and those in poor health)
- keeping a distance of at least 2 arms lengths (approximately 2 metres) from others, as much as possible

Here's how you can practice social distancing:



- greet with a wave instead of a handshake, a kiss or a hug
- stay home as much as possible, including for meals and entertainment
- shop or take public transportation during off-peak hours
- conduct virtual meetings
- host virtual playdates for your kids
- use technology to keep in touch with friends and family



If possible,

- use food delivery services or online shopping
- exercise at home or outside
- work from home

Remember to:



- wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds and avoid touching your face
- cough or sneeze into the bend of your arm
- avoid touching surfaces people touch often

If you're concerned you may have COVID-19:



- separate yourself from others as soon as you have symptoms
- If you are outside the home when a symptom develops, go home immediately and avoid taking public transit
- stay home and follow the advice of your Public Health Authority, who may recommend self-isolation
- call ahead to a health care provider if you are ill and seeking medical attention

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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CE Corner

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the SDTA Credential Committee has reviewed the Continuing Education Requirements of our members.

For individual participation in online continuing education the restriction of 15 credits per 3 year reporting period has been suspended. Members may apply for unlimited amounts of online CE credits from now until December 31, 2020.

CE Websites:

<http://www.vivalearning.com> (Oral health topics via live and recorded webinars)

<http://gcatraining.com/> (Oral health topics via live and on demand classes)

<http://www.dentalcare.ca> (Oral Health topics – on demand)

<https://www.oralhealthed.com>

<http://webbertraining.com> (Infection control topics – live and recorded webinars)

<https://www.saintelizabeth.com/fnif> (infection control course)

<https://www.colgateoralhealthnetwork.com/> (Oral health topics via live and recorded webinars)



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The Saskatchewan Oral Health Coalition formed in 2010. It consists of health professionals, including oral health professionals, community agencies, health region programs, provincial agencies, First Nations communities, and individuals and groups whose goal is to improve the oral health of Saskatchewan residents. The coalition holds biannual meeting and launches biannual newsletter each year (spring and fall).

Through a unified voice, the Saskatchewan Oral Health Coalition works collaboratively with dedicated partners to improve the oral and overall health of Saskatchewan residents.

As an inter-disciplinary group, we strive to identify and address the needs of vulnerable populations, and by using evidence based decision making, promote advocacy, education, prevention and standards.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 25th, 2020 – Saskatoon
German Cultural Club

October 26th, 2020 – Regina
The Atlas Hotel (former Travelodge)



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Alex: What's a dentist's favorite time of day?

Randy: Tell me.

Alex: Tooth-hurty!

Phil: How are false teeth like stars?

Hank: Tell me.

Phil: Both only come out at night!

Wes: Knock, knock.

James: Who's there?

Wes: Dishes.

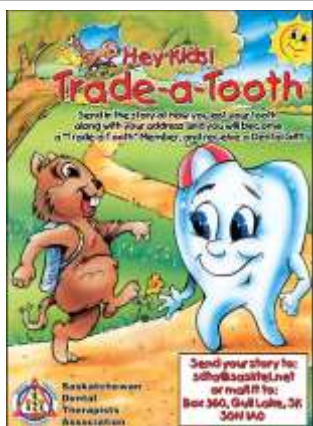
James: Dishes, who?

Wes: Dishes how I talk since I lost my teeth!

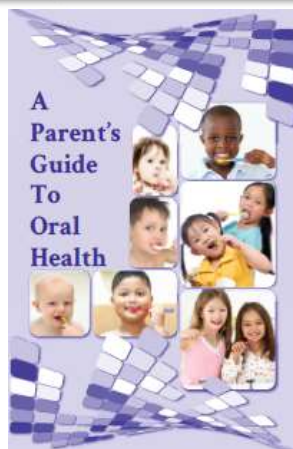
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Little Johnny: De'L?

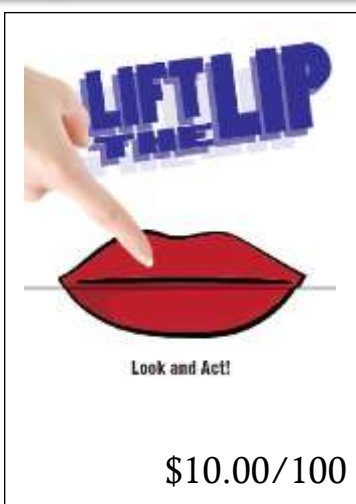
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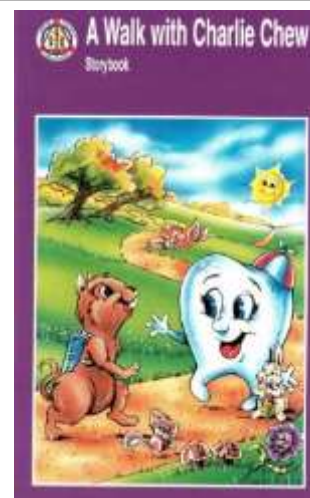
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Water Bottle - \$8.00 ea



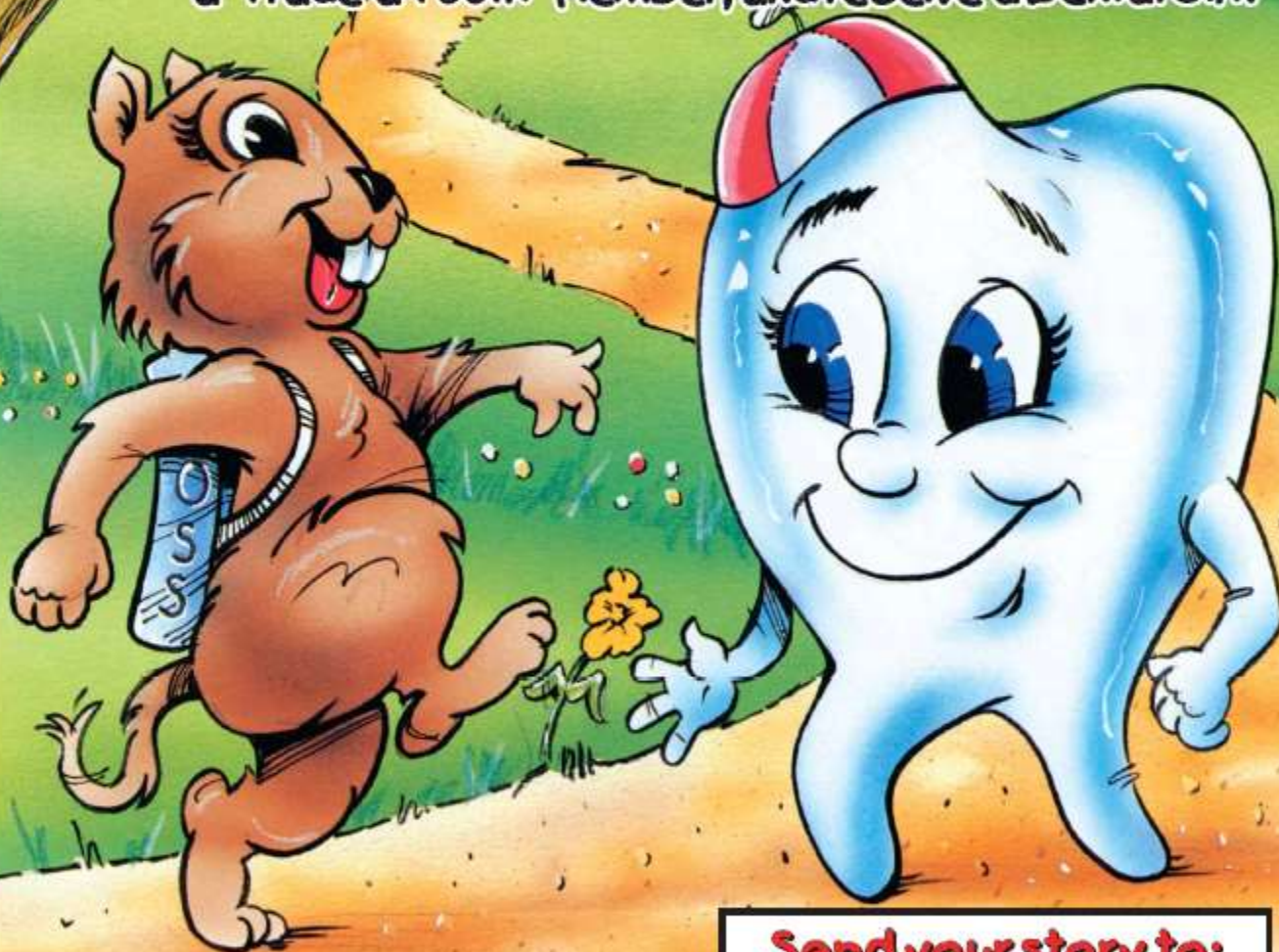
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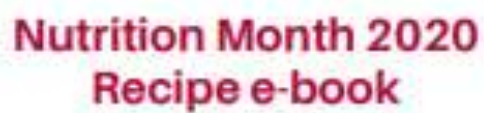
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Celebrate this Nutrition Month by trying new recipes.
Find 10 new recipes here and 15 more at nutritionmonth2020.ca

For a collection of wonderful recipes click [here](#):

UNPLUGGED Fun!

Self-Isolation Bucket List

- ☐ Organize closets and donate what you don't need –clothing, linens, etc
- ☐ Start your garden, plant seeds that can be moved to your garden later.
- ☐ Learn something new – guitar, knitting, salsa dancing, how to change a tire.
- ☐ Start your Christmas list – now would be a great time to come up with homemade gift ideas.
- ☐ Paint a room in your house – let's face it, we all dream of a new paint colour.
- ☐ Meal prep some of your favourite meals and freeze. When things get busy again, won't it be great to have supper ready?
- ☐ Clean your make-up brushes. I bet you've never done this...but you should.
- ☐ Clean your car – once we're able to travel, it will feel great getting into a clean car!
- ☐ Clean out that Tupperware drawer – you know... then one you can never close?
- ☐ Play games with your family – what better time to connect with those you love!
- ☐ Deep condition your hair – there are many great homemade recipes online.
- ☐ Phone a friend or family member that you haven't called in a long time – it will make your heart happy.

Meeting Minutes

SASKATCHEWAN DENTAL THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION

COUNCIL MEETING

10:00 AM – Saturday, October 5, 2019

Jolly Friar Room – Saskatoon Inn

2002 Airport Drive, Saskatoon, SK

Members Present: Glenda Burnouf, Marlo Dunlop (public Rep), Adam Heimbecker, Petra Beaven, Penny Griffith, Meagan Kachur, Shari Nowosad, Jennifer Pituley, Loretta Singh, Patricia Skalicky, Cindy G. Reed

Regrets: Richard Rodda (public Rep), Jaylynn Parenteau

1. Call to Order

Glenda Burnouf called the meeting to order.

2. Introduction of Council Members

3. Acceptance of Agenda/Recorder

Addition: 8.1 IPC – Patricia Skalicky

Motion: Glenda Burnouf moved the agenda be adopted as presented. Seconded by Meagan Kachur. Carried.

Recorder: Adam Heimbecker/Cindy G. Reed recorded the meeting minutes.

4. Acceptance of the minutes of previous meeting June 15, 2019

Corrections:

page 2 5.2 5th point...regarding the appointment of a third...
8th point...have tailored and prepared a proposal....

Motion: Glenda Burnouf moved the minutes of June 15, 2019 with corrections. Seconded by Penny Griffith. Carried.

Reviewed action list.

REGULATORY

5. Officer's Reports

5.1 President's Report – Glenda Burnouf

Since the last meeting of Council in June, it has been pretty quiet.

I collaborated with Indigenous Services Canada planning their IPC session in Prince Albert on August 19th. SDTA sponsored the refreshments and snacks at the session.

I have completed the Executive Director contract. This draft contract is to be reviewed and finalized by Cindy and the Executive Committee members.

I forwarded a potential speaker to Jaylynn for the upcoming SDTA conference in May which I believe she did secure for half a day.

I attended the SK Oral Health Conference in September in Saskatoon. Although we did not host a booth this year, it was nice to meet up with a few people throughout the events and sessions.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenda Burnouf SDTA President

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

5.2 Executive Director's Report – Cindy G. Reed

I attended the Canadian Dental Association/Saskatchewan Oral Health Professions Conference on September 12-14, 2019 in Saskatoon. This will be addressed in 11.1 of the agenda.

I attended the Saskatchewan Canadian Association of Public Health Dentistry Conference on September 20 & 21, 2019 in Toronto. This will be addressed in 7.5 of the agenda.

I remain in contact with the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training and our consultant regarding the Foreign Qualification Recognition Program. This will be addressed in 7.2 of the agenda.

I remain in contact with SK Polytechnic regarding the Saskatchewan Polytechnic's Dental Therapy Feasibility Report. This will be addressed in 7.2 of the agenda.

I have been in contact with the Ministry of Health regarding the appointment of a third public representative.

I have been in contact with the Professional Conduct Committee Chairperson in my capacity as the SDTA Executive Director.

Other activities will be reported on under the Registrar's Report, Treasurer's Report and as they come up on the agenda.

Respectfully submitted
Cindy G. Reed

Motion: Cindy G. Reed moved her Executive Director's report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Petra Beaven. Carried.

5.3 Registrar's Report - Cindy G. Reed

There has been one dental therapist registered since the last meeting of council. The name is as follows:
#865 – Rejeanne Lameman

There are currently 210 dental therapists registered with the Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Council.

There were 2 Practicing Memberships (licenses) issued since the last meeting of council. The names are as follows:
#195 – Rejeanne Lameman
#196 – Amanda Kopeck

There are currently 196 Practicing Memberships (licenses) issued to date for the year 2019. There are 194 members with a clinical restorative practice and 2 members with a public health preventative practice. There were 200 Practicing Memberships in 2018.

There are 14 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 is one application pending currently.

Respectfully submitted
Cindy G. Reed

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

5.4 Treasurer's Report

Cindy G. Reed gave members an updated treasurer's report.

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

6 Committee Reports

6.1 Executive Committee - Glenda Burnouf

Terms of Reference was circulated to all members for our input. A draft Executive Director contract was circulated to all members for input. No other matters were forwarded to the committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenda Burnouf (SDTA President)

Motion: Glenda Burnouf moved the Executive Committee Report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Penny Griffith. Carried.

6.2 Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) – Jennifer Pituley

The PCC has received no concerns of conduct since our last meeting of council. The PCC has been working diligently and thoroughly on three cases, two of which are long standing cases. To date in this quarter the PCC has completed and resolved the two long standing cases through means of an Alternative Dispute Agreement; both of which were signed and agreed upon by all parties. The third case continues to be investigated and with its complexity, carefully managed.

Reviewed Terms of Reference and changes will be discussed and presented.

Since the last council meeting, the PCC has been consulting regularly amongst the committee with an excellent relationship and a strong willingness from all members to participate.

I motion my report be adopted as presented.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Pituley, PCC Chairperson

Motion: Jennifer Pituley moved the Professional Conduct Committee Report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Meagan Kachur. Carried.

6.3 Discipline Committee – Shari Nowosad/Patricia Skalicky

Since the last meeting of council, no matters have been referred to the Discipline Committee from the Professional Conduct Committee.

Terms of reference reviewed; no revisions made.

Motion: Patricia Skalicky moved the Discipline Committee Report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Loretta Singh. Carried.

6.4 Credentials Committee / Professional Development Grant – Meagan Kachur

Since our last council meeting Cindy has had an application for a new membership from a lady who graduated from NSDT in 1993 and has since been practicing outside of Canada. She has a job in Saskatchewan and would like to register with the SDTA. She has met all the requirements of registration and membership according to the SDTA bylaws. A motion was made to the Executive Committee and passed to issue her a restricted license with conditions at this time- the big restriction being to complete a CPR course within 3 months of registration. As of today, the registration is in process but not complete.

There have also been some questions about members regarding dental therapists and working with Nitrous Oxide. There was group discussion about the use of Nitrous Oxide at the meeting. It was clarified that Nitrous Oxide must be prescribed and administered by a dentist who is present in the office at the time of which it is being used. A dental therapist can not administer any oral sedation. Ensure all notes are documented in chart.

Lastly, a clarification on CE points for CPR and first aid. Every SDTA member is required to complete CPR training every 3-year reporting period. A maximum of 6 CE of category A points will be given in a reporting period. As for First Aid up to 12 CE points in category B will be given in a reporting period. Therefore, if a member completes that combined First Aid and CPR course which states 18 hours of continuing ed. Then the member will receive 6 category A CE points and 12 category B points for the 3-year reporting period. If the member does CPR every year no additional points will be given.

Respectfully Submitted,
Meagan Kachur

Motion: Meagan Kachur moved her Credentials Committee Report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Jennifer Pituley. Carried.

7. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

7.1 Network of Inter-Professional Regulatory Organizations - Cindy G. Reed

I attended the NIRO meeting on October 2, in Regina. Discussion included:

Bylaw, Bylaw Review Processes (The Ministry have developed material to support regulators in understanding the process, required steps, etc.)

Public Representatives (Effectiveness, Recruitment Process, issues, etc.)

Legislation: Discussion based on the survey results (regulator input about your legislation), potential remedies, etc.

7.2 Dental Therapy Training/CDHA – Cindy Reed/Glenda Burnouf

We are still 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. I had a conference call on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 and a meeting with U of S on August 16, 2019. I have been in contact with various agencies across Canada for support for the program.

Re-Entry Mentorship Program – To date there has been one applicant. The application is pending.

CDHA's Oral Health Practitioner Project - Saskatchewan Polytechnic's Dental Therapy Feasibility Report has been finalized and the project team has asked to meet to present and discuss the findings with the Advisory Panel and have a Project Dental Feasibility Project Close Out Meeting. Several dental therapists are on the Advisory Panel.

7.3 Saskatchewan Coalition for Tobacco Reduction – Loretta Singh

- The annual meeting for the Saskatchewan Coalition for Tobacco Reduction resulted in a vote as to whether the group remain as a non-profit status or whether it would be better run as a working group. Results to follow.
- I will forward items of interest to the SDTA Ex Dir for distribution to all members.

7.4 SOHP Forum – Cindy G. Reed

Next meeting has been scheduled for November 27, 2019 in Saskatoon. On the agenda will be "Exam Codes".

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

Cindy Reed attended the CAPHD Conference on September 20-21, 2019 in Toronto. Cindy gave a report on the conference. The CAPHD Position Statement on Dental Therapy in Canada was passed at the AGM.

7.6 National Occupational Classification of Canada – Cindy G. Reed

There has been no progress to date. Tabled until the next meeting of council.

7.7 Northern Oral Health Event (Dental Days) – Glenda Burnouf

No final report available yet.

There were 3 dentist, 8 hygienist, 6 dental assistant and 6 dental therapist volunteers.

They saw 99 patients and completed almost \$48,000 worth of dentistry. The Dental Day Coordinator sent some pics and stated, "the therapists that attended were absolutely awesome and represented your profession well! We appreciate your support."

I understand that there was mental health support available as well.

7.8 DDA – Amendments/Advocacy Plan – Glenda Burnouf/Cindy G. Reed

A proposal package for the amendment of the Dental Disciplines Act, Section 25 Limitations on certain authorized practices, has been submitted to the provincial government by the SDHA. The SDTA has sent a letter of support.

8. New Business

8.1 – IPC – Patricia Skalicky

The *Infection Prevention and Control Standards in the Oral Health Care Facility* document was discussed. SDTA Council will stay apprised of and stay involved with the next revision.

Administrative

9. Officer's Reports

9.1 President's Report - Glenda Burnouf

See 5.1 President's Report

9.2 Vice President's Report – Adam Heimbecker

A lot like starting most new projects or jobs, my position as VP has proven to be most challenging and rewarding so far and am finding my groove. Glenda has been a great mentor thus far and along with Cindy, have no problem guiding me along in the right direction. Glenda and I have been editing and revising the Executive Director job description and will be further discussing with Cindy and finalizing. The executive policies are being reviewed as well along with the Book of Policies and Book of Resolution.

Motion: Adam Heimbecker moved his Vice President's Report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Loretta Singh. Carried.

10. Committee Reports

10.1 Continuing Education - Jaylynn Parenteau

My summer months as a council member were spent, first by a little relaxing and recovering from the planning of the SDTA 2019 Annual Conference, and then by starting the early planning and brainstorming phase for the 2020 Conference. I have had an incredible amount of speaker suggestions and ideas this year from our members and council and it is fantastic! This is how we make our conferences better and better, by having sessions on topics that we want to learn about and having interesting speakers who engage us and refresh our outlook on our careers. I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their input.

Thus far, pediatric dentist / anesthesiologist, Dr. Lipon, has been booked to speak for the full morning. After a lunch with a fellow dental therapist, Dr. Lipon was inspired and approached council with interest in speaking at our conference. He along with a group of pediatric dentists are putting on a pediatric bootcamp in Alberta in November, and he informed me that much of what he will present will be drawn from that.

After discussing our speaker options and topics with council, based on feedback on topic popularity, I will begin the process of researching and booking the rest of our speakers for the weekend in Saskatoon.

On the afternoon of August 19th, a CE session was held by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). Dwight Krauss spoke on the updates to the Infection Prevention and Control Standards in the Oral Health Care Facility. We discussed having another session to piggyback the ISC event during an evening or weekend for all SDTA members to attend, but due to the time of year, an appropriate date could not be decided upon. The SDTA approached ISC and asked instead if they would open the invitation to all SDTA members. ISC agreed, and many turned out making it a successful event!

The idea to have a day session in Prince Albert in the winter months is still on the table and being discussed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jaylynn Parenteau

Motion: Jaylynn Parenteau moved the Continuing Education report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Patricia Skalicky. Carried.

10.2 SDTA Conference/Election – Shari Nowosad/Petra Beaven

Since the last meeting of Council, it was decided that Shari Nowosad and Petra Beaven will co-chair the SDTA 2020 conference. Terms of reference were reviewed by co-chairs.

Shari explored hotel options and the decision was made that the conference will be held May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd at the Travelodge hotel in Saskatoon.

Penny Griffith inquired if an invitation could be sent out to the CDTA and it was decided that, while they've always been welcome, it would be fantastic if more Canadian therapists could join, so she sent out an invitation email.

Next step was to set up a committee to plan our event. Petra composed an email requesting volunteers and Cindy Reed sent it out to Saskatoon region therapists. The response was disheartening for such a large region, but we had response from two therapists: Laurie Haeusler from Humboldt and from Leanne Ziolkoski Saskatoon.

Our committee had our first meeting in September during the Oral Health Professionals Conference and have decided that our theme this year will be:

‘A Magical Evening of Fairies and Fortune!’

We are excited to conjure up some fun and put on another fantastic Dental Therapy Conference.

Our committee is still looking for volunteers to help with planning our event and any new volunteers may only be needed that weekend if they'd like to help but cannot take on any more major commitments. Please contact Chairpersons if wanting to volunteer.

In the coming months we plan to set up a bank account, clarify our roles on committees, plan and arrange entertainment and make decorations/costumes to go with our chosen theme.

We look forward to working with Continuing Education Committee to plan our event and we invite everyone to join us in making memories with colleagues and enjoying some good food and laughter.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Petra Beaven & Shari Nowosad
Conference/Election Committee Co-Chairs

Motion: Petra Beaven moved the Conference/Election report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Penny Griffith. Carried.

10.3 Editorial – Patricia Skalicky

Since the last council meeting the *Summer* edition newsletter has been published. Deadline for submissions for the *Winter* newsletter is October 15th, 2019 with a projected distribution before the end of November 2019. The newsletter will be made available via the SDTA website and Facebook page. If you would like to send feedback or submit to community spotlight, staying current, or member recognition sections please submit to patricia.skalicky@sasktel.net.

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

10.4 Community Oral Health – Loretta Singh

- The SDTA has been approached once again about placing a piece in the University of Saskatchewan Dental Student Annual Publication 2019-2020 congratulating the upcoming graduates. We have worked on a submission and are awaiting a couple other photos for use from council members. If agreed upon at council, Cindy will be sending it on for publication.

- World Cavity Free Future Day is October 14, 2019. This is an initiative of The Alliance for a Cavity-Free Future organization. Resources were reviewed and members will be receiving notification of the event and the resources via our Ex Dir.
- I inquired of the SDPHN members regarding the resources printed by the SDTA to get an idea of numbers they will be requiring for the upcoming year. They are to get back to me with that information. We are predicting a printing early in 2020.
- The Terms of Reference for the COH committee was reviewed and updates were made.

Respectfully submitted
Loretta Singh
Chair/ Community Oral Health Committee

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

Motion: I move that we support the U of S Annual Publication with a ¼ (quarter) page dental therapy advertisement. Moved by Penny Griffith. Seconded by Patricia Skalicky. Carried.

10.5 Canadian Dental Therapists Association Committee – Penny Griffith

There are many things going on globally around the world highlighting the prevalence of oral disease, lack of prevention and emphasis on treatment and generally large disparities across the globe. Most of this will see requests to government to include dental in their countries Health care. www.thelancet.com/series/oralhealth is written to educate and support oral health care, please take the time to read it and it would be great to have this in our newsletters for others to read.

There have been no follow up conversations with the CDHA.

I had one request for feedback about dental therapy licensing in Canada, which I did a bit of checking in to, and requested answers from some of you. I also will speak to this at the October SDTA mtg.

Save the date invites were sent out to email addresses of those members outside of Saskatchewan and it was told to all the Saskatchewan members through the CDTA that we will have a joint conference May 1–3, 2020 in Saskatoon.

Respectfully submitted
Penny Griffith

Motion: Penny Griffith moved the CDTA Committee report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Glenda Burnouf. Carried.

11. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

11.1 Saskatchewan Oral Health Professions Conference/Events - Cindy G. Reed

The Saskatchewan Oral Health Conference was held in Saskatoon on September 12-14, 2019. This was held in conjunction with the Canadian Dental Association Conference. The SDTA wasn't able to have a booth at the conference this year.

An email was sent to members informing them that this year there was a change in the format for submitting CE credits for the CDA/SK Oral Health Conference. I will not be receiving CE Reports directly from the conference committee as we did in the past. The CE Reports will be personally emailed to each attendee. It is the members responsibility to forward it to the SDTA. I have received 24 reports from members so far.

12. New Business

No new business.

13. Date and Place of Next Meeting

The next council meeting will be Saturday, January 18, 2020 in Saskatoon.

14. Reviewed Meeting Action List

15. Adjournment

Glenda Burnouf adjourned the meeting.

SASKATCHEWAN DENTAL THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION

COUNCIL MEETING

10:00 am – Saturday, January 18, 2020

Jolly Friar Room – Saskatoon Inn

2002 Airport Drive, Saskatoon, SK

Members Present: Glenda Burnouf, Marlo Dunlop (Public Rep), Richard Rodda (Public Rep), Adam Heimbecker, Petra Beaven, Meagan Kachur, Shari Nowosad, Jaylynn Parenteau, Jennifer Pituley, Loretta Singh, Patricia Skalicky, Cindy G. Reed

Regrets: Penny Griffith

1. Call to Order

Glenda Burnouf called the meeting to order.

2. Introduction of Council Members

3. Acceptance of Agenda/Recorder

8.3 Dentsply Gala

Motion: Glenda Burnouf moved the agenda be adopted as presented. Seconded by Patricia Skalicky. Carried.

Recorder: Cindy G. Reed recorded the meeting minutes.

4. Acceptance of the minutes of previous meeting October 5, 2019

Corrections:

page 6 7.7 third paragraph second sentence change to “The Dental Day Coordinator sent some pics and...”

Motion: Glenda Burnouf moved the minutes of October 5, 2019 with corrections. Seconded by Meagan Kachur. Carried.

Reviewed action list.

REGULATORY

5. Officer's Reports

5.1 President's Report – Glenda Burnouf

Since the last meeting of Council in October, I have:

Communicated with Loretta and Cindy in regard to a response to the IST/ART letter

Reviewed the audit and it will be signed today

Forwarded the Executive Director Contract draft copy to Cindy for her review

Submitted a picture to Loretta for her ad as requested

Conversed through text/email with Jaylynn in regard to potential speakers. I also assisted in contacting potential speakers for the conference: Emailed Dr. Todd Hartsfield as well as Dr. James Taylor.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenda Burnouf SDTA President

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

5.2 Executive Director's Report – Cindy G. Reed

I have been in contact with PBL Insurance Ltd. broker for the SDTA's Malpractice Liability Insurance. They have offered us participation in the DAS Legal Helpline. This is unlimited telephone legal advice for our members.

I attended the Saskatchewan Oral Health Coalition Meeting in Regina on October 21, 2019.

I attended the Network of Inter-Professional Regulatory Organizations meeting in Saskatoon on November 27, 2019 in Saskatoon. This will be addressed in 7.1 of the agenda.

I remain in contact with the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training and our consultant regarding the Foreign Qualification Recognition Program. This will be addressed in 7.2 of the agenda.

I remain in contact with SK Polytechnic regarding the Saskatchewan Polytechnic's Dental Therapy Feasibility Report. This will be addressed in 7.2 of the agenda.

I attended the Saskatchewan Oral Health Professions Forum meeting on November 27, 2019 in Saskatoon. This will be addressed in 7.4 of the agenda

I attended the SDHA's MLA Reception on November 19, 2019. This will be addressed in 7.8 of the agenda.

I have been in contact with the Professional Conduct Committee Chairperson in my capacity as the SDTA Executive Director.

I have been in contact with the Ministry of Health regarding the appointment of a third public representative.

I have assisted the Conference Committee with planning the SDTA Annual Conference 2020 in Saskatoon. This will be addressed in 10.2 of the agenda.

Other activities will be reported on under the Registrar's Report, Treasure's Report and as they come up on the agenda.

Respectfully submitted
Cindy G. Reed

DAS Legal Helpline was discussed. It was decided that we will enroll in the program for this year and if we find it a valuable resource, we will look at options to renew for following years.

Motion: I move that the SDTA participate in the DAS Legal Helpline offered by PBL insurance Ltd. The premiums for 2020 will be paid by the SDTA on behalf of the members. Made by Patricia Skalicky. Seconded by Adam Heimbecker. Carried.

Motion: Cindy G. Reed moved her Executive Director's report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Shari Nowosad. Carried.

5.3 Registrar's Report - Cindy G. Reed

Membership Applications and Continuing Education Credit Report updates were mailed to members in December 2019.

I have been in contact with several members lacking their continuing education credit and the mandatory CPR requirements to enable them to renew their 2020 membership.

I am presently issuing Full and Non-Practicing Memberships and Affiliates for 2020.

There has been one dental therapist registered since the last meeting of council. The name is as follows:
#866 – Jacqueline Edwards

To date there are 211 dental therapists registered with the Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association.

There were two Practicing Memberships (licenses) issued since the last meeting of council. The names are as follows:
#197 – Brettyn Harrison
#198 – Jacqueline Edwards

There are currently 198 Practicing Memberships (licenses) issued to date for the licensing year 2019 (February 1, 2019-January 31, 2020). There are 196 members with a clinical restorative practice and 2 members with a public health preventative practice. There were 200 Practicing Memberships in 2018.

There are 13 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 have been no reinstatements since the last meeting of council.

Respectfully submitted
Cindy G. Reed

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

5.4 Treasurer's Report

Cindy G. Reed gave members an updated treasurer's report.

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

6. Committee Reports

6.1 Executive Committee - Glenda Burnouf

No matters have been forwarded to the committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenda Burnouf (SDTA President)

Motion: Glenda Burnouf moved the Executive Committee Report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Meagan Kachur. Carried.

6.2 Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) – Jennifer Pituley

During our last meeting it was identified that the Self Regulated Professions, Investigations and Discipline Forum in Regina was coming up on November 4 and 5, 2019. I decided to attend the first 2 days and I am very glad that I did. There was a lot of great information very relevant and useful to support my role and the workings of the PCC. The PCC has an ongoing investigation and are working through the final stages.

I am thankful for a great team of people to work with and learn from. I could not have taken on this new role as chair without their support. There will be recommendations provided and we hope to see the conclusion of the case very soon.

We will be working on updating terms of reference, PCC flow chart and templates regularly used.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Pituley, PCC Chairperson

Motion: Jennifer Pituley moved the Professional Conduct Committee Report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Patricia Skalicky. Carried.

6.3 Discipline Committee – Shari Nowosad/Patricia Skalicky

Since the last meeting of council, no matters have been referred to the Discipline Committee from the Professional Conduct Committee.

Motion: Patricia Skalicky moved the Discipline Committee Report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Adam Heimbecker. Carried.

6.4 Credentials Committee / Professional Development Grant – Meagan Kachur

Since our last council meeting, we have updated and clarified CE credits for the First Aid and CPR as well as wrote up an informational piece on guidelines for Nitrous Oxide and reported to Patricia for newsletter submission. 2020 Membership Renewal forms and payments are due Jan 31/20. Mid October Cindy contacted me regarding an individual inquiring about the re-entry mentorship program to regain her SDTA license back. The individual had lost her SDTA license several years ago due to not fulfilling the terms of a decision by the Discipline Committee. We have contacted Bryan Salte to go over documents submitted and have ask some follow up questions. I have shared this information with Heather Sali for further insight on the manner.

Respectfully Submitted,
Meagan Kachur

Motion: Meagan Kachur moved her Credentials Committee Report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Loretta Singh. Carried.

7. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

7.1 Network of Inter-Professional Regulatory Organizations - Cindy G. Reed

I attended the last NIRO meeting on November 27 in Saskatoon. Topics included the NIRO group pursuing legislative amendments (and reviewal of those amendments), template legislation, fitness to practice legislation and what regulatory issues our counterparts in other provinces are involved in. More information will be presented at the next meeting of council.

7.2 Dental Therapy Training/CDHA – Cindy Reed/Glenda Burnouf

We are engaging in our third contract with the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training and our consultant Shirley Mathieson in the development of our Foreign Recognition Program. I will keep council up dated as information is available.

There is no known progress to report on dental hygiene/dental therapy training.

7.3 Saskatchewan Coalition for Tobacco Reduction – Loretta Singh

- The Saskatchewan Coalition for Tobacco Reduction has transitioned from non-profit status to a working group.
- We were happy to hear that many of the recommendations we submitted to the government to change regulations regarding vaping were approved. We look forward to seeing these new regulations come into effect in February. We are continuing to bring up the issues of flavours and taxation. Another planning meeting is being planned for March.
- I will continue to forward items of interest to the SDTA Ex Dir for distribution to all members.

7.4 SOHP Forum – Cindy G. Reed

I attended the last meeting of the Saskatchewan Oral Health Professions on November 27, 202 at the SDHA office in Saskatoon. The topics included once again “exam codes”, assignment (delegation), IPC/CSA Issues, Nitrous, Emergency, amendment to the DDA, etc. No real progress was made. Next meeting will be June 2020.

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

No new activities. The next meeting of the CAPHD will be in September 2020 in Winnipeg, MB.

7.6 National Occupational Classification of Canada – Cindy G. Reed

There has been no progress to date. Tabled until the next meeting of council.

7.7 Dental Days – Glenda Burnouf

A request for volunteer for the upcoming Health and Wellness Day (previously Dental Day) will be sent to members.

7.8 DDA – Amendments/Advocacy Plan – Glenda Burnouf/Cindy G. Reed

I attended the SDHA MLA Reception at the Legislature in Regina on November 19, 2019. The event was well attended, and the audience was very engaged and supportive.

The Ministry of Health has asked for a letter of support from the SDTA for the SDHA’s proposal of the removal of Section 25 of the DDA. A letter of support will be sent on behalf of council.

7.9 – IPC – Patricia Skalicky

Council sought clarification from legal counsel in regard to which guidelines, *Infection Prevention and Control Standards in the Oral Health Care Facility* standards or *Canadian Standards Association (CSA) – Canadian medical device reprocessing* would members be bound to in liability/legal cases. Legal counsel stated that there needed to be proof that the care provided was negligent, which means that the individual failed to exercise “the standard of care that would be expected of an ordinary, reasonable and prudent person in the same circumstances.” It was determined that there is uncertainty what the decision of a judge or jury would be in a particular circumstance.

8. New Business

8.1 Executive Director/Executive Policies – Adam Heimbecker/Cindy G. Reed

A conference call will be set up with Cindy, Marlo, Glenda and Adam to review the draft Executive Director Contract, the Executive Policies and the Executive Director Job Description. Tabled until next meeting of council.

8.2 Saskatchewan Oral Health Coalition representative – Cindy G. Reed

The SDTA is a supporter of the SOHC. More information will be gathered and reported on at the next meeting of council.

8.3 Dentsply Gala – Cindy G. Reed

The SDTA has received information on Dentsply’s “Women of Dentistry Gala” being held in Saskatoon on April 25, 2020. After discussion the following motion was made:

Motion: I move that the SDTA sponsor the “Women in Dentistry Gala” by donating \$500.00 to the event. Made by Shari Nowosad. Seconded by Petra Beaven, Carried.

Administrative

9. Officer's Reports

9.1 President's Report - Glenda Burnouf

See 5.1 President's Report

Motion: Glenda Burnouf moved her President’s Report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Patricia Skalicky. Carried.

9.2 Vice President's Report – Adam Heimbecker

Hopefully everyone had a great late fall and wonderful Christmas and New Years. I found myself busier than I have ever been with life, work and family.

As Vice President I have been reviewing and over viewing a lot of the policies and member jurisdiction for our members as dental therapists which has been very informative. President Glenda Burnouf and myself are currently reviewing the draft report for the executive director contract . We also reviewed and signed off on the association audit review and draft of the terms of engagement agreement from Stark and Marsh LLP.

There has been a lot of consultation and discussion with the PCC Committee this term and I am giving my ongoing support and have been very involved with the committee. The PCC Committee is very well represented and is continuing to keep the association members and public concerns effectively investigated and mitigated.

Members are looking forward to the annual conference in the spring by the buzz I have been hearing which is remarkable; this makes me excited as the speakers sound very good and the whole weekend is always filled with a lot of fun.

Motion: Adam Heimbecker moved his Vice President's Report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Loretta Singh. Carried.

10. Committee Reports

10.1 Continuing Education - Jaylynn Parenteau

This quarter has been a busy one for the continuing education committee. Speaker ideas were shared and discussed at the last meeting in which I was not able to attend, so I connected via conference call. Due to the difficulty in hearing, I had to rely on council members to send me notes and ideas. Thank you to all who did so, it was very much appreciated!

Once ideas and speakers were decided upon, I began reaching out to presenters. Unfortunately, one of the speakers that I had hoped to book was unavailable, but he agreed to revisit the conversation for next year's SDTA Annual Conference.

This year, it was decided that we would add a speaker to our Friday night as a "Wine and Learn" type of event. This is an exciting new addition to our conference, and we are hoping that it will encourage more members to participate with a full registration.

Our presenters are as follows:

Friday night - Beauty Through the Ages, Dr. Rick Jaggi

Saturday morning – Pediatric Dentistry, Dr. James Lipon

Saturday afternoon - Orofacial Myofunctional Therapy, Vera Horn

I have obtained course titles, descriptions, and speaker bios from each of the presenters that I will pass along to be used to publish and advertisement to our members. I would like to send a big thank you to Penny for contacting Dr. Jaggi. She has been a great help to me!

Once the meeting has concluded and I am assured that council members approve of speaker costs, topics etc., I will start discussing speaker contracts with our presenters.

This year, I was flooded with ideas for presenters. I urge members to continue to express topics that they would like to have at our conferences, as it makes for a conference that we all enjoy and benefit from.

Respectfully submitted,
Jaylynn Parenteau

Motion: Jaylynn Parenteau moved the Continuing Education report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Meagan Kachur. Carried.

10.2 SDTA Conference/Election – Shari Nowosad/Petra Beaven

Since the last meeting of Council, the Conference/Election committee has had one meeting. We are a team of only four, but we are full of ideas and drive towards making the 46th Annual Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association Conference full of energy and whimsical fun!

Originally, we had some secret entertainment booked, but due to that entertainer's family health concerns, that plan fell through and we had to start over.

Our team then had our on-line meeting where we discussed all aspects of conference planning and we then moved forward with those ideas.

Tentative entertainment has been planned and booked and we have made decisions towards decorations and registration gift bags.

We recently were informed by the Continuing Education Committee that for the first time ever, we will have a Friday night speaker to add to this great weekend and the rooms booked have been changed according to that. We have had the wonderful interest from vendors coming to our conference as well.

The Travelodge Hotel coordinator has been fantastic to work with through these changes and we certainly hope they come through with great food and facilities in May.

In the months to come we will be very busy making arrangements towards theme and entertainment while trying to stay resourceful with the budget. That being said, we will be asking our Registrar to email out a sponsorship/donations letter in hopes that Saskatoon region Dental Therapists unable to volunteer will help bring in some monetary donations or door prizes to add to our event.

During the next council meeting we may share our ideas and ask for some added guidance for our visions. The next three months will be busy but will surely fly by!

See you then in casual or professional attire and costumes ;)

Respectfully Submitted by:
Petra Beaven & Shari Nowosad
Conference/Election Committee Co-Chairs

Motion: Petra Beaven moved the Conference/Election report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Jaylynn Parenteau. Carried.

10.3 Editorial – Patricia Skalicky

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

10.4 Community Oral Health – Loretta Singh

- The AD for use in the University of Saskatchewan Dental Student Annual Publication 2019-2020 congratulating the upcoming graduates was completed and Cindy sent it in with our fee.
- National Non-Smoking Week is January 20-26, 2019. Resources are being reviewed and members will be receiving notification of the event and the resources via our Ex Dir. when I receive them.
- We continue to hear from our members regarding the estimated numbers of resources printed by the SDTA they will be requiring for the upcoming year. From what I understand the edits are on schedule, so we are predicting a printing early in 2020.
- Our committee has created a position statement for vaping, and we are bringing it before council for your approval. It will then be added to our website.

Respectfully submitted
Loretta Singh

Chair/Community Oral Health Committee

Motion: Loretta Singh moved the Community Oral Health report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Meagan Kachur. Carried.

10.5 Canadian Dental Therapists Association Committee – Penny Griffith

I have been receiving emails mostly from Dr. Taylor with information about what is happening in the Dental world. Vaping, seniors and position on Dental Therapy are the subjects he included me in.

I sent out an email to the CDTA members in early January to let them know about the updates as well as a second invite to the conference in May with the registration form.

I updated the TOR to show that we are not an association but rather a committee. I sent these to Cindy to send out to the executive for comments.

Respectfully submitted
Penny Griffith

Motion: Cindy G. Reed moved Penny Griffith CDTA Committee report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Jaylynn Parenteau. Carried.

11. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

11.1 Saskatchewan Oral Health Professions Conference/Events - Cindy G. Reed

The Saskatchewan Oral Health Conference will be held in Regina on September 24-26, 2020.

12. New Business

No new business.

13. Date and Place of Next Meeting

The next council meeting will be Saturday, March 14, 2020 in Saskatoon.

14. Reviewed Meeting Action List

15. Adjournment

Glenda Burnouf adjourned the meeting.



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