



# **Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association**

## **ANNUAL REPORTS 2021-2022**

Annual General Meeting  
9:00am-12:00pm  
Sunday, May 1, 2022  
Sheraton Cavalier Saskatoon Hotel



**Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association**  
**48<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
**May 1, 2022**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order: Welcome/Introduction
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting
4. Officers' Reports
  - 4.1 President – Glenda Burnouf
  - 4.2 Vice-President – Adam Heimbecker
  - 4.3 Executive Director – Cindy G. Reed
  - 4.4 Registrar – Cindy G. Reed
  - 4.5 Treasurer - Cindy G. Reed
5. Election of Council
6. Committee Reports
  - 6.1 Executive Committee – Glenda Burnouf
  - 6.2 Professional Conduct Committee – Jennifer Pituley
  - 6.3 Discipline Committee – Jaylynn Parenteau
  - 6.4 Credentials Committee/Professional Development Grant – Meagan Kachur
  - 6.5 Continuing Education – Jaylynn Parenteau
  - 6.6 SDTA Conference/Election – Petra Beaven/Margaret Morin
  - 6.7 Communications Committee – Rhonda Krienke/Glenda Burnouf
  - 6.9 Canadian Dental Therapists Association – Cyerra Powder
7. Other Business/Discussion
  - 7.1 Audit – Cindy G. Reed
  - 7.2 PBL/Malpractice Liability Insurance – Cindy G. Reed
  - 7.3 SDTA Internationally Educated Dental Therapist Assessment and Gap Training Program – Cindy G. Reed
  - 7.4 Dental Therapy Training – Glenda Burnouf/Cindy G. Reed
  - 7.5 Modules for Dental Therapists – Cindy G. Reed
  - 7.5 Saskatchewan Oral Health Professions Forum – Cindy G. Reed
  - 7.6 Infection Prevention and Control Standards – Patricia Skalicky
  - 7.7 Canadian Association of Public Health Dentistry – Cindy G. Reed
  - 7.7 Saskatchewan Coalition for Tobacco Reduction – Loretta Singh
  - 7.8 Saskatchewan Oral Health Coalition – Meagan Kachur
  - 7.9 DDA – Amendments – Cindy G. Reed
  - 7.10 Pandemic – Cindy G. Reed
  - 7.11 Website Design – Cindy G. Reed
8. Reports of Election Results
9. Adjournment

**SASKATCHEWAN DENTAL THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION  
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**PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT**

Tansi and welcome to the Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association's 48<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. As we gather here today, we acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Metis. We pay our respects to the First Nations and Metis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

After having two virtual AGM's during the pandemic, it is so nice to finally be back together in person.

I have just completed my sixth year in my third term as President and it has proven to be a very exciting and promising year. We transitioned back to in person meetings over the past year and our last council meeting in March was great as we were finally able to see Cindy in person. Even though we spoke on the phone and had virtual meetings it was still so nice to have her sitting beside me at the Council table. She has been as usual such a wealth of knowledge and has really accomplished so much over the past year in regard to a few projects we had on the go. She is such a valuable asset to our association, and I have said this time and time again but her devotion, passion and unwavering dedication to the SDTA is beyond amazing. She really is the heart and soul of the SDTA.

A few highlights of the year:

I reviewed and witnessed the audit from our accountant.

I participated in Board Governance training which was sponsored by NIRO. A very informative training session which I greatly enjoyed.

The partnership between the Northern Inter-Tribal Health Authority, the University of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Polytechnic continues to work toward an accredited dental therapy program in Saskatchewan. I participated in the Curriculum development committee from October to January. We met multiple times via zoom meetings along with many emails to finalize the proposed curriculum for the Dental Therapy training. I look forward to hearing from the Steering Committee for any updates on the collaborative proposed Dental Therapy training program.

The Canadian Dental Therapists Association continues to be a committee of the SDTA, and Member at large Cyerra Powder is now the chairperson of the CDTA. Thank you to past Chairperson Penny Griffith for your dedication and commitment over the past 4 years.

Our sole public representative Marlo Dunlop continues to be a great support and voice for the public. We have two vacancies and will continue to wait for new appointments from the Ministry.

I would like to express my sincerest gratitude and appreciation to our Council Members. Completing their term on Council are Meagan Kachur, Margaret Morin, Jaylynn Parenteau and Penny Griffith. Continuing their term are Petra Beavan, Cyerra Powder and Jennifer Pituley as well as our Vice President Adam Heimbecker.

We have a number of vacancies on Council, and I strongly urge you to consider putting your name forward. There are exciting times ahead and now would be the opportune time to join our Council. If elected as a member of council, you will have the opportunity to help shape the future of your association. Our association needs you to take ownership, to assume leadership roles, to take pride in your profession and to move forward in representing the dental therapists of Saskatchewan.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Glenda Burnouf*

SDTA President

## **VICE-PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT**

Good morning, everyone. Hopefully everyone had an amazing time last night at our 3 year planned evening program...thanks to Petra, Margaret and Shari Nowosad, your efforts do not go unnoticed. For everyone here, thank you so much for attending our AGM this year as this is truly the foundation which sets, oversees, and fabricates the well being and direction of our association. Once again, this year, as Vice President, I am so proud and impressed with the efforts and versatility of our council. 2021 and into 2022 brought us many changes, challenges, and successes as a council and for this I would like to show my greatest gratitude for the determination and perseverance showed by our Council Members. Our last council meeting in March would mark the first meeting since Covid presented itself that we have had a fully in person meeting rather than virtually or hybrid meeting; this makes me feel as though we are moving ahead and beating this one step at a time. Along with this I would like to give all the members of our association a huge "fist bump" for their continued awareness and diligence to positive oral health through all the restrictions, employment changes and hardships attributed by the pandemic, you all are amazing.

As Vice President, many tasks were accomplished and duties were carried forward this year such as reviewing terms of reference and reviewing and signing the audit along with our president, Glenda Burnouf. Myself, along with council, had a fulfilling year with so many debates, discussions and decisions made; the successes of which continue to make the whole council such a well-oiled mechanism. The positive news of the announcement of Northern Inter-Tribal Health Authority, the University of Saskatchewan, and Saskatchewan Polytechnic of an accredited dental therapy program in Saskatchewan continues to be an exciting topic. As this continues to move ahead one step at a time, I can not stress enough the amount of continued effort and determination with people involved to make this a realism one day. A group of people have also went over and above to bring a Foreign Qualification Recognition Program into our province enabling out of country dental therapists the opportunity to be accepted, evaluated, and potentially fully licensed with SDTA to practice dental therapy.

I would like to thank my friends, colleagues and leaders in our association, our council, for the countless hours and efforts sacrificed for oral health and our profession. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our members completing and continuing their terms on council. Lastly, a special thanks and shout out to two amazing woman whose dedication and devotion when it comes to dental therapy surpasses all levels asked for, Glenda Burnouf and Cindy Reed.

Thank you to all our members for your continued dedication and perseverance to your profession and the oral health of Saskatchewan. I can not express enough how it continues to be both a pleasure and honour to be a part of council, this association, and the profession of Dental Therapy.

Respectfully submitted,

*Adam Heimbecker*

SDTA Vice-President

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

It will be exciting to see everyone in person this year. I am looking forward to the SDTA's 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting. I think Covid-19 has had us all appreciating freedom and the time we spend with our friends and colleagues. It has been three years since we've had an opportunity to meet in person. Who would have thought!

I can't express how proud I am of our profession. We have made many changes to our professional lives. We have had to be flexible, adaptable and multi-talented during these times. We have been providing dental services in constrained environments to assisting with Covid-19 duties on the front line. Now dental therapists are even tasked with providing seasonal flu vaccines. I will say again, we are a multi-talented profession!

Petra Beaven and Margaret Morin have spent literally years planning the conference this year. I can't wait to see what they have planned. They have even kept most of council in the dark when it comes to their plans. Jaylynn Parenteau has booked a great lineup of speakers. Adding a Friday night speaker for a "Wine & Learn" sounds exciting. She has booked some very popular speakers for Saturday. Liaising with fellow dental therapists at events tailored to our profession is the best education we could ever receive.

It is with sadness that we see our president Glenda Burnouf's term come to an end. I will miss her professionalism and knowledge. She was elected before the Pandemic, so she led us through the legislative changes necessary to keep the association operating. Glenda has been a great president, ambassador and representative for our profession. She will forever be a good friend.

A big thank you goes out to our members completing their terms on council, Penny Griffith, Meagan Kachur, Margaret Morin, and Jaylynn Parenteau. Thank you and welcome back for another year, Petra Beaven, Jennifer Pituley, and Cyerra Powder. Also, a thank you to our Public Representative, Marlo Dunlop for his dedication too. As our lone rep he has played a few roles on council. The council meetings, though most were hybrid meetings, were well attended by dedicated council members. I will not lie, in person council meetings are always more productive so hopefully we have a better year coming up.

I would like to thank Savannah Hryhor, our Trade-A-Tooth coordinator, for her volunteer work with the association. She has quietly worked behind the scenes filling all of the requests for Trade-a-Tooth packages. If you want to know more about the program let her know.

I hope everyone attends the Annual General Meeting. We have had great support at the last two AGM 's that were held virtually so I'm sure this one will be no different.

If you are interested in being on council or one of the committees of council, feel free to approach any council member or past council member for more information. The position of president is open this year. If you are interested Glenda would be happy to answer any of your questions. Glenda will be taking the Past Presidents position for one year so she will be there to assist the incoming president.

The positions of President, 4 Members at Large (2-year positions) and 1 Members at Large (1-year position) are up for election. Nominations can be made at the AGM or can be made in advance. The nomination form and more information can be found on the SDTA website at <http://www.sdta.ca/agm.html>. Nomination forms will also be available from any council member throughout the conference weekend.

There are a few exciting happenings in the dental therapy profession like the development of the SDTA Internationally Educated Dental Therapist Assessment Program and the partnerships that may lead to the establishment of a new a dental therapy program in Saskatchewan. You will have to attend the Annual General Meeting to hear more.

Other executive director activities will be discussed as they come up in the agenda.

I am looking forward to the convention this year in Saskatoon. See you there.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cindy G. Reed SDT*

Executive Director

### **REGISTRAR'S ANNUAL REPORT**

I compiled information for and filed our Annual Reports 2021 that is required to be filed with the Minister of Justice and Department of Health, according to Section 49 of the Dental Disciplines Act.

In accordance with Bylaw II Section 2 of the Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association Bylaws, on January 31, 2022, the names of 9 dental therapists were removed from the register as they no longer met the requirements for registration.

There have been 3 dental therapists registered (re-instated) since the last Annual General Meeting of council. In accordance with Section 19 of The Dental Disciplines Act, there are currently 185 dental therapists registered with the Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Council.

There are currently 164 Practicing Memberships (licenses) issued to date for the licensing year 2022 (February 1, 2022-January 31, 2023). There are 159 members with a clinical restorative practice and 4 members with a public health preventive practice. There were 174 Practicing Memberships in 2021.

There are 21 Non-Practicing Memberships issued to date for the year 2022. There were 18 Non-Practicing Memberships issued in 2021.

There are 28 Affiliates issued to date for the year 2022. There were 2 Affiliates with a clinical restorative practice MLI policy. There were 28 Affiliates issued in 2021.

We currently have 6 potential applicants for the Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association Internationally Educated Dental Therapist Assessment and Gap Training Program.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cindy G. Reed SDT*

Registrar

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee Chairperson: Glenda Burnouf (President)

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

#### **Activities:**

The Book of Policy was reviewed and updated.

Terms of Reference circulated and reviewed.

#### **Recommendations:**

Review Terms of Reference annually.

Respectfully submitted,

*Glenda Burnouf*

Chairperson

## PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee Chairperson: Jennifer Pituley

Committee Members: Patricia Gottselig, Adam Heimbecker, Cyerra Powder

Public Representative: vacant

The last 2 years have cultivated much change in many of our lives. I wish to extend a huge thank you and acknowledge the steadfast commitment of the members on the PCC. I have learned a lot throughout my time with the PCC and am thankful for the opportunity to continue learning and growing as an individual and as a professional. The PCC worked to conclusion on a couple of cases over the last year. The cases presented challenges and forced some uncomfortable yet valuable conversations within the group. With change comes growth, as individuals and as a committee, I believe we never stop learning.

The most profound teaching this year has provided is that as oral health professionals, we have a responsibility to not only measure our success with our own device but to ensure we understand how others perceive their experiences with us. This is defined as *Cultural Safety: An approach that considers how social and historical contexts, as well as structural and interpersonal power imbalances, shape health and health care experiences. Practitioners shall remain self-reflective/self-aware with regards to their position of power and the impact of this role in relation to clients.*

**"Safety" is defined by those who receive the service, NOT those who provide it.**

(Cheryl Ward (MSW,RSW,EdDcandidate), Chelsey Branch (Med, MA, PhD student) and Alycia Fridkin (MHSc, PhD) "Indigenous People" issue of Visions Journal, 2016 11(4), p. 29)

In Conclusion, the SDTA PCC recommends that its members take the opportunity to participate in growth towards understanding and acknowledging their role in ensuring the safety of those we serve.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jennifer Pituley*

Professional Conduct Committee Chairperson

## DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Co- Chairpersons: Jaylynn Parenteau

Committee Members: Marlo Dunlop (Public Representative), Janice Johnson, Patricia Skalicky

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

Recommendations

1. Review Terms of Reference

Respectfully submitted,

*Jaylynn Parenteau*



Discipline Committee Chairperson

## **CREDENTIALS/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee Chairpersons: Meagan Kachur

Committee Members: Sehlile Peters, Amy Read, Heather Sali, and Cindy Reed

### Activities

SDTA Council meetings were attended via zoom and in person as required. Cindy Reed issued Continuing Education Credit reports to all members via mail. A motion was past at the January 2022 meeting to extend the unlimited CE Credits till June 30, 2022. Members were reminded about license renewal and submission of CE credits require details of what the course was in order to receive CE credits.

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

The professional and Personal Development Grant application was sent to members March 28th, 2022. Any members who have participated in training that qualifies for the Annual SDTA Bursary are asked to apply. Application Deadline is April 24, 2022.

### Recommendations

1. All SDTA members should be using the SDTA Continuing Education Credit "Request Form" for credit submissions. Proof of attendance to all conventions, seminars, etc. must be verified and documented by members attending.
2. All credits must be obtained by members by the end of the 3-year reporting period to maintain a license with the SDTA. Updated CPR or BLS course is required every 3-year reporting year. First Aid not required but strongly recommended and is counted towards CE credits.
3. All members should review the CE Document (available online). Many avenues to acquire CE credits (online for this COVID year).
4. If members have participated in training that qualifies for the Annual SDTA Bursary, please apply. The application form is always included in the first newsletter printed each year (volume 1).
5. Members to compete Cultural Sensitivity Training as part of requirement of license.

Respectfully submitted,

*Meagan Kachur*

Chairperson

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee Chairperson: Jaylynn Parenteau

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

### Activities:

As another year of the pandemic affected our lives, we looked forward to the 48th annual conference with uncertainty and doubt of what it would look like. We saw provincial restrictions flicker off and on like a lightbulb with a poor connection and this made planning almost impossible. As the end of the year approached and restrictions began steadily lifting, we made the optimistic decision to hope for the best and plan an in person event for our 48th annual conference!

Conference planning normally starts almost a year in advance, but as we waited in limbo to see what would happen, everything was put on hold. So, when the decision was made to hold the conference in person, it was go time for the Continuing Education and Conference planning Committees. Unfortunately, I have been reassigned to COVID Support work during the pandemic, so I have been out of the dental field for the last two years. This left me feeling a little lost on what our SDTA members would like to learn about. I had decided to survey our members to hear their perspective on what continuing education topics are most popular and in demand at this time. With the help of Cindy, this survey was a great success, and we had a lot of feedback from our members.

Based on the survey results, the following speakers were booked:

Dr. Nekky Jamal - I Got 99 Problems, but Pullin' Teeth Ain't One

Dr. Shari McKinstry - Indigenous Discourse in Oral Health

Dr. Dean Sexsmith - A Tooth Carpenter's Guide to Long Lasting Restorations

John Mitchell - Bouncing Forward from Loss: Resiliency through Self-Compassion

Our speakers have all been wonderful to work with, especially considering they only had a couple of months notice of our event. I am filled with gratitude for them and excitement for what our IN-PERSON event will bring this year. Hopefully a weekend full of excellent learning, networking, and seeing our old friends and colleagues face to face is to come our way!

Recommendations:

As is suggested each year, bring forth speakers and topic suggestions to your association. This education is for you and catered to you, so let us know what you want to hear! Due to the success of this year's survey, this will likely be done again. Check your emails to stay up to date with our association and please let your voice count as you fill out any surveys sent your way!

Respectfully submitted,

*Jaylynn Parenteau*

Chairperson

## **SDTA 2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE ANNUAL REPORT**

Committee Co-Chairpersons: Petra Beaven/Margaret Morin

Conference Committee Members: Shari Nowosad, Cindy Reed, Leanne Ziolkoski, Lory Haeusler, Celeste Derkach

This year has been a roller coaster of emotions for us Conference Committee Co-Chairpersons! At first, we thought the chances of having an in-person Conference were slim to none. Then, there were true glimmers of hope...that were yet again sadly crushed by Covid-19 numbers in our province.

We dreamed of our 'Magical' vision coming to reality! Dreamed of bringing out some of the decorations now stored in a basement for two years!

But those dreams had to wait until January 2022 Council meeting, when Council decided to brave the future unknowingly of what the Pandemic may bring and during a hybrid meeting, Council voted for an In-Person event once more!

Margaret and Petra got right to work at exploring Hotel options again. The Travelodge Hotel was still holding the last weekend in April open for SDTA Conference but after reviewing the Hotels rooms and the concerns that had been brought forth to Council's attention, the decision was made to explore other venues. Finally, after seeing Hotels in person and comparing prices, the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel was chosen as venue for our education sessions, social events, and AGM April 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Petra then went to work on planning events and arranging entertainment. Lots of decorations were fabricated and the details started to come together.

Shari Nowosad took time to invite Vendors and make arrangements for a mini tradeshow with great suppliers and products during the Saturday education session and breaks.

Margaret focussed on seeking out sponsors to help off-set the costs of the events and research door prizes and registration gift bag items.

Many lists have been made to ensure attendees find the Conference enjoyable and next meeting of the Conference Committee was set for April 7th.

Our committee hopes to introduce our members to other affiliates in the profession through sponsorship and education and truly hope these introductions will lead to better knowledge of available options for referrals, suppliers, and products available to us Dental Therapists and ultimately increasing better patient care.

We very much look forward to our visions coming to reality and look forward to the Election of some new Council members at our AGM.

Our committee would make the recommendation that the next Committee Chairperson start considering the options for not only the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference but start making possible inquiries into Education and Venue options for the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference as that truly should be one to attend!

Respectfully submitted,

*Petra Beaven/Margaret Morin*

Co-Chairpersons

## **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Chairperson: Rhonda Krienke

Committee Members: Glenda Burnouf, Cindy G. Reed, Adam Heimbecker

The Editorial Committee and the Community Oral Health Committee have been combined to create the Communications Committee.

Activities:

- A letter of support was sent to the Regina City Council for their Community Water Fluoridation vote.
- An announcement was placed in the Saskatchewan Dental Student Society's Yearbook congratulating the U of S College of Dentistry graduating Class of 2022.
- A letter of request was sent to the Honourable Paul Merriman, Minister of Health declaring Dental Therapists week for April 24-30, 2022.

Recommendations:

- Further develop the Terms of Reference for the committee
- Expand the SDTA media presence in platforms such as the newsletter, Facebook, Instagram, etc.
- Revamp Website
- Encourage members to submit photos for "pictorial" history.
- Scan and catalogue NSDT grad photos
- Develop further position statements for the SDTA

Respectfully submitted,

*Rhonda Krienke*

Chairperson

## **TRADE-A-TOOTH ANNUAL REPORT**

Coordinator: Savannah Hryhor

### Activities

1. Some great letters have been received this year and all were returned with packages. We have received letters from all over Saskatchewan and one classroom group of letters from Martinsville.
2. An average of 1 letter was received per month which is down from 2 last year.
3. Packages include a toothbrush, pencil, stickers, floss sticks, brushing chart with stickers, dental information for parents, and dental activity sheets.
4. Cindy Read distributes the trade-a-tooth posters.

### Recommendations

1. It was awesome to receive one classroom group of letters this year, so I encourage all dental therapists and dental health educators to continue to get as many classrooms involved as possible.
2. As always, we would love for teeth to be cavity free!

Respectfully submitted,

*Savannah Hryhor*

Trade-a-Tooth Coordinator

## **CANADIAN DENTAL THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE**

May 2021 – November 21 – Chair Penny Griffith

As your CDTAC chair for the past few years I want to thank the members of the SDTA executive council for their knowledge, sharing, and expertise as we have navigated the waters of the global pandemic and still conducted business to represent our SDTA members. This has been all new to us and we learned more about virtual meetings and learning than we ever knew we needed.

When I took this position, I had high hopes to have a CDTA in place with regulation and licensing along with a yearly CDTA convention, but the pandemic found me busy with covid duties. As a health care worker, the jobs were plentiful and exhausting with no time or energy left for moments of exploration to put together an association. With the pandemic hopefully winding down, our new chair can take these ideas, add her own, and with the anticipation of a school for training new Canadian Dental Therapists, may reach this goal yet.

During the pandemic the realization of how important it is for a national body with a national voice became quickly apparent. Our Canadian Chief Dental Officer and his staff included us and shared our contact information. We were involved in committee work which led us into advanced and new job duties as well as having shared information about the pandemic and what other organizations and jurisdictions were doing. Our Canada wide Dental Therapists stepped up and took on duties such as vaccination and testing and our ISC Dental Therapists were recognized nationally for that. Our IPC shone as we kept our impeccable IPC standards in place. Many of our Dental Therapists were called on to take on larger roles in management and coordination and this

has shown our resilience and adaptation. As we move towards our 50th year in Canada my hope is that we have our school up and running and an association that represents us worldwide.

In November I stepped aside for our new chair, Cyerra Powder, and I wish her and the executive council good health and good luck carrying our dental therapists into our 49th year.

Sincerely and respectfully submitted

*Penny Griffith*  
CDTAC Chairperson (past)

November 22 2022 - March 2022 - Chair Cyerra Powder

As 2021 came to an end, I have had the honor and privilege to transition in to the new CDTAC chair with the knowledge and guidance from our previous CDTAC Chair, Penny Griffith.

Covid-19 has been incredibly trying for many worldwide, Penny Griffith is a shining example of how adaptable dental therapists truly are. Penny has collaborated and shared expertise with various national associations during the ongoing global pandemic to ensure dental therapists across Canada protect the public. Penny Griffith has done an amazing job in navigating the waters as the CDTAC chair fulfilling an immense amount of responsibilities on a national level, would like to send a heartfelt thank you for the extreme dedication to the Dental Therapy profession.

As we ease into spring in hopes that Covid-19 becomes endemic, I wish Penny plenty of well-deserved rest with her loved ones. Once again, Thank you for all of your hard work as the CDTAC chair for the past few years.

During the grooming stages of becoming the new CDTAC chair I have had plenty of research to do on a National Level, networking has been constant.

Introductory meetings were held with Indigenous Services Canada National Oral Health Team, to begin exploring solutions to strengthen the CDTAC.

I have met the Senior Oral Health advisor at the Public Health Agency of Canada to discuss National upcoming events. Working alongside the Chief Dental Officer of Canada Dr. James Taylor to stay current on Dental Therapy updates worldwide has been wonderful.

In January, the Indigenous Dental Association of Canada was announced, please be sure to become a member. Reconciliation has become a top priority with many organizations across Canada, the Canadian Dental Therapy Association of Canada supports Truth and Reconciliation.

Spring has birthed new beginnings for the future of dental therapy, on March 12-13, 2022, the Calibration of Examiners training in partnership with Saskatchewan Polytechnic & Saskatchewan Ministry of Immigration and Career Training was held. The creation of the SDTA Internationally Educated Dental Therapist Assessment and Gap Training Program is exciting news. Thank you to Shirley Mathieson, Trish Gottselig, Yvette Ludwig, Lacey Evanochko, Cindy Reed and to all others who played a major role in bringing this project to life. Increasing the amount of oral health providers across Canada is prevalent to ensure gaps are met and optimal oral health is delivered.

In kind spirit,

*Cyerra Powder*  
CDTAC Chairperson

**SASKATCHEWAN DENTAL THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION**  
**47<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**12:30pm – Saturday, May 8, 2021**  
Video Conference

**1. Call to Order: Welcome/Introduction**

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

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Motion: Glenda Burnouf moved the agenda be adopted as circulated and amended. Seconded. Passed by the membership.

**3. Approval of Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting**

Glenda Burnouf moved the minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting be adopted as presented. Seconded. Passed by the membership.

**4. Officer's Reports**

**4.1 President's Report – Glenda Burnouf**

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

Motion: Glenda Burnouf moved her President's Report be adopted as presented. Seconded. Passed by the membership.

**4.2 Vice-President's Report – Adam Heimbecker**

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

Motion: Adam Heimbecker moved the Vice-President's Report be adopted as presented. Seconded. Passed by the membership.

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

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

Motion: Cindy G. Reed moved her Executive Director's Report be adopted as presented. Seconded. Passed by the membership.

**4.4 Registrar's Report – Cindy G. Reed**

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

Motion: Cindy G. Reed moved her Registrar's Report be adopted as presented. Seconded. Passed by the membership.

**4.5 Treasurer's Report – Cindy G. Reed**

Cindy G. Reed presented members with an updated financial statement for the association.

Motion: Cindy G. Reed moved her Treasurer's Report be adopted as presented. Seconded. Passed by the membership.

Discussion: There was discussion on the collecting of provincial sales tax (pst) from our members. We are charged pst by our insurance carrier as insurance premiums became taxable as part of the 2017 provincial budget. To date the association has not charged

members those fees but as of the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2021, the association will be collecting those fees from its members when applicable.

### **Election of Council**

Petra Beaven opened nominations for Vice President.

Penny Griffith nominated Adam Heimbecker. Seconded by Janet G. Adam let his name stand.

Cyerra Powder volunteered.

Loretta Singh moved nominations for vice president cease. Seconded. Passed by the membership.

Petra Beaven opened for nominations for the four council Members at Large.

Jennifer Pituley volunteered.

Petra Beaven volunteered.

Loretta Singh volunteered.

Penny Griffith nominated Rhonda Krienke. Jennifer Pituley seconded. Rhonda let her name stand.

Lenia Rivera volunteered.

Jaqueline Edwards nominated Mingma Sherpa. Seconded by Uddhab Thagunna. Mingma let his name stand.

Vivian Merasty nominated Pam McKay. Seconded by Shirley Bird. Pam let her name stand.

Cyerra P volunteered.

Patricia Skalicky moved nominations for member at large cease. Seconded. Passed by the membership.

Nominations for Member at Large were left open while members voted on the Vice President position. This was to enable a member to run for both positions.

Members cast their votes for Vice President. Votes were calculated. Adam Heimbecker was elected Vice President.

Nominations for Member at Large were completed, and nominations ceased. Members cast their votes for Member at Large. Votes were calculated. The vote resulted in three members elected and a tie for the fourth position. A tie breaker vote was held. Results were determined for fourth member at large position.

Results were recorded and announced on point 8 of the Agenda.

## **6. Committee Reports**

### **6.1 Executive Committee – Glenda Burnouf**

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

Motion: Glenda Burnouf moved the Executive Committee report be adopted as presented. Seconded. Passed by the membership.

### **6.2 Professional Conduct Committee – Jennifer Pituley**

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

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

### **6.3 Discipline Committee – Patricia Skalicky**

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

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

### **6.4 Credentials Committee/Professional Development Grant – Meagan Kachur**

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

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

### **6.5 Continuing Education/Professional Development Committee – Jaylynn Parenteau**

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

Motion: Jaylynn Parenteau moved the Continuing Education Committee report be adopted as presented. Seconded. Passed by the membership.

### **6.6 SDTA 2019 Annual Conference Committee/Election – Petra Beaven /Margaret Morin**

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

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

### **6.7 Editorial Committee – Patricia Skalicky**

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

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

### **6.8 Community Oral Health Committee/Trade-A-Tooth – Loretta Singh**

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

Motion: Loretta Singh moved the Community Oral Health and Trade-a-Tooth reports be adopted as presented. Seconded. Passed by the membership.

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

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

Motion: Penny Griffith moved the Canadian Dental Therapists Association report be adopted as presented. Seconded. Passed by the membership.

## **7. Other Business/Discussion**

### **7.1 Audit – Cindy G. Reed**

Motion: I move that Stark and Marsh accountants be appointed as auditor to carry out the SDTA's yearly audit. According to the SDTA's bylaws Part II Admin Bylaws, Bylaw II Section II. Moved by Bev Whitford. Seconded by Loretta Singh. Passed by the membership.



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

We still have the same provider, NFP Canada Corp. The premiums went up by approximately 15% for 2021. This is the first fee increase in 10 years. I encourage our members to go to the members section of the SDTA website and review the documents provided by the company.

- What Should You Report and What Should the Report Contain?
- What to Expect When You Report a Claim
- DAS Legal Helpline

## **7.3 Internationally Educated Dental Therapists Assessment – Cindy G. Reed**

I have had several meetings with the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training and our consultants. Our consultants are Patricia Gottselig, Yvette Ludwig, and Lacey Evanochko. Thank you. This year we have completed our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> contracts with the ministry. We have been fortunate to have funding through the ministry.

The consultants have developed curriculum for 10 courses identified courses. The courses are:

- Dental Dams
- Fissure Sealants
- Composite Fillings
- Pulpal Therapy
- Stainless Steel Crowns
- Impressions
- Permanent Extractions
- Exposing Radiographs
- Space Maintenance
- Ethics and Jurisprudence

As part of the development of this program we are at the stage where we are wanted to form a Credentials Assessing Committee for assessing documentation from foreign training applicants. If anyone is interested in participating on this committee let me know.

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

Dr. Doug Brothwell presented on the announcement of the establishment of dental therapy training in Saskatchewan. A new partnership between the Northern Inter-Tribal Health Authority (NITHA), Saskatchewan Polytechnic and the University of Saskatchewan (U of SK) has been awarded \$150,000 by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to create a model for establishing the only accredited dental therapy program in Canada.

Dr. Todd Hartfield presented "Update on US Dental Therapy Programs". Dr. Hartfield is a strong supporter of dental therapy in the US. He has spoken to numerous organizations in the US of the benefits of including dental therapists in dental care delivery. Dr. Hartsfield came to Saskatchewan in 1974 and spent many years here before returning to the US.

- 1974-1976 Supervising Dentist in the SK Dental Plan-North Battleford Region
- 1976-78 Dental Therapy Instructor at Wascana Institute
- 1986-1994 Dental Director, Northern Health Services, La Ronge
- 1994-2001 Instructor at NSDT, Prince Albert

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

The forum has met numerous times since the Pandemic started. Collaboratively Covid-19 protocol has been developed. The CDSS IPC Interim Protocol is based on current Government Health Regulations.

**COVID-19** – We encourage our members to continue checking the [SDTA website](#) and [CDSS website](#) for updated Covid-19 Alerts. The current CDSS IPC Interim Protocol was updated to Phase 5 on December 7, 2020.

The forum has also worked with the ministry in ensuring the dental professions was added to the vaccination roll out. Dental professionals, as front-line health care workers with direct patient contact, we were eligible on Friday, April 30, 2021.

Brenda Yungworth has taken the position of Executive Director/Registrar of the SDAA. Dr. Gerry Uswak has taken on the role of Registrar of the CDSS. Jerod Orb is now the CDSS Chief Executive Officer and Mr. Gord Gillespie as Council Chair.

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

It was agreed by the dental professions that no changes will be made to the IPC document at this time. Understandably the science changes daily so to make changes hastily would not be productive.

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

The Saskatchewan Coalition for Tobacco Reduction working group did not meet or carry-on virtual meetings during the time of the pandemic. Any items of interest were forwarded to the SDTA Ex Dir for distribution to all members.

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

The Saskatchewan Oral Health Coalition Inc. (SOHC) continues to expand and grow. The AGM in May 2020 was virtual and two new directors were appointed. Current directors are:

- Susan Anholt
- Kelly Glass
- Jerod Orb
- Leslie Topola
- Dr Parviz Yazdani
- Shelby Hamm
- Meagan Kachur

Master of Public Health Student Humaira Inam worked with Lesley Topola this fall interviewing various stake holders, partners and practitioners on access to care challenges. The Master of Public Health Student completed a review of best practice literature which included social determinants of health. This report was completed in partnership with the SHA and the SOHC and hopes to be presented through the SOHC in the near future.

The SOHC Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for Monday May 17th, 2021, via zoom 9-9:30am followed by stakeholder's updates.

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

The proposal to have Section 25 of the DDA removed had been put on hold because of the Pandemic which consumed most of the ministry's time. We received an email from the ministry on March 5, 2021, to resume discussions. The SDTA, SDHA, and SDAA have had several meetings and discussions with the ministry. The proposal that will be presented at the legislature has been presented to us and it was given our endorsement. So now wait.

#### **7.10 Pandemic Planning/Covid-19 - Cindy G. Reed**

Since March of 2020, the Ministry of Health and all Health Regulators in the province have worked closely by having regularly scheduled Pandemic Planning/Covid-19 Response meetings. Most of the discussion evolved around staffing predictions, emergency licensing, etc.

Dental therapists have played a huge role in the control of the Pandemic.

Some of the initial discussion on the role of the dental therapist was can dental therapists do Nasopharyngeal Swabbing. It was determined that specimen collection, specifically nasopharyngeal swabbing, does not fall within the scope of practice of any one profession's protected skill therefore if a dental therapist is performing nasopharyngeal swabbing, they will not be acting outside of their scope of practice. A dental therapist taking swabs would not be considered committing an offence by practising a profession without a license to do so. Should your employer direct you to perform swabbing, the training to do so will be provided by the employer.

Testing has changed and regulations have evolved and more skills relating to testing has expanded.

On February 21, 2021, The Disease Control (COVID-19) Amendment Regulations, 2021 came into force, which enabled the establishment of the Saskatchewan COVID-19 Immunization Delivery Plan for the province. The plan lays out the framework for delivering the vaccines across the province including the training required, who can administer COVID-19 vaccines, and the clinic settings that will provide vaccines. The list includes dental therapists, hygienists, assistants and dentists as non-traditional immunizers in the Auxiliary Vaccination Provider Category. No request was made by the dental professions, the ministry automatically put dental on the list.

A request was made by Indigenous Services Canada for dental therapists to be utilized as immunizers. As such several of our members are now providing immunizations to the public. We truly are a multi-talented profession! A request has yet to be made by SHA.

#### **7.11 Website Design – Cindy G. Reed**

The SDTA website is need of revamping. Anyone who would like to assist with the changes, has suggestions, etc. please let me know.

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

Petra Beaven reviewed election results.

Vice President (two-year term)

Adam Heimbecker has been re-elected SDTA Vice President for an additional two-year term.

Members at Large (two year terms)

Petra Beaven

Rhonda Krienke

Jennifer Pituley

Cyerra Powder

### **9. Adjournment**

Glenda Burnouf moved the meeting be adjourned.