

# 2014 Year in Review

## Board of Dental Examiners

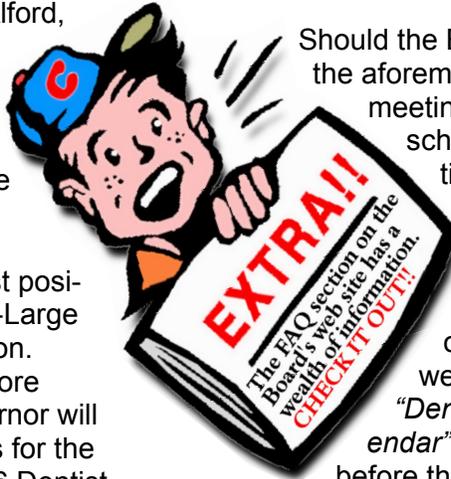
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For FY 2015 (from 07/01/2014 through 06/30/2015), Frank T. Dalton, DMD is President; Donald E. Price, DDS is Vice-President; and William L. Alford, DDS is Secretary. They will serve in these positions until 06/30/2015. On or before 07/01/2015, the Governor will appoint new members for the District 4 and 5 Dentist positions and the State-at-Large Dental Hygiene position. Additionally, on or before 07/01/2016, the Governor will appoint new members for the District 1 and District 6 Dentist positions. 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

12/31/2015 are as follows:

01/23/2015  
04/21-22/2015  
07/31/2015  
10/16/2015



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.

All public agendas dating back to 1998 are posted on the Board's 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.

Licenses and members of the public are encouraged to visit the Board's "License Statistics" page on its web site. This section of the Board's web site was created in 2013 and contains a variety of frequently requested statistical information, which is updated each time the

Board updates its "License Search" page on its web site. 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, statistical information for licenses and permits issued by the Board over the past twenty (20) years is provided. As a matter of fact, 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 accessible, "real time" format on its web site. Everyone is encouraged to stop by the Board's web site and crunch some numbers.

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
Claiborne	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		

All on-line CPR courses MUST contain a hands-on, mannequin component

During 2014, the Board finalized optically imaging its current and voided dental hygiene licensure

files, as well as its voided dentist licensure files. Currently, the Board is in the process of finalizing optically imaging its current dentist licensure files and envisions completion of this project in mid-2015. Imaging the Board's licensure files has been a **MAJOR** undertaking and has encompassed 2-3 years; once completed, however, the integrity and security of the Board's historically significant licensure/permit files will be preserved.

The Board continues to look toward the future by endeavoring to optically image all Board Minutes dating back to the first Board meeting (**02/24/1920**). At this time, those Minutes are being reviewed and prepared for posting on the Board's web site in its "Publications" section. This project should come to fruition by mid-2016.



During 2015, 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

### 2015 Mississippi Licensure Examinations:

03/05-07/2015  
05/14-15/2015

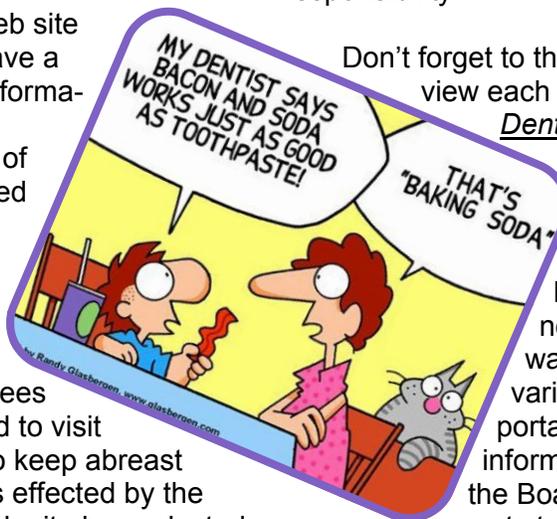
changes are submitted to the Board, inasmuch as on-line portal informational changes will be interfaced with the Board's database in the same manner as informational changes submitted during renewal. Implementation of this on-line portal enhancement was delayed during 2014 due to scheduling conflicts with the State Computer Center.

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 address:

[dental@dentalboard.ms.gov](mailto:dental@dentalboard.ms.gov).

During 2015, the Board will continue to implement the appropriate programming and 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. The Board is working with the State Computer Center to establish a timetable for this project, which may need to be completed in stages and encompass more than one fiscal year to bring to fruition. 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.



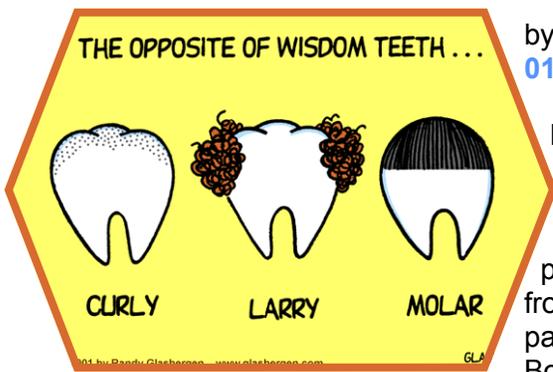
Don't forget to thoroughly review each edition of *The Dental Digest*,

which is mailed to all licensees and permit holders. The newsletter always has a variety of important and useful information. 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

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.

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.

During time periods between publication of the Board's newsletter,



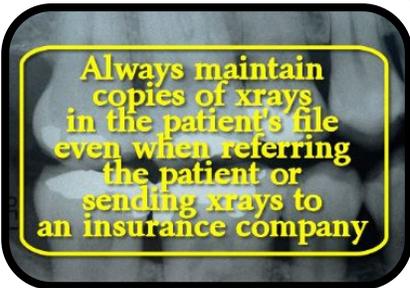
by **12/31/2015** will be voided on **01/01/2016** for failure to renew.

Renewal e-mails will be sent to all dentists on **08/31/2015** 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 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 01/24/2014 meeting, the Board reviewed correspondence regarding the Pinhole Gum Rejuvenation procedure. The Board opined that it is not feasible to determine the suitability of every dental procedure; rather, the Board feels licensed Mississippi dentists should base their decisions as to acceptability and utilization of dental procedures upon evidence-based research.

*At its 04/25/2014 meeting, the Board amended the preamble and created new sections 1d. and 1e. in Board Regulation 7 to provide for provisional licensure for military service men and women, as well as their spouses. These amendments were adopted pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-50-1, which required all occupational licensing boards, excluding attorneys, to promulgate rules allowing for issuance of temporary or provisional licenses/permits to military personnel and their spouses, thus enabling those dental and dental hygiene applicants to practice in the State of Mississippi for a reasonable period of time while they fulfill all requirements for a permanent license. Provisional Military Licenses are valid for one year after issuance; upon conclusion of one year, the provisional licensee must apply for full licensure either by credentials or examination. Otherwise, after expiration of one year, the Provisional Military License will be voided as a time-limited license. A full copy of amended Board Regulation 7 is available on the Board's web site in its "Laws and Codes" section.*

licensees and permit holders are 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 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 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.

The 2015-2017 dental biennial renewal cycle begins **09/01/2015** and concludes **10/31/2015**, followed by a two-month penalty phase. Licenses and permits not renewed

recertification examination for **10 hours** of non-clinical continuing education credit for Mississippi Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons who are board-certified within their specialty. Further, with respect to all ADA-recognized specialties stipulated in Board Regulation 7, those Mississippi specialists who are board-certified within their ADA-recognized specialty categories shall receive **10 hours** of non-clinical continuing education credit over the two-year reporting period for their 2013 and all future recertification examinations. This non-clinical continuing education credit complies with the currently approved 25% allowed over the two-year continuing education reporting period.



At its 04/25/2014 meeting, the Board considered a question regarding dentists who have completed more than one ADA-accredited residency program and whether such dentists may hold more than one concurrent specialty license. The Board determined that a currently licensed dentist who has completed more than one ADA-accredited residency program and who applies for specialty licensure in Mississippi **MAY** hold more than one concurrent specialty license, regardless of the type of specialty license held.

At its 01/24/2014 meeting, the Board approved the ABOMS 2013

At its 04/25/2014 meeting, the Board discussed the point at which the dentist of record should see a patient. The Board determined that if an examination is being charged, the dentist is **REQUIRED** to see the patient at some point in the process prior to the patient leaving the clinic.

At its 07/25/2014 meeting, the Board approved Concorde Career College in Southaven, MS to provide radiology seminars for dental assistants applying for Mississippi radiology permits. These seminars will be given at Concorde's Southaven, MS campus and pursuant to the guidelines of Board Regulation 25 regarding issuance of radiology permits. Access the "Dental Board Calendar" page of the Board's web site for seminar dates.

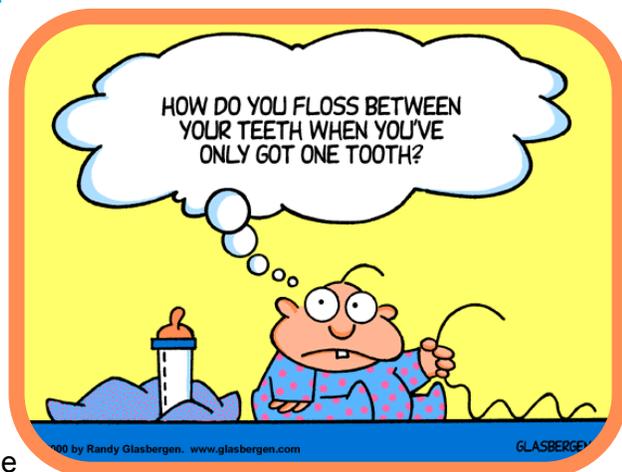
At its 07/25/2014 meeting, the Board considered an inquiry concerning mandated equipment for anesthesia permits and whether the King Tube could be utilized as an advanced airway instead of the currently required/listed laryngoscope and endotracheal tubes noted on the Board's anesthesia permit site visit form. The Board determined that the King Tube could **NOT** be utilized in lieu of the laryngoscope and endotracheal tubes. Albeit, the Board agreed that a licensee can have multiple airway adjuncts in the facility,

LICENSE CATEGORY	CURRENT POPULATION	ISSUED DURING 2014
General Dental and Provisional	1,247	50
Specialty (May Hold More than One Specialty)	281	15
General Anesthesia	50	1
Parenteral Conscious Sedation	39	6
Enteral Conscious Sedation	63	7
Dental Hygiene and Provisional	1,524	73
Radiology Permits	2,897	565
<b>TOTAL ALL CATEGORIES</b>	<b>6,101</b>	<b>717</b>

At its 10/31/2014 meeting, the Board considered an inquiry as to whether licensed Mississippi dental hygienists working on **TRIBAL LANDS** are allowed to work under the general supervision of a licensed Mississippi dentist insofar as the application of fluoride varnish under "public health" auspices is concerned. Furthermore, the inquiry questioned whether the Board has authority over these dental auxiliaries when providing services on **TRIBAL LANDS**. Based upon its research and advice from legal counsel, the Board determined that if the Mississippi licensed dentist or dental auxiliary provides services **ONLY TO TRIBAL MEMBERS AND ONLY ON TRIBAL LANDS**, the Board has no jurisdiction other than should a complaint regarding quality of care issues insofar as patient treatment be filed with the Board, whereupon, the Board would investigate the complaint and work closely with tribal authorities. Furthermore, if the dentist or dental auxiliaries providing services **ARE NOT** licensed Mississippi dentists or dental auxiliaries, the Board would report such complaint to the state wherein such individuals are licensed. The Board reiterated that this determination applies **ONLY** to **TRIBAL LANDS** and **ONLY** for

work performed on **TRIBAL MEMBERS**. This determination does **NOT** pertain to dental work performed on tribal land on non-tribal members.

Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-9-19, all licensees and permit holders are **REQUIRED** to inform the Board within **30 DAYS** of informational changes, including, but not limited to, employees, employers, home and office addresses, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail addresses, name changes, etc. The Board's chief mechanism for communicating with its licensee population is via e-mail, and it is **VITAL** that licensees and permit holders ensure the Board has their most current email address; otherwise, you may be assessed penalties for non-notification of information changes, late license/permit renewal, etc., and your license or permit may be voided for failure to renew.



Board Regulation 61 **REQUIRES** dentists operating mobile/portable dental facilities to notify the Board within **30 DAYS** of any changes of information, including, but not limited to, addresses, telephone numbers, personnel, follow-up care procedures and dentists, operation cessation, etc. Otherwise, approval of the mobile/portable dental facility may be **RESCINDED**.

