



1 **OCTOBER 15, 2019**
2 **RHODE ISLAND DENTAL ASSOCIATION**
3 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**
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5 **CALL TO ORDER:** The October 15, 2019 Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting of the Rhode
6 Island Dental Association was called to order by President Dr. Martin Elson at 6:35 p.m. at
7 the RIDA headquarters, 875 Centerville Rd, Bldg. 4, Ste 12, Warwick, RI 02886. A tally of
8 eligible voting Trustees present verified that a quorum was present, and Dr. Elson proceeded
9 with the meeting.

10 **ATTENDING:**

11 **Executive Committee**

12 Dr. Martin Elson: President

13 Dr. John Kiang: Vice President

14 Dr. Gregory Stepka: Secretary/Scientific Program Chair

15 Dr. Jennifer Torbett: Immediate Past President

16 Dr. Karyn Ward: President Elect/Treasurer

17 Dr. Steven Brown- Long Term Delegate to the ADA

18 **Trustees and Guest Trustees**

19 Dr. Matthew Almeida: Greater Woonsocket Component

20 Dr. Ray English Jr.: Kent County Component

21 Dr. Frederick McMillen: Providence Component

22 Dr. Peter Schott: Newport Component

23 **Executive Director**

24 Mr. Chris Klimecko

25 **Legal**

26 Christy Durant, Esq.

27 **Guest(s)**

28 Richard DiGennaro, CPA

29 **Not Present:**

30 Dr. Frank A. DeQuattro-Interim Trustee: South County

31 Dr. Fotini Dionisopoulos: Cranston Component

32 Dr. William Naughton- Trustee: Pawtucket Component

33 Dr. Kerri-Rae Agin, Guest Trustee: Greater Woonsocket Component

34 Patrick Quinlan, Esq.

35 **OPENING REMARKS:** Dr. Elson

36 **NECROLOGY REPORT:** None

37 **MOTION:** Motion to hear Richard DiGennaro's report at this point in the meeting.
38 Accepted.

39 Mr. DiGennaro presented draft copies of the 2018 financial report. He stated that the RIDA's
40 financial situation was sound.

41 Mr. DiGennaro, along with Mr. Klimecko, discussed the draft 2020 budget. Mr. DiGennaro
42 stated that he saw no problems with the budget.

43 A discussion began regarding component bank accounts after the reorganization. The
44 question was whether to have one account for all or three separate accounts. A vote was
45 taken regarding this issue. Vote result: majority of the trustees were in favor of a separate
46 checking account for each component/district.

47 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES:** The September 17, 2019 minutes were
48 **Unanimously accepted with one change: date corrected to reflect meeting was 9/17/19.**

49 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Martin Elson: oral

50 Discussed component restructure

51 Discussion on RI Dental Foundation and possibility of charging them a management fee.

52 • A vote was taken, and it was decided that they should pay a \$400 per month
53 fee.

54 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Chris Klimecko. As written plus oral

55 • Mr. Klimecko announced his intention to leave the RIDA in 2020 and that he will
56 likely stay on, with the approval of the executive committee, through the June 2020
57 BOT meeting.

58 • RIDA members that register for next year's Charter Oak meeting will be charged the
59 CSDA member rate rather than full price.

60 **REPORT OF THE TREASURER:** Dr. Ward. As submitted. Chris Klimecko distributed
61 the draft 2019 budget and provided a brief summary.

62 **COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:** *(all submitted reports are on file for viewing)*

63 • Committee on Association Finance – Blue Fin Capital (Mars Bishop & Richard Carolan):
64 as submitted

65 • Council on Communications – Dr. David Ward: as written (no activity)

66 • Council on Dental Benefits – Dr. Andrew Gazerro III: no report

67 • Council on Dental Education & Licensure – Dr. Ian Silversmith: as written (no activity)

68 • Council on Ethics, By Laws & Judicial Affairs – Dr. Jon-Paul Van Regenmorter: no
69 report.

70 • Council on Membership – Dr. Elizabeth Benz: no report

71 • Council on Peer Review – Dr. Mark Small: as written (no activity)

72 • Council on Scientific Sessions – Dr. John Kiang: no report

73 • Committee on Endorsements – Dr. Martin Elson: no report

74 • Committee on New Dentists – Dr. Salvatore Rizutto: no report

75 • Council on Governmental Affairs – Christy Durant, Esq.: oral

76 ○ Still no response regarding new component officers

77 ○ In the process of scheduling a meeting with OHIC regarding out of state-based
78 insurers and recognition of RI NCS law as well as jurisdiction of OHIC over
79 these companies.

80 ○ Chris Klimecko and Christy Durant attended a meeting with Tom Coderre (senior
81 advisor to the governor on opioid related issues) regarding Massachusetts law that

82 prevents out of state dentists' controlled substance prescriptions from being
83 honored by MA pharmacies.
84 ○ We're still waiting for an answer from the governor's office regarding a delay in
85 implementation of mandatory e-Prescribing narcotics.

86 **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

87 **OLD BUSINESS:** Draft component/district bylaws will be distributed during November
88 HOD meeting as will the new RIDA bylaws. After a lengthy discussion a vote was taken that
89 a special meeting of the HOD will be called by Dr. Elson after the November meeting and
90 before January 6, 2020 to allow the HOD to vote on the new proposed bylaws. Vote was
91 unanimous.

92 Vote on 2020 budget: passed unanimously

93 **NEW BUSINESS:** See line 37-46

94 **FUTURE EVENTS:** Dr. Elson stated that the next RIDA sponsored CE event will take place
95 on November 13, 2019 at Quidnessett CC at 9:00 AM and the House of Delegates meeting
96 will take place at the RIDA headquarters on November 19, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

97 **NEXT BOT MEETING:** Dr. Elson stated that the next meeting will be December 10, 2019
98 at 6:30 PM—RIDA headquarters.

99 **ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business before the Board of Trustees, the meeting was
100 adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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102 Respectfully submitted,

103 Chris R. Klimecko, Executive Director

104 Rhode Island Dental Association