

# 2013 Year in Review

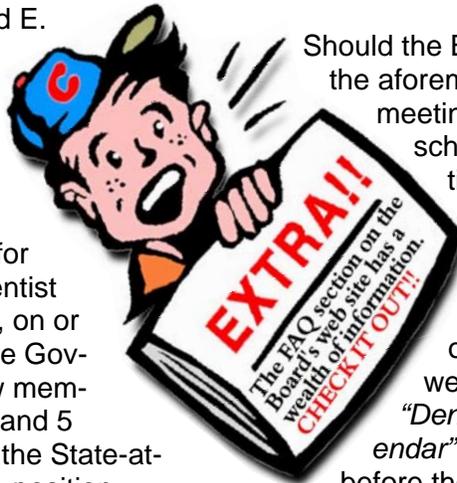
## Board of Dental Examiners

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For FY 2014 (from 07/01/2013 through 06/30/2014), Robert T. Watts, Jr., DMD is President; Frank T. Dalton, DMD is Vice-President; and Donald E. Price, DDS is Secretary. They will serve in these positions until 06/30/2014. On or before 07/01/2014, the Governor will appoint a new member for the State-at-Large Dentist position. Additionally, on or before 07/01/2015, the Governor will appoint new members for the District 4 and 5 Dentist positions and the State-at-Large Dental Hygiene position. Board members serve six-year, non-consecutive terms.

All Board meetings are open to the public except when the Board makes a determination that it is necessary to go into Executive Session, and this typically is reserved for personnel matters, ongoing investigations, and disciplinary actions. All disciplinary hearings are held in Open Session; however, the Board's deliberations following the hearing are held in Executive Session. Furthermore, no items will be added to Board meeting agendas as of two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled Board meeting date. Board meeting dates through 12/31/2014 are as follows:

- 01/24/2014
- 04/25/2014
- 07/25/2014
- 10/31/2014



Should the Board change the aforementioned meeting dates or schedule additional meeting and hearing dates, that information will be posted on the Board's web site in the "Dental Board Calendar" section. On or before the Wednesday prior to each Board meeting, a link will be provided on the "Dental Board Calendar" page to a PDF of the public agenda for that week's meeting.

During 2013, the Board imaged all public agendas dating back to 1998 and posted them on its web site in the "Publications" section. These public agendas are organized by calendar year in a PDF portfolio which contains the public agendas for each Board meeting taking place in a particular calendar year.

Another long-term project was finalized during 2013--enhancing the Board's web site by opening a "License Statistics" page. This section of the Board's web site contains a variety of frequently requested statistical information. With this web site enhancement,

relevant statistical information is updated each time the Board updates its "License Search" page. In other words, this is "real time" statistical information detailing the Board's current licensee population by Mississippi county and dental district, Mississippi only mailing addresses, out-of-state mailing addresses, etc. Also, statistics for licenses and permits issued by the Board over the past twenty (20) years is provided. The Board feels its "License Statistics" page will be quite useful not only for the public, but also for licensees and permit holders; furthermore, the Board is the first regulatory agency in the State of Mississippi to offer such a wide variety of relevant statistical information in an easily

**Statistics**

All Licenses Mississippi Only Out of State

District 1 District 2 District 3 District 4 District 5 District 6

By Year: 1995 - 1999 2000 - 2004 2005 - 2009 2010 -

For a list of counties -- Click Here

Adams	Itawamba	Perry
Alcorn	Jackson	Pike
Amite	Jasper	Pontotoc
Attala	Jefferson	Prentiss
Benton	Jefferson Davis	Quitman
Bolivar	Jones	Rankin
Calhoun	Kemper	Scott
Carroll	Lafayette	Sharkey
Chickasaw	Lamar	Simpson
Choctaw	Lauderdale	Smith
Clarborne	Lawrence	Stone
Clarke	Leake	Sunflower
Clay	Lee	Tallahatchie
Coahoma	Leflore	Tate
Copiah	Lincoln	Tippah
Covington	Lowndes	Tishomingo
DeSoto	Madison	Tunica
Forrest	Marion	Union
Franklin	Marshall	Walworth
George	Monroe	Warren
Greene	Montgomery	Washington
Grenada	Neshoba	Wayne
Hancock	Newton	Webster
Harrison	Noxubee	Wilkinson
Hinds	Okfuskeba	Winston
Holmes	Panola	Yalobusha
Humphreys	Pearl River	Yazoo
Issaquena		

accessible, "real time" format on its web site. Everyone is encouraged to stop by the Board's web site and crunch some numbers.



**2014 Mississippi  
Licensure Examinations:**

03/06-08/2014

05/15-16/2014

As of 12/31/2013, the Board finalized optically imaging its current and voided radiology permit files, along with its voided dental hygiene licensure files. All the Board's current dental hygiene licensure files, as well as current and voided dentist licensure files, will be completed on or before 05/01/2014. This has been a **MAJOR** undertaking for the Board's office and further ensures the integrity and security of the Board's historically significant licensure/permit files.

Along with previously mentioned projects finalized during 2013, imaging of all Board Minutes dating back to the first Board meeting (02/24/1920) was completed. At this time, those Minutes are being prepared for posting on the Board's web site in its "Publications" section. This project should come to fruition by the end of 2014.



During 2014, the Board plans to continue its efforts toward opening its on-line portal on a year-round basis for licensees and permit holders to utilize when submitting address, employer/employee, and other informational changes to the

Board. Eventually, this will become the only method by which such changes are submitted to the Board, inasmuch as on-line portal informational changes will be interfaced with the Board's database in the same manner as informational changes submitted during renewal.

As has been discussed, numerous enhancements have been made to the Board's web site during 2013, and more enhancements are envisioned for 2014 and upcoming years. The Board's web site continues to have a great deal of information, as well as most, if not all, of the forms utilized by the Board. The laws and regulations are an integral part of the web site, and licensees are encouraged to visit the site often to keep abreast of any changes effected by the Board. The web site has selected information from the Board's databases to be used for licensure verification and/or recruiting purposes. All of the Board's forms and applications are formatted in Adobe Acrobat PDF forms, which means that applications and forms may be completed on a personal computer using Adobe Reader software. Simply fill-in-the-blanks, print the application or form, and submit the document to the Board! You also can communicate with the Board via e-mail at the following:

**[dental@denalboard.ms.gov](mailto:dental@denalboard.ms.gov)**.

Pushing ahead with additional web site and on-line portal enhancements, in 2014 the Board will initiate the appropriate program-

ming and other logistics required to move all fee-based applications and forms to its on-line portal for completion and submission of the appropriate fees to the Board. This project may encompass more than one fiscal year to complete and may need to be completed in stages. However, once finalized, handling the Board's fee-based applications and forms through its on-line portal will be another **MAJOR** step toward interfacing such information with the Board's database and ensuring fiscal accountability and responsibility.



Don't forget to thoroughly review each edition of *The Dental Digest*, which is mailed to all licensees and permit holders. The newsletter always has a variety of important and useful informa-

tion. All of the Board's amendments to its laws and regulations are reported in its newsletter, and Board determinations as to permissible procedures for licensed Mississippi dentists and dental auxiliaries working under the **DIRECT** supervision of licensed Mississippi dentists are noted in the "Things to Note" section of each newsletter. If you have questions as to an item appearing in the newsletter, feel free to contact the Board's office for clarification.

**Review the Board's 08/10/2012 Advisory Notice regarding Groupon and Groupon-like advertising strategies BEFORE engaging in these advertising activities. The Notice is located on the Board's web site FAQ page.**

During time periods between publication of the Board's newsletter, licensees and permit holders are



provide information to its licensee population as to Board determinations, adoption/amendment of regulations, and important reminders. If you change your e-mail address, **IMMEDIATELY** notify the Board of this change to ensure you receive renewal and informational e-mails.

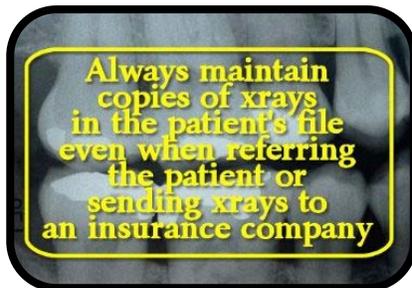
Board-approved radiology permit seminars, and, further, the Board noted that all future decisions as to which textbooks should be utilized for radiology permit seminars would be left to the discretion of the seminar providers.

encouraged to visit the "Publications" section of the Board's web site and select "Reports and Updates" to review and print reports such as this which have been provided to the various professional associations throughout the State. This is another effort on the part of the Board to assist its licensees and permit holders in keeping abreast of Board determinations and activities during these interim periods.

The 2014-2016 dental hygiene and radiology permit holder biennial renewal cycle begins **09/01/2014** and concludes **10/31/2014**, followed by a two-month penalty phase. Licenses and permits not renewed by **12/31/2014** will be voided on **01/01/2015** for failure to renew.

Renewal e-mails will be sent to all dental hygienists and radiology permit holders on **08/31/2014** advising them that it is time to renew via the Board's on-line portal, which can be accessed from the Board's web site home

The Board **REQUIRES** all licensees and permit holders to provide a minimum of one currently valid e-mail address for renewal and informational purposes. At this time, the Board's database can accommodate two (2) e-mail addresses for dentists and one (1) e-mail address for dental hygienists and radiology permit holders. An integral part of the Board's electronic information system is its blast e-mail feature, which enables the Board to more expeditiously



page. Furthermore, once the Board receives and finalizes these renewals, certification cards in PDF are **E-MAILED** to licensees and permit holders. Each PDF contains two (2) certification cards. One card is larger to cut and display in the dental clinic beside your license and/or permit, and the 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(s).

*At its 02/01/2013 meeting, the Board amended Board Regulation 14 by adding a new item 4.b. which requires successful completion of the American Board of Dental Examiners' (ADEX) written/computerized dental or dental hygiene examinations for candidates applying for licensure by examination who have taken Board-approved clinical examinations that do NOT have a written/computerized component, other than the written/computerized examinations administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations (JCNDE), that tests applied clinical diagnosis and treatment planning. Item 4.b. of Board Regulation 14 reads as follows:*

*"Effective January 1, 2014, dental and dental hygiene candidates applying for licensure by examination who have successfully completed a Board-approved licensure examination which does not contain a written/computerized comprehensive examination on applied clinical diagnosis and treatment planning, aside from the written/computerized examinations administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations, will be required to successfully complete the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) computerized/written comprehensive examination on applied clinical diagnosis and treatment planning prior to applying for licensure by examination in the State of Mississippi. The time period for successfully completing the ADEX computerized/written examination will coincide with the time period stipulated in item 4.c. of this Regulation for dental and dental hygiene candidates to apply for licensure by examination based upon successful completion of a Board-approved licensure examination."*

*At its 02/01/2013 meeting, the Board amended item 1 of Board Regulation 41 to reflect a calendar-year continuing education reporting cycle effective 01/01/2014, and items 2 and 3 were amended to remove outdated language reflecting the 1995 initial reporting period. With this amendment, item 1 now reads as follows:*

*"Continuing Dental Education (CDE) requirements will be effective on July 1, 1993 immediately following adoption of this regulation by the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners, and the continuing education period shall be from January 1 through December 31 of each year effective January 1, 2014."*

At its 02/01/2013 meeting, the Board approved The Essentials of Radiography, 9th edition, authored by Evelyn M. Thomson and Orlen N. Johnson and published by Pearson Publishing Company, to be used as a textbook for



At its 02/01/2013 meeting, the Board discussed a request regarding BIOMET 3i and whether oral and maxillofacial surgeons are allowed to utilize intraoral scanning, such as the iTero, in their practices to scan a patient's arch and healing abut-

ment to send to the laboratory for the general practitioner. The Board determined this treatment modality is **NOT** within the scope of practice for licensed Mississippi oral and maxillofacial surgeons.

At its 06/07/2013 meeting, the Board discussed passage of SB 2419 during the 2013 Legislative Session which requires Mississippi's professional regulatory boards and

commissions to develop, within one year of the bill's effective date (on or before 07/01/2014), rules/regulations allowing temporary licensure under certain circumstances for military personnel and their spouses. Attorneys are exempt from this legislation. This matter was assigned to the Board's Rules and Regulations Subcommittee for its recommendations to be presented to the Board not later than the Board's 04/25/2014 meeting. It is anticipated that Board Regulation 7 (Provisional and Specialty Licensure) will be amended to effect the Legislature's mandate.

At its 06/07/2013, 08/03/2013, and 10/18/2013 meetings, the Board discussed introducing amendments to the Mississippi Dental Practice Act during the 2014 Legislative Session. These discussions initially began in 2012, and throughout this process the Board invited comments and suggestions from the various communities of interest, e.g., MDA, MDS, MSAGD, MAWD, MDHA, MSDH, UMMC Dental School, all five Mis-

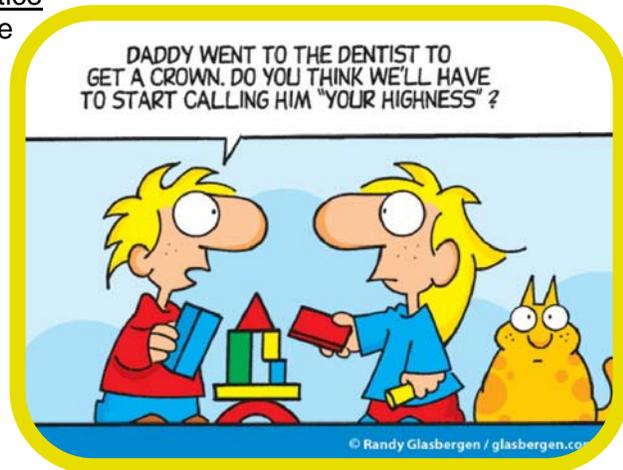
LICENSE CATEGORY	CURRENT POPULATION	ISSUED DURING 2013
General Dental and Provisional	1,214	51
Specialty (May Hold More than One Specialty)	266	13
General Anesthesia	50	4
Parenteral Conscious Sedation	33	0
Enteral Conscious Sedation	56	7
Dental Hygiene and Provisional	1,556	86
Radiology Permits	3,184	572
<b>TOTAL ALL CATEGORIES</b>	<b>6,359</b>	<b>733</b>

issippi dental hygiene schools, and all three Mississippi dental assisting schools. At its 10/18/2013 meeting, however, albeit the Board approved final language to amend its laws, it, nonetheless, ultimately voted **NOT** to introduce potential amendments to the Mississippi Dental Practice Act during the 2014 Legislative Session. Although the Board will **NOT** be introducing potential amendments in 2014, copies of the final language approved by the Board at its 10/18/2013 meeting were e-mailed to the communities of interest so everyone would be apprised of the approved language should the Board revisit these discussions for introduction during a future Legislative Session. The Board **GREATLY APPRECIATES** the dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm brought forth by all parties involved in this most important endeavor.

At its 10/18/2013 meeting, the Board discussed a request regarding whether it is permissible to advertise earned non-health credentials such as masters' degrees or doctoral degrees, and earned diplomate status in dental organizations such as the Dental Organization for Conscious Sedation (DOCS), e.g., FDOCS and DDOCS diplomate status. The Board de-

termined that advertisement of earned non-health credentials and earned diplomate status, such as FDOCS and DDOCS, was **NOT ALLOWED** pursuant to the American Dental Association's (ADA) Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct, Section 5.F.3.

At its 10/18/2013 meeting, the Board voted to allow the State's dental and dental hygiene schools to administer the Board's jurisprudence examination in a secure and Board-approved location to each school's graduating dental or dental hygiene students, and to continue to mandate that out-of-state dental and dental hygiene candidates, whether applying for licensure by examination or cre-



**Dental assistants are NOT ALLOWED to administer radiographs unless they possess a currently renewed Mississippi radiology permit. Check permit status via the "License Search" page on the Board's web site BEFORE delegating this procedure.**

dentals, physically present themselves to the Board's office for administration of the jurisprudence examination. This same requirement for out-of-state candidates also applies to Mississippi's graduating dental and dental hygiene students who either fail their initial jurisprudence examination or who cannot attend the initial jurisprudence examination offered through the dental and dental hygiene schools each year. Grading will be accomplished via machine-scored grade sheets, and all schools will utilize the same grade sheets for scoring purposes.