

1 **June 11, 2019**
2 **RHODE ISLAND DENTAL ASSOCIATION**
3 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**
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6 **CALL TO ORDER:** The June 11, 2019 Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting of the Rhode
7 Island Dental Association was called to order by President Dr. Jennifer Torbett at 6:35 p.m.
8 at Eleven 49 Restaurant, located at 1149 Division Street, Warwick, RI 02818. A tally of
9 eligible voting Trustees present verified that a quorum was present and Dr. Torbett proceeded
10 with the meeting.

11 **ATTENDING:**

12 **Executive Committee**

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

14 Dr. Martin Elson: President

15 Dr. George Gettinger, Past President

16 Dr. John Kiang: Vice President

17 Dr. Gregory Stepka: Secretary/Scientific Program Chair

18 Dr. Jennifer Torbett: Immediate Past President

19 Dr. Karyn Ward: President Elect/Treasurer

20 **Trustees and Guest Trustees**

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

22 Dr. Matthew Almeida: Greater Woonsocket Component

23 Dr. Fotini Dionisopoulos: Cranston Component

24 Dr. Ray English Jr.: Kent County Component

25 Dr. Frederick McMillen: Providence Component

26 Dr. Peter Schott: Newport Component

27 **Executive Director**

28 Mr. Chris Klimecko

29 **Legal**

30 Christy Durant, Esq.

31 Patrick Quinlan, Esq.

32 **Not Present:**

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

34 Dr. William Naughton- Trustee: Pawtucket Component

35 **Guest(s)**

36 Jane Quinlan

37 **OPENING REMARKS:** Dr Elson

- 38 • Dr Elson thanked Dr. Torbett for her contributions as president.
39 • Over the summer, the BOT needs to work with components to elect/appoint officers,
40 preferably by November 2019.

41 **NECROLOGY REPORT:** No report

42 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES:** The April 9, 2019 minutes were **Unanimously**
43 **accepted as written.**

44 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Jennifer Torbett: oral

- 45 - RI Department of Health survey status
 - 46 ▪ No requirement for dentists to complete
 - 47 ▪ Requirement is for RIDOH to solicit
- 48 - Dr. Torbett discussed attendance at the ADA Dentist & Student Lobby Day event in
49 Washington DC and the bills/issues that the ADA wanted us to discuss with our
50 representatives: McCarran Ferguson repeal, higher education & federal student loan
51 programs, and the Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act
- 52 - Dr. Torbett discussed her attendance at the Connecticut State Dental Association
53 (CSDA) annual meeting (Charter Oak)
 - 54 ▪ She attended a meeting with a representative from Fortress/OMSNIC
55 Insurance
 - 56 ▪ CSDA, at their House of Delegates (HOD) meeting, voted to move budget
57 approval authority away from the HOD and to the Board of Trustees
 - 58 ▪ CSDA lost its support in the Senate in their fight against mid-level providers.
- 59 - Discussion regarding RIDA councils and committees.
 - 60 ▪ Need to be more efficient
 - 61 ▪ Some probably no longer needed
- 62 - RIDA requested HOD credentialing from the components. So far, three have
63 responded.
- 64 - Dr. Torbett will become Secretary-Treasurer for the ADA First District at the end of
65 the 2019 House of Delegates meeting in September.

66 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Chris Klimecko.

67 **REPORT OF THE TREASURER:** Dr. Ward. As submitted.

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

- 69 • Committee on Association Finance – Blue Fin Capital (Mars Bishop & Richard Carolan):
70 as submitted
- 71 • Council on Communications – Dr. David Ward: no report
- 72 • Council on Dental Benefits – Dr. Andrew Gazerro III: no report
- 73 • Council on Dental Education & Licensure – Dr. Ian Silversmith: as written
- 74 • Council on Ethics, By Laws & Judicial Affairs – Dr. Jon-Paul Van Regenmorter: no
75 report.
- 76 • Council on Membership – Dr. Elizabeth Benz: no report
- 77 • Council on Peer Review – Dr. Mark Small: no report
- 78 • Council on Scientific Sessions – Dr. Karyn Ward: no report
- 79 • Committee on Endorsements – Dr. Jennifer Torbett: oral
 - 80 ○ RIDA will be signing the TDSC agreement
- 81 • Committee on New Dentists – Dr. Salvatore Rizutto: as written
- 82 • Council on Governmental Affairs – Christy Durant, Esq.: oral summary of written report

83 **COMMUNICATIONS:** Dental Lifeline/Donated Dental Services Report: no report

84 **OLD BUSINESS:** Component resolution discussion. Vote will be during the following week
85 House of Delegates meeting.

86 **NEW BUSINESS:** RIDOH Survey

- 87 ▪ For residents, the RIDA will occasionally pay for their dinner at events.
- 88 ▪ Direct to consumer orthodontic appliances. ADA and RIDA position
- 89 discussion. Neither supports them.
 - 90 ▪ ADA endorses CVS and CVS has partnered with Smile
 - 91 Direct.
- 92 ▪ Christy Durant requested that the RIDA send a blast email detailing
- 93 disposition of dental records for closing practices requirements and where
- 94 they should be stored.
- 95 ▪ Christy Durant provided a status report regarding the lawsuit.
 - 96 - Has entered its 6th year.
 - 97 - Waiting for guarantee that reprimands will be removed from two
 - 98 specific member's files.
- 99 ▪ Dr. Brown stated the need for another RIDPAC event. The BOT agreed.
- 100 ▪ Announcement by Dr. Torbett: Dr. Brown is the new ADA First District
- 101 ADPAC Chair.

102 **FUTURE EVENTS:** Shred event and new dentist events. Dates TBD

103 **NEXT BOT MEETING:** **June 11, 2019**, Eleven Forty Nine Restaurant. 1149 Division Rd,
104 Warwick, RI

105 **ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business before the Board of Trustees, the meeting was
106 adjourned at 7:50 PM.

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108 Respectfully submitted,

109 Chris R. Klimecko, Executive Director

110 Rhode Island Dental Association