

STATE BOARD BEACH BEAT

June 2016

Currently for FY 2016, Donald E. Price, DDS serves as President; William L. Alford, DDS serves as Vice-President; and A. Roddy Scarbrough, DMD serves as Secretary. They will remain in these positions until 06/30/2016. Steven Mark Porter, DDS (District 1 Dentist) has been appointed to the Board effective 07/01/2016; however, to-date, no appointment has been made for the District 6 Dentist position effective 07/01/2016. On or before 07/01/2017, new appointments need to be made for the District 2 and District 3 Dentist positions, and these appointments will be determined from the results of the 12/2016 balloting cycle. 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 personnel matters, 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 meeting dates through 12/31/2016 are as follows:

07/29/2016
11/04/2016

The Board will adopt clinical examination and meeting dates for the entirety of

2017 at its 07/29/2016 meeting, and those dates will be posted on the Board's web site soon thereafter.

The 2016-2018 dental hygiene and radiology permit holder biennial renewal cycle begins **09/01/2016** and concludes **10/31/2016**, followed by a two-month penalty phase. All licenses and permits not renewed by **12/31/2016** will be voided on **01/01/2017** for failure to renew. Renewal e-mails will be sent to all Mississippi dental hygienists and radiology permit holders on **08/31/2016** 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 number, and the Unique ID is composed of the last 4 digits of the licensee'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. This method of accessing the on-line portal does not change and always will be the method for accessing all Board on-line portal activities. Also, certification

cards in PDF are e-mailed to licensees/permit holders. Each PDF contains 2 certification cards. One card is larger to cut and display in the dental clinic beside your license/permit, and the second, smaller card should be cut and placed in your wallet. Ensure you save copies of these most important e-mails in the event you need additional copies of your certification card.

At its 01/22/2016 meeting the Board considered a request from Ms. Becky Ellsworth, RDH, Chair of the Board of Examiners of the International Association of Orofacial Myology (IAOM), as to

whether licensed Mississippi dental hygienists are allowed to practice Orofacial Myology without having to work under the direct supervision of licensed Mississippi dentists. The Board determined that licensed Mississippi dental hygienists **ARE ALLOWED** to provide these services under the direct supervision of licensed Mississippi dentists; however, if dental hygienists **ADVERTISE** the availability of such services and their ability to perform them, such advertisements **MUST NOT** reflect that these services are being performed under the auspices of Mississippi dental hygiene licenses. In other words, if a licensed Mississippi dental hygienist wishes to provide these services without announcing that the individual holds a

Mississippi
Dental and
Dental Hygiene
Examination
Dates for
2016:

03/03-05/2016
05/19-21/2016

For FY 2017 (07/01/2016 through 06/30/2017), the Board's officers will be:

- **William L. Alford, DDS**
President (District 2)
- **A. Roddy Scarbrough, DMD**
Vice-President (District 3)
- **Roy L. Irons, DDS**
Secretary (State-at-Large)

Mississippi dental hygiene license, the Board has determined that it has no purview in this matter.

At its 04/01/2016 meeting, the Board considered a request from the UMC Dental School regarding rural rotation off-site training for dental students, such off-site training as stipulated in Miss. Code Ann. § 73-9-3(1)(h). The Board approved the proposed off-site rural rotation program as outlined by UMC and, further, allowed the Mississippi licensed dentists functioning as adjunct professors and supervising these student externs to bill patients and any third-party payors for all dental treatment rendered by these student externs, inasmuch as the Board determined that such externships do not violate Miss. Code Ann. § 73-9-3(1)(h), which stipulates that the Board may not prohibit dental or dental hygiene students enrolled in accredited dental or dental hygiene schools from participating in off-site training recognized and approved by the Board, albeit such off-site training shall not be carried on for profit. Additionally, the Board determined the phrase “shall not be carried on for profit” to mean that student externs are not

allowed to profit monetarily from such externships. The Board further determined that licensed Mississippi dentists supervising such student externs **MUST** be physically present in

LICENSEE CATEGORY	CURRENT POPULATION
General Dental and Provisional	1,250
Specialty	278
General Anesthesia	54
Parenteral Conscious Sedation	38
Enteral Conscious Sedation	66
Dental Hygiene and Provisional	1,595
Radiology Permits	3,654
TOTAL ALL CATEGORIES	6,935

the dental office or treatment facility, personally diagnose the condition to be treated, authorize the procedures to be performed, remain in the dental office or treatment facility while the procedures are being performed, and evaluate the performance of the student extern. The foregoing determination also applies to dental hygiene students authorized to participate in off-site training programs by any Mississippi accredited dental hygiene school.

At its 04/01/2016 meeting, the Board discussed whether working interviews by dental hygienists would be considered as practicing dental hygiene without a license. Questions of this nature have arisen numerous times over the years, and the answer has been **NO** based upon general conversation by the Board, albeit no formal Board determination had been made on this subject. The Board noted that at this time a formal Board determination should be made insofar as whether such “working interviews” by those who still may be enrolled in Mississippi dental hygiene school (when such working interviews are not a requirement for graduation), or by those who have graduated from a Mississippi dental hygiene school and who have not been issued a Mississippi dental hygiene license, are considered the illegal practice of dental hygiene unless such dental hygienists possess a currently valid Mississippi dental hygiene license. The Board determined that dentists and dental hygienists are **NOT ALLOWED** to practice their respective professions in the State of Mississippi without having been issued a currently valid Mississippi dental



or dental hygiene license. Furthermore, this determination pertains to any dentists or dental hygienists who may be participating in working interviews, such term being defined as rendering dental or dental hygiene treatment to live human subjects in the State of Mississippi.

At its 04/01/2016 meeting, the Board amended Board Regulation 35 mandating registration in, and use of, the Mississippi Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) by licensed Mississippi dentists on or before **JULY 1, 2017**. The PMP is the program established and maintained by the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy for the purpose of monitoring the prescribing and appropriate use of certain controlled substances and specified drugs within the State of Mississippi. A new Item V was added to Board Regulation 35, which reads as follows:

Effective July 1, 2017, every dentist licensed by the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners who prescribes, administers, or dispenses any controlled substance within the State of Mississippi, or who proposes to engage in the prescribing, administering, or dispensing of any controlled substance within the State of Mississippi, must be registered with the Mississippi Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP), such program as heretofore defined. Once registered with the PMP, Mississippi licensed dentists shall adhere to all guidelines, protocols, and restrictions adopted by the PMP. Failure to do so shall subject the Mississippi licensed dentist to disciplinary action.

