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**RHODE ISLAND DENTAL ASSOCIATION
HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
MAY 22, 2019**



These are the minutes of the Rhode Island Dental Association House of Delegates meeting held at the Executive Office of the Rhode Island Dental Association on 875 Centerville Road, Building 4, Suite 12, in Warwick, RI 02886 on Tuesday, May 22, 2018.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by the President, Dr. Jennifer Torbett.

QUORUM: A quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE: The following delegates and alternates from each component dental society were in attendance:

Cranston: Drs. J Patrick Morganti, Joseph Pezza, and Michael Reilly, and Maura Reynolds.

Kent County: Drs. Michael Harris, Calvin Pierce, Judith Pratt, and Ian Silversmith.

Newport: Drs. Mary-Kathlyn Nelson

Pawtucket: Drs. John DeMello, Walter Dzialo, and Lydia Klufas.

Providence: Drs. Scott Fertik and Laila Kafi

South County: Drs. Frank DeQuattro, Lisa Tyler, and Dr. John Underhill

Woonsocket: Drs. Gregory Stepka, David Ward, and Yvonne Wolny

Voting Past Presidents: Drs. Paul Calitri and Marion Royer.

Non-voting PP's: Drs. Robert Bartro, Martin Nager, and Mark Small.

RIDA Officers

Drs. George Gettinger, Immediate Past President; Steven Brown, Long Term Delegate; Martin Elson, President-Elect-Treasurer; Jennifer Torbett, President, Karyn Ward, Vice President, and John Kiang, Secretary

Trustees

Drs. Frank DeQuattro, Fotini Dionisopoulos, Ray English III, Frederick McMillen, and Peter Schott.

Trustees Not Present

Drs. William Naughton, Pawtucket

Guest Trustees

None

Executive Director

Mr. Chris Klimecko

Special Guests

Christy Durant, Esq., and Dr. Judith Fisch, ADA First District Trustee

Councils/Committees

Council on Communications: Dr. David Ward

Council on Dental Benefit Programs: Dr. Andrew Gazerro III

Council on Education and Licensure: Dr. Ian Silversmith

Council on Ethics, Bylaws, and Judicial Affairs: Dr. Jon Paul Van Regenmorter

Council on Membership: Dr. Elizabeth Benz, not present

Council on Peer Review: Dr. Mark Small

Council on Scientific Sessions: Dr. John Kiang

Committee on Association Finance: Vacant

Committee on Endorsements: Dr. Jennifer Torbett

49 Council on Governmental Affairs: Christy Durant, Esq.
50 Committee on the New Dentist: Dr. Salvatore Rizzuto, not present
51 **NECROLOGY REPORT:** Presented by Dr. Torbett
52 Drs. Raymond George, Jason Siegal, Robert Champagne, Edward Ferry, Estella
53 Flores, and Clark Sammartino.
54 Moment of silence
55 **MINUTES:** Upon proper motion and seconded, the members of the House unanimously
56 approved Nov 20, 2018 House of Delegates minutes.
57 ADA FIRST DISTRICT TRUSTEE REPORT: Dr Judith Fisch presented her report
58 beginning with an update on ADA data, programs, and initiatives.
59 Practice Transitions Program
60 **PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Dr. Torbett presented a summary of her written (attached)
61 report:
62 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Mr. Klimecko - as submitted.
63 **TREASURER’S REPORT:** Dr Elson - as submitted
64 **COUNCILS & COMMITTEES:**
65 Reports submitted in writing are on file at the Executive Office. Oral reports are *noted* and
66 contained within the minutes of this report.
67 • **Committee on Association Finance** – Blue Fin Capital investment summaries
68 • **Council on Communications** – no report
69 • **Council on Dental Benefit Programs** – no report
70 • **Council on Dental Education & Licensure** – as submitted
71 • **Council on Ethic By-Laws & Judicial Affairs** – no report
72 • **Council on Membership** – as submitted
73 • **Council on Peer Review** – submitted and oral summary presented by Dr. Small
74 **Council on Scientific Sessions** – oral report presented by Dr. Kiang
75 ○ Good member critiques from the November CE course
76 ○ Information regarding February 2019 CE course
77 • **Committee on Endorsements** – no report
78 • **Committee on New Dentists** – as submitted
79 • **Council on Governmental Affairs, Patrick Quinlan, Esq.** – submitted and oral
80 • Non-covered services issue and Massachusetts Dental Society.
81 • RI Dental PAC activities
82 • Grass roots event and fundraiser report (provided by Dr. Brown and Mr.
83 Quinlan
84 • Three candidates received questions, two attended the event (Mayor
85 Fung & Mr. Trillo)
86 • Gov. Raimondo didn’t attend—sent written responses
87 • Successes in past member write-in campaigns
88 • Upcoming dental board openings
89 **Motion to accept reports.** Motion unanimously approved.
90 **OLD BUSINESS:** None
91 **NEW BUSINESS:**
92 1. Budget: Presented by Dr. Torbett and Mr. Klimecko.
93 • One change: Move dollars allocated for NEDLC to President & President conference
94 **Note:** NEDLC was moved to biannual so won’t occur in 2018. President &
95 Past President conference will take place in RI for 2019.
96 2. Resolution to restructure component societies presented by Drs. Torbett and Elson

97 • Discussion amongst the delegates. Dr. Elson spoke regarding past, present, and future of
98 components.
99 • No vote at this time. Voting will take place during the November 2019 meeting.
100 3. Dr. Small recognized by Chair. Spoke regarding communication between RIDA and
101 House of Delegates members.
102 • Would like more information on website
103 • Explore other methods for communication
104 **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM. **Motion approved.**
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106 Respectfully submitted,
107 Chris R. Klimecko
108 Executive Director