



Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association

ANNUAL REPORTS 2023-2024

Annual General Meeting
9:00am-12:00pm
Sunday, April 28, 2024
Sheraton Cavalier
612 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon, SK

**Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association
50th Annual General Meeting
April 28, 2024**

AGENDA

1. Call to order: Welcome/Introduction
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting
4. Officers' Reports
 - 4.1 President – Mary-Lou Sanderson
 - 4.2 Vice-President – Patricia Skalicky
 - 4.3 Executive Director – Wendy Thienes
 - 4.4 Registrar – Wendy Thienes
 - 4.5 Treasurer – Wendy Thienes
5. Election of Council
6. Committee Reports
 - 6.1 Executive Committee – Mary-Lou Sanderson
 - 6.2 Professional Conduct Committee – Adam Heimbecker
 - 6.3 Discipline Committee – Margaret Morin
 - 6.4 Credentials Committee/Professional Development Grant – Sarah Griffin
 - 6.5 Continuing Education – Jaylynn Parenteau
 - 6.6 SDTA Conference/Election – Glenda Burnouf
 - 6.7 Communications Committee – Cyerra Powder
 - 6.8 Canadian Dental Therapists Association – Cyerra Powder
7. Other Business/Discussion
 - 7.1 University of Saskatchewan Bachelor of Science Dental Therapy Program Guest
Speakers: Dr. Walter Siqueira and Dr. Gerry Uswak
 - 7.2 SDTA Strategic Plan
 - 7.3 SDTA Licensing Fees 2025
8. Reports of Election Results
9. Adjournment

**SASKATCHEWAN DENTAL THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION
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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Welcome to the Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association's 50th Annual General Meeting!

I would like to begin by acknowledging that we are on the traditional lands, referred to as Treaty 6 Territory and that the city of Saskatoon is located on Treaty 6 territory, the original lands of the Cree, Saulteaux (SO-TO), Dakota, Nakota, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation.

We are dedicated to ensuring that the spirit of Reconciliation and Treaty 6 is honoured and respected. We respect and honour the Treaties that were made on all territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we are committed to move forward in partnership with Indigenous Nations in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

Congratulations to our past and current members on 50 years of excellence in the dental therapy profession. Your commitment to oral health care has positively impacted countless lives over the decades. Here's to many more years of innovation and compassionate care.

As my term as president of the SDTA comes to an end, I want to express my deepest gratitude for the opportunity to serve in this role for the past two years. It has been an honor to work alongside dedicated professionals, advancing our field and advocating for better health care. Thank you to Wendy Thienes and Council members for your support and commitment to our shared mission.

I would like to express my appreciation to our Council members for the work done during this past year. Completing their term on Council are Glenda Burnouf, Sarah Griffin, Margaret Morin, Amy Laliberte and myself. Continuing their term are Patricia Skalicky, Cyerra Powder, Adam Heimbecker, Bev Whitford, and Jaylynn Parenteau.

On March 4, 2024, Wendy Thienes submitted her resignation as Executive Director/Registrar with the SDTA. Wendy notified in writing to the Council of her intent not to renew her one-year employment contract after April 17, 2024. Wendy did advise, she is able to make herself available for a period of time following that date to ensure that the Conference/AGM and 50th celebration weekend and follow-up activities from that are completed and ensure that the next year end is completed and/or that accounting processes are transferred to another individual or firm, and to provide orientation.

On behalf of the SDTA, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Wendy for her remarkable contributions to our association in such a short time. Her ability to create a vision and drive meaningful progress has been truly inspiring and amazing. Thank you, Wendy, for your dedication and hard work, it's made a significant impact on our association and our future direction. Her work has been invaluable, and we're grateful for all she has done to chart our way forward. We wish Wendy all the best in her future endeavors.

Thank you to our public representatives Marlo Dunlop, Olena Schemenauer, and Luz-Marina Dominguez for your guidance and voice for the public. Through their participation, the appointed public representatives are helping to ensure accountability and the maintenance of the public interest on Council and committees for our self-regulated dental therapy profession.

One of the top priorities of the SDTA was to develop and implement a SDTA Strategic Plan. The vision, values, mandate, and strategic priorities will hold the SDTA accountable as a regulatory body, which is responsible to the government and ultimately the public.

Having a strategic plan is crucial for several reasons:

1. **Clear Direction:** It provides a clear sense of direction and purpose for the association, ensuring that everyone is aligned toward common goals.

2. **Focus:** It helps in prioritizing tasks and resources, ensuring that efforts are directed towards activities that will have the greatest impact on achieving objectives.
3. **Adaptability:** A strategic plan allows the association to anticipate and adapt to changes in the external environment, such as regulatory changes.
4. **Resource Allocation:** It aids in efficient allocation of resources, including financial, human, and time resources, by identifying areas of investment that will yield the highest returns.
5. **Accountability:** A strategic plan sets clear objectives and performance metrics, which enables accountability and evaluation of progress towards goals.
6. **Stakeholder Engagement:** It fosters engagement and buy-in from stakeholders, including members and partners, by involving them in the strategic planning process and communicating the association's vision and goals.

Overall, a strategic plan serves as a roadmap for the association, guiding decision-making and actions to ensure long-term success and sustainability.

In January 2024, the SDTA Council formally adopted a new Strategic Plan that will guide our work over the next 3-4 years. Council sought registrant's input in the Fall of 2023. The member response was overwhelming and helped to inform the plan. A copy of the plan has been shared with members which will be presented at the AGM.

The SDTA continues to collaborate with the University of Saskatchewan, College of Dentistry regarding the new dental therapy program. Dr. Sequeira, Dean College of Dentistry, has put emphasis on the importance of working together to ensure new graduates are accepted to license with our association. The U of S provided the Year 1 & 2 Dental Therapy 2023-2024 Course Information for Council to review. A formal motion will be required to accept graduates of this program for registration with our association.

Overall, collaboration between the SDTA and the University of Saskatchewan regarding dental therapy ensures that education and training programs meet regulatory standards, produce competent graduates, and contribute to the delivery of safe, high-quality dental care.

As a self-governing regulatory body, we set the standards of practices and qualifications for the dental therapy profession and for the future graduates that will practice in the province. The SDTA plays an integral role to establish, monitor and enforce standards of practice with the intent of protecting the public. It is the responsibility of the SDTA to ensure the public has trust in the dental therapy profession.

The role of the president is multifaceted, and I represent the interests of our profession and promote oral health and wellness in the community. There is still more work that needs to be done to achieve the association's goals and objectives that need to be actioned and finalized.

We have a commitment to govern in the public interest and the cost associated with upholding this responsibility is funded by our annual licensing fees. The SDTA will be required to increase the annual licensing to implement the SDTA priorities and meet our responsibilities as a regulated profession as outlined in our strategic plan.

As the president, I am committed to serving members with integrity and resilience as it has been paramount in guiding the association through some challenging times these past couple of years and ensuring its long-term success and sustainability.

Thank you to all the SDTA members for electing me to serve and represent the association and our great profession.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary-Lou Sanderson

SDTA President

VICE-PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

As I near the end of my first year as Vice President, I can't help but wonder if time could possibly go any faster. It seems like we were at the 49th SDTA conference all dressed up in the streets of Moose Jaw just yesterday!

Even though time flew by, the SDTA fit in so much work. From the orientation of a new Executive Director to planning a 50 years of Dental Therapy conference... and everything in between.

The SDTA conducted a Strategic Planning session in October. This was a great experience and provided the council with many opportunities to provide lots of input, ask questions and decide our future direction. This plan ensures that we have a solid plan to continue to protect the public and to ensure that dental therapists are recognized and respected partners in health care. I am excited for members to see what priorities have been set and where the SDTA is headed over the next few years!

I participated in the creation of a proposal for CDTA funding through ISC. We are currently awaiting letters of support from several agencies that may have a vested interest in the development of a national voice for Dental Therapy. We hope to have the proposal submitted soon. If our proposal is accepted this opens up some more exciting work ahead for the advocacy of Dental Therapy!

I would be amiss without mentioning that 2023 is a pivotal year for dental therapy with the initiation of the Bachelor of Science in Dental Therapy program in Saskatchewan. What a renewed sense of excitement that comes with knowing that our profession will be sustainable, and our country will see an improvement in access to care. I had the honor of bringing greetings from the SDTA at the Northlands College Dental Therapy Clinic Inauguration Ceremony. It was heartwarming to see so many elders, dignitaries, and most of all Dental Therapy students in attendance!

A HUGE thank you for all those involved in the planning of the 50 years in Dental Therapy conference! I appreciate the hours and hours of work that it takes to plan an event of this scale. Please enjoy the weekend, seeing old friends, and making new ones!

With elections around the corner, embrace the opportunity to make a difference in your profession and association! A position on council offers personal and professional growth, satisfaction, and lifelong connections. Take pride and ownership in your future and consider putting your name forward for a term on council today!

To the SDTA council and public representatives: I am grateful for your commitment to our mission and vision in making decisions that will ultimately benefit everyone involved with us now or down the road. As Vice President it means so much knowing there are people like you that are giving your time & energy selflessly without expecting anything but satisfaction from helping others achieve greatness through collaborative efforts.

Working alongside our President Mary-Lou Sanderson this term has been an enriching experience as we challenge each other's viewpoints and strive to make informed decisions collectively. You have taught me a great deal, and I appreciate you.

A special thanks to our Executive Director/Registrar Wendy Thienes... She has worked tirelessly to learn about dental therapy, the functions within the SDTA and regulation. She also brought about many meaningful changes to our processes. Her communication has been impeccable, and I know she has taught all of us a thing or two along the way. With that, all good things must come to an end. Wendy has decided to change directions in her career and pursue other passions. Many thanks for all the hard work and commitment to the SDTA during your time with us. It makes me happy to know we have one more advocate for dental therapy out there!

What an immense delight it is to be affiliated with this esteemed council, association, and the distinguished profession of Dental Therapy!

"Though no one can go back and make a brand-new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending." - Carl Bard

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Skalicky

SDTA Vice-President

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Last year's conference and AGM was my first introduction to the world of dental therapy. This year's AGM will be my last as ED/Registrar for SDTA. I have enjoyed this opportunity over the past year and have developed a deep respect for the professionalism and passion of Council members and the membership at large. Everyone that I have encountered has been so warm and welcoming. Special thanks to President Mary-Lou Sanderson and Vice President Patricia Skalicky for so ably leading this organization and providing support to me as needed. Outgoing ED/Registrar Cindy Reed provided a detailed orientation for me and has answered questions along the way and remains a committed practicing member of the SDTA.

What I feel I've brought to the SDTA in my short tenure is a fresh and objective perspective on the profession and its requirement to serve as a regulatory body. Dental Therapy has a strong history as evidenced by this year's 50th Celebration of Dental Therapy in Canada. At the same time, the profession is at a pivotal point in its history: the new U of S program for dental therapy; changes in provincial legislation requiring our attention with potential impacts that will influence aspects of the profession; and initiation of the Canadian Dental Care Plan.

Council engaged in a strategic planning process in the Fall 2023 to review its current mandate and to develop a plan that can guide its actions over the next 3-5 years. The plan formally adopts the action to split the regulatory and member advocacy roles with the SDTA focusing solely on the regulatory obligations. This may mean a name change at some future point to College of Saskatchewan Dental Therapists. A member survey was conducted to gain feedback and the response was overwhelming with almost 50% of members participating, demonstrating a strong commitment and passion for the profession. I am confident that this plan, or road map, will guide the actions of the next Council and the next staff leadership.

Our member's insurance rates increased by 7% in 2024. Insurance premiums are in addition to the licensing fees and are forwarded to the insurance provider, NFP, on a member's behalf.

A Space Maintenance course run through the SDTA is available for members; two members are currently registered. There is no specific intake date; please reach out at any time if you are interested.

The Internationally Educated Dental Therapist gap training and clinical competency program is ongoing. One candidate is currently awaiting employment confirmation in order to complete the mentorship portion of the program. One individual is enrolled in gap training.

SDTA contracted a policy analyst to draft bylaw changes regarding Bill 120 (Miscellaneous Health Statues) & Bill 81 (Labour Mobility) and Bill 62 which is the repeal of Section 25 in the Dental Disciplines Act and pertains to independent practice. Further work and consultation with government and dental colleagues will be required before these can be finalized. SDTA policy revision in response to bylaw changes will then begin.

Networks and conferences that the ED/Registrar participates in includes:

- Network of Interprovincial Regulatory Organizations (NIRO). NIRO is a Saskatchewan based network of health regulators, The website which provides health profession information for the public is <https://www.nirosask.ca/>
- Saskatchewan Oral Health Professions Forum, which is a forum for the 6 dental professions in the province, Dentists, Denturists, Dental Technicians, Dental Hygienists, Dental Assistants and Dental

Therapists. The forum meets twice a year and has discussed issues relating to regulation, scope, sedation guidelines, IPC, Standards of Practice, Code of Ethics, Jurisprudence and Bylaw submissions.

- Saskatchewan Oral Health Conference
- Saskatchewan Oral Health Coalition
- Member of Canadian Network of Agencies for Regulation (CNAR)

President Sanderson and I also met with the College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan and Dr. Siqueira and Dr. Uswak of the U of S Dental Therapy Program. Informal connections were also maintained with the SDHA and SDAA.

Future goals that I would emphasize for the SDTA is an overhaul of the website, which is currently underway, and finding a way to incorporate a member portal so that members can enter their own licensing applications and continuing education credits. These actions will help to streamline work processes in the SDTA office.

The positions of President and 4 Members at Large 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.

Thank you for trusting in my ability to help lead this organization. As my background was not in oral health, I have learned a great deal in the past year! I've made contributions, where possible, that I believe will help move the organization forward as the focus shifts to become solely a regulatory body. As Vice President Skalicky indicated in her report, you have indeed gained one more advocate for dental therapy! I'm wishing all of you the very best in an exciting future.

With sincere thanks,

Wendy Thienes

Executive Director

REGISTRAR'S ANNUAL REPORT

I compiled information for and filed our Annual Reports 2023 that is required to be filed with the Minister of Justice and Department of Health, according to Section 49 of the Dental Disciplines Act.

Based on renewals, as of February 1, 2024, there are 174 registered Dental Therapists in the Province of Saskatchewan. There are 161 Practicing Memberships (licenses) issued to date for the licensing year 2024 (February 1, 2024-January 31, 2025). There are 158 members with a clinical restorative practice and 3 members with a public health preventative practice. There are 13 Non-Practicing Memberships issued to date for the year 2024.

Three registrants indicated their desire to not license or take out any form of membership and have been struck from the register.

There are 26 Affiliates issued to date for the year 2024. There is 1 Affiliate with a clinical restorative practice MLI policy. There were 23 Affiliates issued in 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Thienes

Registrar

TREASURERS ANNUAL REPORT

Once again, this past year our annual audit was prepared by Stark & March CPA LLP. Moving forward, Council may consider removing the requirement for an audit from the bylaws. A Review Engagement or Compilation Report are options that would be considered. The audited financial statements from Stark & Marsh are attached to this report.

With the transfer to a new ED/Registrar in 2023, accounting systems were changed from AgExpert to Quickbooks Online starting with a new fiscal year on July 1. This system can easily transition between individuals responsible for financial management as necessary and the accountant can also be given online access during the financial review process.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Thienes

Registrar

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee Chairperson: Mary-Lou Sanderson (President)

Committee Members: Patricia Skalicky (Vice President), Luz-Marina Dominguez (Public Representative), Wendy Thienes (Executive Director non-voting)

Activities:

1. Terms of Reference circulated and reviewed.
2. The executive committee provided leadership, oversight, and strategic direction to the association as required.

Recommendations:

Review Terms of Reference annually.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary-Lou Sanderson

Chairperson

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee Chairperson: Adam Heimbecker

Committee Members: Lacey Evanochko, Patricia Gottselig, Amy Settee

Public Representative: Olena Schemenauer

The Professional Conduct Committee has had an impressive year with very little investigation. PCC received one concern which held validity and was concluded with improved practice recommendations made from PCC.

What also truly impressed me was with our members, I received multiple inquiries this year in regard to self conduct of members and confirmation of scope of practice and regulation. This seeking and clarity shows an evident devotion and passion for best practice in our profession. With this I felt compelled to involve myself in the proposal of our government for an umbrella legislation which we will now expect a second draft for the fall session. With considerable interest I also continue to participate in the review of the proposal of independent practice with the removal of Bill 62 section 25 from the Act.

The PCC has continued to carry forward with great communication and cooperative teamwork since our last AGM. The professionalism and experience of the committee members has been an incredible help and as always essential for me as Chair. With that I would like to thank all my Committee Members on PCC for once again making my position as Chair of PCC such a welcoming and positive experience thus far.

Kind Regards,

Adam Heimbecker

Professional Conduct Committee Chairperson

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Co-Chairpersons: Margaret Morin

Committee Members: Marlo Dunlop (Public Representative), Janis Johnson, Amy Laliberte, Patricia Skalicky, Leanne Ziolkoski

Activities

-Reviewed the Terms of Reference

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

Recommendations

Review Terms of Reference annually.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Morin

Discipline Committee Chairperson

CREDENTIALS/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee Chairperson: Sarah Griffin

Committee Members: Meagan Kachur, Sehlile Peters, Amy Read.

Welcome to the SDTA 50th Annual General Meeting.

I have completed my 2 years in council, and I'd like to thank you for giving me the privilege of serving our membership and I would like to encourage anyone that is interested in the council to put your name forth and experience what is being done for us within our association.

Activities

We had a couple of members short on credits but quickly acquired them afterward.

Regarding Nitrous Oxide.

Instructors requesting CE points related to teaching at the new school.

Amy Read submitted a request for an extended practice of Orofacial Myofunctional Therapy (OMT) by a Dental Therapist.

Recommendations

1. Please ensure all credits be obtained by members at the end of the 3-year reporting period to maintain a license with the SDTA and also making sure you have an updated Canadian CPR or BLS course.

2. Even with appropriate training a Dental Therapist cannot administer nitrous but can treat a patient under Nitrous with immediate supervision of a Dentist in the same office.

3. We do not have guidelines in place to grant CE points as part of employment.

4. The report provided by Amy Read be taken into consideration and that SDTA support the practice of OMT by Dental Therapists. Further work needs to be done to develop a position statement for SDTA regarding Dental Therapists training in/providing OMT.

Professional Development Grant-no applications have come forward as of today.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Griffin

Chairperson

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee Chairperson: Jaylynn Parenteau

Committee Members: Cyerra Powder, Lory Haeusler

We've reached a milestone event... 50 YEARS OF DENTAL THERAPY IN CANADA!!!! It was decided early on that there would be no better way to celebrate than to host a national conference that would be bigger and better than ever! Not only is it our 50th year of dental therapy in Canada, but we will also have in attendance members of the first class of future graduates of the new dental therapy training program created by the University of Saskatchewan, NITHA, and SK Polytechnic!

We extended the event a full day to include a tour of the dental simulators at the College of Dentistry on Friday morning and continuing education sessions on Friday afternoon. We are hoping that the opportunity to get extra CE points will lure in the masses! Some of the members of the first graduating class (1974) are planning to gather this weekend as well, so between the very first grads and those about to graduate, the networking opportunities will be incomparable!

Our presenters this year are as follows:

Traumatic Dental Injuries

Dr. Ali Arsalan, DDS, MSD, FRCD(C)

and

Hall Crowns

Dr. Sheri McKinstry, BSc, BSc (Dent), DMD, MPH, M.Dent/Dip. Paediatric Dentistry, FRCD(C)

Becoming Culturally Committed

Kim Trottier (RDT)

Enhancing Durability in Adhesive Dentistry: Strategies for Long-Lasting Restorations

Dr. Leticia Boaro, PhD, DDS, MSC

Tongue Tied and Sleep Deprived

Nicole Pingert, RDH, Orofacial Myologist

Fifty Years of Dental Therapy in Canada: Dwight Krauss, RDT, Leslie Topola, RDT, Denise Nelson, RDT, Cindy Reed, RDT, Ashley White, CDA, SDT, RRDH, BSc

Surgical vs. Non-Surgical Management of the Lower Face

Dr. Rick Jaggi, MD, FRCSC

With an excellent lineup of presenters, and a gathering larger than ever, I'm sure that we will enter our 51st year of dental therapy in Canada stronger than ever!

Recommendations:

Check your emails and stay up to date with our association. Let your voice and opinions count by requesting who and what you'd like included in our educational sessions! Speaker and topic ideas are always encouraged! The SDTA conference committee loves to plan events that fulfill your educational desires to keep you relevant leaders in our field!

Respectfully submitted,

Jaylynn Parenteau

Chairperson

SDTA 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE ANNUAL REPORT

Committee Chairperson: Glenda Burnouf

Conference Committee Members: Jaylynn Parenteau, Petra Beaven, Shari Nowosad, Wendy Thienes, Lacey Evanochko, Amy Laliberte, Cyerra Powder, Vanessa Cadman, Margaret Morin

The 50th Annual Dental Therapists Conference has been in the planning stages for the past two years and is finally coming to fruition. Petra Beaven has put many many hours into the planning of this conference for quite some time, starting when she was still on Council. She is truly gifted in her negotiating skills as well as her creativity and vision for a fabulous event.

Both Petra and Jaylynn were instrumental in choosing the venue, entertainment, speakers and the details in between. We didn't have a formal committee meeting, however between multiple texts, emails and phone calls we managed to get things rolling.

A huge shoutout to the members who stepped up to assist with this year's conference. It was definitely a huge help to allocate different jobs to the ones who signed up last year. It takes a great weight off having just one or two people plan the event. I look forward to this milestone event and to seeing you all as we celebrate 50 Years of Dental Therapy in Canada!

Recommendations:

- For future sponsorship, the SDTA Conference Committee develop a grid for the different levels of sponsorship (Gold, Silver, Bronze levels with a set monetary value for each).
- That the Conference committee develop a vendor/tradeshow registration form to allow for online registration. It will be more streamlined with the current practice that is followed today with other conferences.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Burnouf

Co-Chairpersons

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Chairperson: Cyerra Powder

Committee Members: Patricia Skalicky, Amy Laliberte

Automatic renewal of *Canva Teams* total cost \$199.90 on April 16, 2024 - will submit receipt for reimbursement once issued.

Submitted for *Recognition of Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Week* to Saskatchewan's Minister of Health office.

Received Proclamation from Saskatchewan's Minister of Health's office, emailed PDF Proclamation to SDTA Council

Hard copy will be mailed to my personal address as the SDTA main office was to close.

Created 50th Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association Annual Conference registration ads and speaker posters.

- Create posters for "Dental Therapy Recognition Week", "March 20th World Oral Health Day" "April - Dental Health Month"
- Post Proclamation from Saskatchewan's Minister of Health Paul Merriman's office on the week of April 21-27, 2024.

- Week for [April 21-27, 2024](#) “*National Dental Therapists Week*” sent Mark Holland Minister of Health of Canada
- Finalized the Health Canada National Dental Therapists Week social media and in que to be posted on Twitter (X) & LinkedIn in both English & French - sent draft to SDTA Council
- Continuing to collab with Patricia Skalicky on **Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association** Facebook account
- Continue to post on sdtacommunications Instagram platform

Huge Thank You to our Executive Director Wendy Thienes on the revamps and redesign of the SDTA Website.

Respectfully submitted,

Cyerra Powder
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 a few from Alberta.
2. An average of 2 were received per month which is near what we received last year.
3. Packages include a toothbrush, pencil, stickers, floss sticks, brushing chart with stickers, dental information for parents, and dental activity sheets.
4. Cindy Reed distributes the Trade-a-Tooth posters.

Recommendations

1. I didn't receive any classroom letters this year, so I encourage all dental therapists and dental health educators to get as many classrooms involved as possible.
2. A post on SDTA's social media (Instagram) might help getting the word about Trade-a-tooth out!
3. As always, we would love for teeth to be cavity free!

Respectfully submitted,

Savannah Hryhor
Trade-a-Tooth Coordinator

CANADIAN DENTAL THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Spring 2024 brings forth fresh changes and renewal after the recent solar eclipse, as do many I look forward to the events that are ahead for the upcoming year.

As the CDTA is one of the six oral health associations in Canada, the CDTA was contacted by Margaret Fondong, *Senior Policy Advisor* from the Public Health Agency of Canada Office of the Chief Dental Officer of Canada to further recognize the dental therapists practicing across Canada. Updated draft to finalize recognition of dental therapists on the Health Canada website and social media platforms.

“Inaugural National Dental Therapists Recognition week as April 23-29, 2023”.

This national recognition week will remain the same week every year as the SK Dental Therapists week.

Dr, James Taylor & PHAC Communications team sent an email stating this initiative was put on hold due to the Canadian Federal worker strike that occurred between April 19-May 3, 2023. This work will continue for the 2024 social media Health Canada plan. **May 1, 2023** attended a meeting via Zoom with Canadian Association of Public Health Dentistry Dr. Keith Da Silva to discuss additional support on a national level for the Dental Therapy profession across Canada. Update on the CAPHD & CDTA.

Emailed CDTA Members CIHR a synthesis of discussions from the launch of the event of the National Oral Health Research Strategy ***What We Heard Report***.

Emailed CDTA Members an open call for input into the development of the National Oral Health Research Strategy (NOHRS) survey deadline **June 21, 2023**.

The CDTA remains in contact with Margaret Fondong, *Senior Policy Advisor* of the Oral Health Branch at Health Canada to further recognize the dental therapists practicing across Canada.

Finalized social media #NDTW24 plan with Health Canada. This includes both English and French translation recognizing Dental therapists on the Government of Canada Health Canada website and social media Twitter (X) and LinkedIn. ***“Celebrating 50 years of Dental Therapists in Canada”***

Emailed the Honorable Mark Holland the previous Saskatchewan Dental Therapists week proclamations to request a similar proclamation announcement to recognize the dental therapists practicing Canada wide excluding Ontario and Quebec.

The 2023 Federal Budget, the government announced a \$13.3B investment in oral health, to include the following summarized elements:

The Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) - \$13.0 billion over five years, starting in 2023-24, and \$4.4 billion ongoing to Health Canada to implement the CDCP, which will provide dental coverage for eligible Canadians. **Oral Health Access Fund (OHAF)** - \$250 million over three years, starting in 2025-26, and \$75 million ongoing to Health Canada to establish an OHAF which will invest in targeted measures to address oral health gaps among vulnerable populations and reduce barriers to accessing care, including in rural and remote communities. **National Oral Health Data** - \$23.1 million over two years, starting in 2023-24, to Statistics Canada to collect data on oral health and access to dental care in Canada.

Engagement sessions 2024

Circulated the updated Canadian Dental Care Plan CDCP stakeholder’s toolkit and upcoming webinars

January 31, 2024 - Oral Health Statistics Program (OHSP) - data challenges

February 09, 2024 - Oral Health Information Sessions Consultative Engagement (StatsCan)

February 15, 2024 - National Dental Task Force

Exciting upcoming events include an invitation to speak and bring further updates on dental therapy at the Canadian Oral Health Summit hosted at Dalhousie University in Halifax Nova Scotia. Thanks to the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR) for the inclusion and invitation. *The National Oral Health Research Strategy 2024* (NOHRS 2024) will be announced at the Canadian Oral Health Summit.

Upcoming planning session on April 19th, 2024, with Dr. Karim Khan (CIHR)

Nearing the end of the fiscal year, the creation of a CDTA proposal to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and a CDTA Endorsement Letter was collaborated on with the expertise and much appreciated help from Patricia Skalicky & Wendy Thienes. Prior to submitting the CDTA proposal we have decided to await endorsement letters from various partners.

We look forward to the anticipated response from Indigenous Services Canada in hopes to further grow the dental therapy profession to increase awareness of dental therapist oral health providers resulting in a long term decrease in access *to care* issues that continue to exist not only in Saskatchewan but across Canada.

To further gain up to date knowledge on many issues faced in Canada and for continuing education opportunities I recommend supporting a *Coalition for Dental Care*.

Dr. Brandon Doucet founder of the Coalition for Dentalcare of Canada mailed a copy of his new book ***About Canada Dental Care*** to the CDTA with a great statement many believe.

“Dental therapy is the key to bringing world class dental care to every Canadian.”

Request from Coalition for Dentalcare to coordinate a webinar in April on Dental Therapy to further celebrate Dental Health Month, *thank you for the inclusion of dental therapists*
Dr. Doucet.

I look forward to celebrating and learning at the 50th Annual Saskatchewan dental therapy conference. Please consider joining the Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association to become a part of the exciting change within our profession.

Concluding with my all-time favorite quote from Dr. Suess

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to change. It will not”

Respectfully submitted,
Cyerra Powder
CDTAC Chairperson



**Canadian
Dental Therapists
Association**

SASKATCHEWAN DENTAL THERAPISTS ASSOCIATION
49th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
9:00 am-12:00 pm
Sunday, April 30, 2023
Grant Hall Hotel, Moose Jaw, SK

1. Call to Order: Welcome/Introduction

Mary-Lou Sanderson called the meeting to order. Council members were introduced. Recognition was given to outgoing Executive Director/Registrar Cindy Reed for her 30 years of service. Incoming ED/Registrar Wendy Thienes was introduced.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Janis Johnson moved the agenda be adopted as circulated. Seconded by Connie Todd. Passed by the membership.

3. Approval of Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting

Petra Beaven moved the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting be adopted as presented. Seconded by Vivian Merasty. Passed by the membership.

4. Officer's Reports

4.1 President's Report – Mary-Lou Sanderson

Mary-Lou Sanderson reviewed her Annual Report as circulated in the Annual Reports and presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the regulatory and administrative roles of the Association and emphasizing our requirements as a self-regulated profession and the need for member involvement.

Motion: Mary-Lou Sanderson moved her President's Report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Sarah Griffin. Passed by the membership.

4.2 Vice-President's Report – Adam Heimbecker

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

Motion: Adam Heimbecker moved the Vice-President's Report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Patricia Skalicky. 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 by Trish Gottselig. 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. There was one update that the number of registered Dental Therapists has increased to 163.

Motion: Cindy G. Reed moved her Registrar's Report be adopted as presented and amended. Seconded by Vivian Merasty. 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 by Sarah Griffin. Passed by the membership.

5. Election of Council

Janis Johnson acted as Election Officer. Nominations were accepted for the positions of:
Vice President
four two-year term positions for Member at Large
one one-year term position for Member at Large

Results were recorded and announced on item 8 of the agenda.

6. Committee Reports

6.1 Executive Committee – Mary-Lou Sanderson

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

Motion: Mary-Lou Sanderson moved the Executive Committee report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Bev Whitford. Passed by the membership.

6.2 Professional Conduct Committee – Jennifer Pituley

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports. Jennifer Pituley spoke briefly to highlight the 4 practice cornerstones outlined in her report and read her recommendations from the report.

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

6.3 Discipline Committee – Margaret Morin

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

Motion: Margaret Morin moved the Discipline Committee report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Sarah Griffin. Passed by the membership.

6.4 Credentials Committee/Professional Development Grant – Sarah Griffin

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports. Sarah Griffin announced that Patricia Skalicky was the recipient of the PD Grant.

Motion: Sarah Griffin moved the Credential Committee report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Lory Haeusler. Passed by the membership.

6.5 Continuing Education/Professional Development Committee – Petra Beaven

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports. Petra Beaven indicated there was good feedback on the presenters at the conference and invited anyone to contact her with potential future speakers, reminding attendees that 2024 conference will be a national conference for 50 years of Dental Therapy in Canada.

Motion: Petra Beaven moved the Continuing Education Committee report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Bev Whitford. Passed by the membership.

6.6 SDTA Annual Conference Committee/Election – Patricia Gottselig/Petra Beaven
Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

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

6.7 Communications Committee – Cyerra Powder

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

Motion: Cyerra Powder moved the Communications Committee report be adopted as presented.
Seconded by Margaret Morin. Passed by the membership.

6.8 Canadian Dental Therapists Association Committee – Cyerra Powder

Report as circulated in the Annual Reports.

Motion: Cyerra Powder moved the Canadian Dental Therapists Association report be adopted as presented. Seconded by Janis Johnson. 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 auditors to carry out the SDTA's yearly audit. According to the SDTA's bylaws Part II Admin Bylaws, Bylaw II Section II. Moved by Jennifer Pituley, seconded by Loretta Singh. Passed by the membership.

7.2 USask Bachelor of Science Dental Therapy – Dr. Doug Brothwell

Dr. Brothwell joined the meeting via Zoom at 10:30 am to provide information on the new Dental Therapy program opening in Fall 2023.

7.3 “50 Years of Dental Therapy in Canada” – Petra Beaven

Petra Beaven gave an overview of the 2024 Conference to be held in Saskatoon April 26-28 at the Sheraton. Booking details coming soon and everyone is encouraged to book early. Any volunteers interested in helping should reach out to Petra Beaven.

8. Reports of Election Results

Janis Johnson reviewed the election results.

Vice President (two-year term)

Patricia Skalicky has been acclaimed as SDTA Vice President.

The following members have been elected to these roles:

Members at Large (two-year terms)

Adam Heimbecker
Cyerra Powder
Jaylynn Parenteau
Bev Whitford

Member at Large (one-year term)

Glenda Burnouf

9. Adjournment

Mary-Lou Sanderson moved that the meeting be adjourned.