

# STATE BOARD BEACH BEAT

June 2013

For FY 2013, Jeffery D. Hartsog, DMD is President; Robert T. Watts, Jr., DMD is Vice-President; and Frank T. Dalton, DMD is Secretary. They will serve in these positions until 06/30/2013. The Board's current 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 12/31/2013 are as follows:

**08/03/2013**  
**10/18/2013**

The 2013-2015 dental biennial renewal cycle begins **09/01/2013** and concludes **10/31/2013**, followed by a two-month



penalty phase. All licenses and permits not renewed by **12/31/2013** will be voided on **01/01/2014** for failure to renew.

Renewal e-mails will be sent to all licensed Mississippi dentists on **08/31/2013** 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 dentist's dental license number, and the Unique ID is composed of the last 4 digits of the dentist'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 will always be the method for accessing all Board on-line portal activities. Also, certification cards in PDF are e-mailed to licensees. 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 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(s).

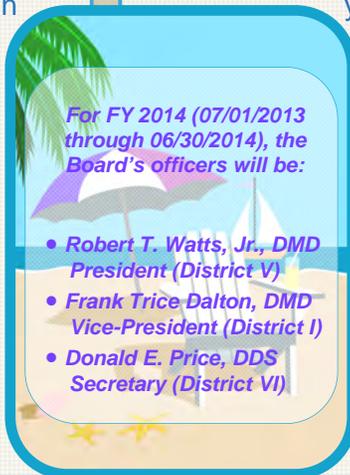
## Dental and Dental Hygiene Examination Dates for 2014:

**03/06-08/2014**  
**05/15-16/2014**

**\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*  
Pre-Graduation  
Dates for  
Dental and  
Dental Hygiene**

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 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.

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 abutment 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.



*For FY 2014 (07/01/2013 through 06/30/2014), the Board's officers will be:*

- **Robert T. Watts, Jr., DMD**  
*President (District V)*
- **Frank Trice Dalton, DMD**  
*Vice-President (District I)*
- **Donald E. Price, DDS**  
*Secretary (District VI)*



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 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 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

LICENSEE CATEGORY	CURRENT POPULATION
General Dental and Provisional	1,261
Specialty	266
General Anesthesia	51
Parenteral Conscious Sedation	34
Enteral Conscious Sedation	57
Dental Hygiene and Provisional	1,483
Radiology Permits	2,854
<b>TOTAL ALL CATEGORIES</b>	<b>6,006</b>



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 first meeting in 2014. 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 meeting, the Board continued discussions as to introducing amendments to the Mississippi Dental Practice Act during the 2014 Legislative Session. On 03/07/2013, the Board’s proposals were e-mailed to all communities of interest, i.e., MDA, MDS, MAWD, MDHA, MSDH, UMMC Dental School, all five Mississippi dental hygiene schools, and all three Mississippi dental assisting schools. Responses received from MDA and MDHA were reviewed at the 06/07/2013 meeting, as well. The Board set aside three hours on **08/03/2013** to meet with a maximum of two representatives from each of the communities of interest regarding its proposed 2014 legislation.

At its 08/03/2013 meeting, the Board will establish its 2014 meeting schedule, which will be posted on the Board’s web site soon thereafter. Also, in the next two months, the Board will be enhancing its web site by opening its statistical web page.

