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# THE DENTAL DIGEST

## Return of The Dental Digest

After a multi-year hiatus, The Dental Digest has returned. This quarterly newsletter will serve as a primary platform for communicating updates and pertinent information to the dental professionals of Mississippi. The staff of the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners (MSBDE) are here to assist all dental professionals in our State and to accomplish the mission of the Board: protect the public. Please contact the MSBDE if you have questions or concerns or if you have ideas regarding topics for for future newsletters.

**NEW  
SLETTER**

## MSBDE Hires an Executive Director

The Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners announces the hiring of Dennis "Denny" Hydrick as Executive Director. Denny has served in several leadership positions in the behavioral health and social service field and is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) and a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator (LNHA) in the State of Mississippi. Denny assumed the role of Executive Director at MSBDE on December 27, 2022. Denny and his wife, Susanne, reside in Hazlehurst. They have four children and one granddaughter.

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# Current Happenings:

## Dental License Renewals

2023 is the year for Dental License renewals. Beginning September 1, 2023, the renewal portal will open for all Dentists. **EARLY** renewal is KEY! To create a portal account, go to [www.dentalboard.ms.gov](http://www.dentalboard.ms.gov), scroll down, and select the Online Portal "Log In" button. Follow the instructions to create an account by selecting the "Register" button. You can create your account at anytime to review your current license information.

## CE Audit

MSBDE will begin its annual Continuing Education audit in March 2023. As of January 1, 2023, a maximum of 25% of the required course work may be computer based, video, audio, reading and/or correspondence/home study courses per two (2) year continuing education reporting period. All other CE requirements must be met by in-person attendance. For complete information regarding Board Regulation 41 - Continuing Education requirements, click [here](#).

## CPR

CPR renewals require a "hands-on" component. CPR courses completed online without a hands-on component will not be accepted. Regulation 45 states "participation in approved Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), American Heart Association (AHA) or American Red Cross (ARC) course may be used to fulfill the requirements. All other equivalent courses shall be approved by the Board on a case-by-case basis.

## Time to Vote

District voting is now open! From January 15th to March 15th, licensed dentists and dental hygienists may vote in their district for submission of nominations to the Board. To vote, go to [www.dentalboard.ms.gov](http://www.dentalboard.ms.gov). You'll need to create an account to vote. Once logged in, select the "Cast Ballot" button.

# Regulation 13 Update

The Board's proposed amendment to Regulation 13 regarding the dental hygienists' ability to administer local anesthesia was reviewed for discussion by the OLRC (Occupational Licensing Review Commission) on December 06th, 2022. After a fruitful discussion, the OLRC asked the Board to consider the addition of clarifying language and to resubmit. The addition of clarifying language was approved by the Board during the January 13th Business Meeting. Regulation 13 has been resubmitted for OLRC approval. If the OLRC approves Regulation 13, the amended regulation will become effective 30 days after filing with the Secretary of State's office. The Board will provide additional information on this matter as it becomes available.

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## 2023 DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 15** - District voting ends
- April 14** - Board Meeting
- July 14** - Board Meeting
- Sept. 1** - Dental License Renewals Open
- Oct. 27** - Board Meeting
- Oct. 31** - Dental License Renewals Close

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