

STATE BOARD BEACH BEAT

May 2018



Currently for FY 2018, **Roy L. Irons, DDS** is President; **Frank L. Conaway, Jr., DMD** is Vice-President; and **Robert Michael Harkins, DMD** is Secretary. They will serve in these positions until 06/30/2018. No new appointments are scheduled until 07/01/2020 when the State-at-Large Dentist cycles off the Board. Board members serve six-year, non-consecutive terms.

Board meetings are open to the public unless the Board deems it necessary to enter into Executive Session, which typically is reserved for ongoing investigations, disciplinary actions, etc. All disciplinary hearings are held in Open Session; however, deliberations are conducted in Executive Session. Agenda cut-off dates are 2 weeks prior to scheduled Board meetings, and remaining meeting dates through 12/31/2018 are as follows:

07/27/2018
10/12/2018

The Board will adopt clinical examination and meeting dates for the entirety of 2019 at its 07/27/2018 meeting, and the dates will be posted on the Board's web site soon thereafter.

The 2018-2020 dental hygiene and radiology permit biennial renewal cycle begins **09/01/2018** and concludes **10/31/2018**, followed by a two-month penalty phase. All licenses and permits not renewed by **12/31/2018** will be

voided on **01/01/2019** for failure to renew. Renewal e-mails will be sent to all Mississippi dental hygienists and radiology permit holders on **08/31/2018** advising that it is time to renew via the Board's on-line portal, which can be accessed from the Board's web site home page. The Login ID is the license/permit number, and the Unique ID is composed of the last 4 digits of the licensee's/permit holder's Social Security Number, followed by the 2-digit birth month, followed by the 2-digit birth day, and followed by the 2-digit birth year. Also, certification cards in PDF are e-mailed to licensees/permit holders.

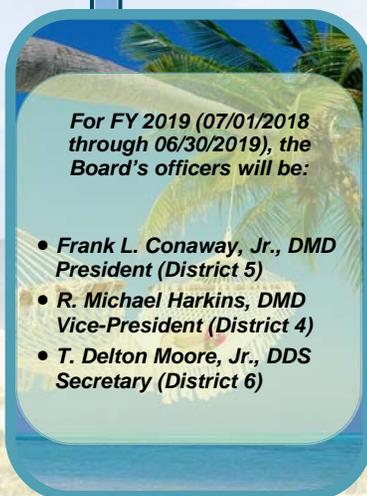
At its 02/23/2018 meeting, the Board **APPROVED "IV Sedation for Dentistry"** at Oregon Health & Science University as fulfilling the requirements for a **LIMITED** Parenteral Conscious Sedation Permit **ONLY**.

At its 02/23/2018 meeting, the Board **APPROVED "Chemical Dependency and Substance Abuse,"** a web-based course offered through Elite Continuing Education, as fulfilling the guidelines in Board Regulation 41 for the newly mandated **three (3) hours** every **two (2) years** in the prescription of opioids. This course **DOES** contain a post-study examination, as required by Board Regulation 41. At this same

meeting, however, the Board **DID NOT APPROVE "Applying CDC's Guideline for Prescribing Opioids: An Online Training Series for Providers,"** a web-based course consisting of **four (4)** modules, because the course **DOES NOT** contain a post-study examination, as required by Board Regulation 41.

At its 02/23/2018 meeting and at the request of David A. Felton, DDS, Dean of the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) School of Dentistry, the Board approved a pilot program presented by Dr. Felton wherein the School's dental hygiene students would be taught to **administer local anesthesia** to the level of **CLINICAL** competency versus **LABORATORY** competency, which was approved previously for all Mississippi dental hygiene schools at the Board's 04/21/2015 meeting. Dr. Felton noted that dental hygiene graduates in Mississippi were at a distinct disadvantage when moving to other states and being able to fully practice dental hygiene insofar as the administration of local anesthesia and then having to obtain the appropriate training therefor. As part of the Board's approval, the UMMC School of Dentistry will provide an update following implementation of the pilot program at the conclusion of **twelve (12) months** from the program's inception.

At its 02/23/2018 meeting, the Board **APPROVED** the administration of **Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF)** by licensed Mississippi dental hygienists as part of their dental hygiene practices under the direct supervision of, and fol-



For FY 2019 (07/01/2018 through 06/30/2019), the Board's officers will be:

- **Frank L. Conaway, Jr., DMD**
President (District 5)
- **R. Michael Harkins, DMD**
Vice-President (District 4)
- **T. Delton Moore, Jr., DDS**
Secretary (District 6)

lowing diagnosis and treatment planning by, a licensed Mississippi dentist.

At its 02/23/2018 meeting, and at the request of currently licensed Orthodontists and Dentofacial Orthopedists, the Board **RE-SCINDED** its 07/28/2017 determination prohibiting the placement of **Temporary Anchorage Devices (TADs)** by Orthodontists and Dentofacial Orthopedists, thus **ALLOWING** these specialists to place TADs. Furthermore, the Board voted to **ALLOW** Orthodontists and Dentofacial Orthopedists to extract primary teeth already evidencing significant resorption.

At its 05/11/2018 meeting, the Board considered a request as to whether licensed Mississippi dentists may engage in **Teledentistry**.

Following a lengthy discussion and based upon research and recommendations from the Board's Rules & Regulations Subcommittee, the Board issued the following determination regarding Teledentistry:

Currently licensed Mississippi dentists may engage in the treatment, evaluation, consultation, etc., of patients, both in-state and out-of-state, and consult with dentists not licensed by the State of Mississippi, via telephonic, digital, or electronic/virtual media, inasmuch as the aforementioned treatment modalities do not violate the definition of dentistry codified in Miss. Code Ann. § 73-9-3. However, under no circumstances is a dentist, regardless of being currently licensed by the State of Mississippi, allowed to direct the treatment of patients by dental auxiliaries or delegate procedures to dental auxiliaries via the aforementioned treatment modalities, inasmuch as Miss. Code Ann. §§ 73-9-3(i) and 73-9-5(2) both stipulate that all dental auxiliaries must

*work under the **DIRECT** supervision of currently licensed Mississippi dentists. In other words, all telephonic, digital, or electronic/virtual treatment, evaluations, consultations, etc., must be performed by licensed Mississippi dentists and **NOT** dental auxiliaries.*

LICENSEE CATEGORY	CURRENT POPULATION
General Dental and Provisional	1,283
Specialty	281
General Anesthesia	55
Parenteral Conscious Sedation	37
Enteral Conscious Sedation	61
Dental Hygiene and Provisional	1,661
Radiology Permits	4,035
TOTAL ALL CATEGORIES	7,412

At its 05/11/2018 meeting, the Board considered a request as to whether **Kybella Injections** and **Polydioxanone (PDO) Absorbable Threads** fall within the Board's 02/24/2017 determination allowing use of injectable pharmacologics, whether intraorally or extraorally, by all licensed Mississippi dentists. The Board determined that Kybella Injections and Polydioxanone (PDO) Absorbable Threads **ARE ALLOWED** within the scope of the Board's 02/24/2017 determination allowing use of injectable pharmacologics, whether intraorally or extraorally, by all licensed Mississippi dentists.

At its 05/11/2018 meeting, the Board considered a request as to whether diagnosis and treatment of **Sleep Related Breathing Disorders (SRBD) a/k/a Sleep Apnea**, etc., fall within the scope of practice for licensed Mississippi dentists. The Board issued the following determination regarding SRBDs:

*It is **NOT** within the scope of practice for licensed Mississippi dentists to prescribe any medications whatsoever for the aforementioned condition. However, it **IS** within the scope of practice for licensed Mississippi dentists to consult with a duly licensed physician who has diagnosed a dental patient with a SRBD as to the construction and application of Oral Appliance Therapy (OAT) for such patient. Should a dental patient inquire as to an OAT due to excessive snoring and inform the licensed Mississippi dentist that he/she does not wish to seek the services of a duly licensed physician for a definitive*

*diagnosis as to a potential SRBD, a licensed Mississippi dentist may fabricate an OAT for such patient, only after receiving the appropriate informed consent from the patient and subsequently counseling the patient to seek the appropriate consultation with a duly licensed physician. Dentists **ARE ALLOWED** to screen patients for a SRBD and subsequently refer those patients to duly licensed physicians for final diagnosis and treatment planning. Inasmuch as impressions for OATs are considered final impressions, under no circumstances are dental auxiliaries allowed to fabricate impressions for OATs.*

At its 05/11/2018 meeting, the Board considered a request for a determination as to whether licensed Mississippi dentists are allowed to administer **Botox** injections (injectable pharmacologics) in locations other than the dentist's physical office, e.g., in a **"spa"** or **"salon"** setting. The Board determined that licensed Mississippi dentists are **NOT** allowed to administer any injectable pharmacologics in locations other than the dentist's physical office location.

At its 05/11/2018 meeting, the Board considered a request as to whether a dentist may delegate to a dental auxiliary the placement of **Dry Socket Paste** or a **Sedative (IRM) Filling**. This matter was **TABLED** until the Board's **07/27/2018** meeting to allow further research by the Board's Rules & Regulations Subcommittee.

At its 05/11/2018 meeting, the Board **AMENDED Board Regulation 7** (Provisional & Specialty Licensure) to **INCREASE** the time-limited licensure period for Provisional Military and Provisional Military Spouse Licenses from twelve (12) months to **twenty-four (24) months**, after which time such licenses will be voided. Sections 1.d.(1) and 1.e.(1) of Board Regulation 7 were amended to effect this increased time-limited licensure period.