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June 2011 Update

Miscellaneous Information

Currently, Robert L. Smith, Jr., DDS (District II) is President; Carl H. Boykin, DDS (State-at-Large Dentist) is Vice-President; and Jeffery D. Hartsog, DMD (District IV) is Secretary. They will serve in these positions until 06/30/2011. At its 05/13/2011 meeting, the Board elected officers for FY 2012 (07/01/2011 through 06/30/2012), and the new officers will be: Carl H. Boykin, DDS, President; Jeffery D. Hartsog, DMD, Vice-President; and Robert T. Watts, Jr., DMD (District V), Secretary.

Governor Barbour finalized appointments for Districts II and III to be effective 07/01/2011, and these new Board members are: William Larry Alford, DDS (District II) and A. Roddy Scarbrough, DMD (District III). Drs. Alford and Scarbrough will serve on the Board from 07/01/2011 through 06/30/2017. Beginning 07/01/2011, the Board's structure will remain unchanged until 07/01/2014, at which time the Board will begin its cycle of new appointees with the State-at-Large Dentist 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 12/31/2011 are as follows:

08/19/2011
11/18/2011

The Board will establish 2012 meeting dates at its 08/19/2011 meeting; afterwards, those dates, as well

as the 2012 clinical licensure examination dates, will be posted on the Board's web site.

The Board's web site, <http://www.dentalboard.ms.gov>, 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.

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 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.

Many of you already have received messages from the Board via its blast e-mail feature, wherein e-mails are sent from the Board to licensees and permit holders who have provided e-mail addresses to the Board. This feature 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 have an e-mail address and have not notified the Board of such, or if you have changed your e-mail address, please notify the Board of this information to ensure

you are included in these most important e-mails. As you will see later in this report, the Board will be handling much of its business and communications electronically, and it is **IMPERATIVE** that licensees and permit holders provide e-mail addresses to the Board and keep these addresses up-to-date.



At its 02/25/2011 meeting, the Board discussed whether dental laboratory technicians are allowed to see patients in their dental laboratories who have been sent to them from licensed Mississippi dentists to determine the correct shade selection for crowns, bridges, etc., and whether dental laboratory technicians are permitted to provide assistance to patients and dentists in dental offices for determining shade selection. The Board determined that both are permissible procedures for dental laboratory technicians and that neither would be in violation of the Board's laws and regulations.

At its 05/13/2011 meeting, the Board amended [Board Regulations 37 \(Current Fee Structure\) and 61 \(Mobile and Portable Dental Facilities\)](#). Board Regulation 37 was amended to stipulate fees for (a) an application for a mobile/portable dental facility; and (b) follow-up site visits for mobile/portable dental facilities. [The initial application fee for a mobile/portable dental facility is \\$300.00, and the follow-up site visit fee is \\$150.00.](#) Sections 4.b., 7.c., and 7.d. of Board Regulation 61 were amended to reference Board Regulation 37 insofar as fees for an application for a mobile/portable dental facility and follow-up site visits. Furthermore, Section 6.b. of Board Regulation 61 was amended to stipulate that [a dentist who agrees to provide follow-up care must be practicing and located in a land-based dental office which provides dental services either in the county wherein the mobile/portable dental facility provides services, or in an adjacent county to the location wherein such services are being provided.](#) Click on the "Laws and Codes" link on the Board's web site (<http://www.dentalboard.ms.gov>) for copies of amended Board Regulations 37 and 61.

At its 05/13/2011 meeting, the Board determined that [all licenses and permits MUST be renewed ONLY via the on-line method beginning with the 2011-2013 dental biennial renewal period.](#) Further, only for the 2011-2013 dental biennial renewal period, those dentists who have absolutely no access to the Internet may request paper renewals; however, these dentists will be notified that beginning with the 2013-2015 dental biennial renewal period, **NO PAPER RENEWAL OPTION WILL BE AVAILABLE**, and all renewals must

be processed only on-line. Additionally, this same protocol, insofar as the offer of paper renewals only to those licensees and permit holders who have absolutely no Internet access, will be followed for the 2012-2014 dental hygiene and radiology permit holder biennial renewal period, and beginning with the 2014-2016 dental hygiene and radiology permit holder biennial renewal period, **NO PAPER RENEWAL OPTION WILL BE AVAILABLE.** Furthermore, beginning with the 2011-2013 dental biennial renewal period, and continuing with all license/permit holder biennial renewal periods thereafter, **CERTIFICATION CARDS WILL BE TRANSMITTED VIA E-MAIL.**

At its 05/13/2011 meeting, the Board considered a question regarding Pellevue and whether general dentists are allowed to utilize Pellevue in light of the Board's 10/19/2007 determination wherein only oral and maxillofacial surgeons are allowed to perform extraoral cosmetic procedures. The Board determined the use of Pellevue is considered an extraoral cosmetic procedure covered by the Board's 10/19/2007 determination and, as such, only oral and maxillofacial surgeons are allowed to perform this procedure.



Effective 07/01/2012, all dental offices **MUST** have a minimum of one AED, or equivalent defibrillator, in each dental office. Each AED, or equivalent defibrillator, shall be maintained in a properly functioning capacity at all times. Proof of availability shall be made available for review at any time by any member of the Board or by any designated agent of the Board.

[The 2011-2013 dental biennial renewal cycle begins 09/01/2011 and concludes 10/31/2011](#), followed by a two-month penalty phase. All licenses and permits not renewed by 12/31/2011 will be voided on 01/01/2012 for failure to renew. Visit the Board's web site at <http://www.dentalboard.ms.gov> to link to the on-line portal to renew your licenses and permits. If you have not already done so, please ensure the Board has your most current e-mail address on file.