

Winter 2009 TDHA Trustee Report to BADHS

ADHA Reminder of Deadlines:

March 13 is the last day for submitting your application for ADHA's Lobby Day in Washington, D.C., on June 17, 2009. Go to www.adha.org/annualsession for the application.

March 27 is the deadline for Constituents to submit officer nominations, proposed resolutions, and proposed bylaws amendments for ADHA Annual Session. If there are policies that you would like to see changed in ADHA, this is the time to propose them. Contact Lorie Jones, ADHA Delegation Chair.

Member Services Council

Winter Cycle renewals

Now is the time to reach out to Winter Cycle members that have not renewed their ADHA membership. As of February 23, 2009, we have 356 TDHA members on the Winter Cycle that have not renewed. It is critical that we reach out to these members before they are dropped from the ADHA roster on March 31.

Hope Garza has sent each component membership chair a list of non-renewals for their component, a potential script and talking points to assist in reaching out to these members. The script is to be used as a framework for a conversation. Use the talking points as you see fit. Use the component leadership to help you to remind members to renew their membership.

2009 Graduate Outreach

Hope Garza urges each component to put together a Student Transition Team of members that will work with the 2009 graduates especially during the critical summer months after graduation. You may want to have a "Welcome to the Profession" gathering after graduation and invite the graduates to come and meet you in an informal setting, i.e. a pool party, ice cream social, happy hour or brunch. The team can be there to offer support as these new hygienists are looking for jobs. A simple phone call or email letting the graduates know that they are not alone can be a life line to a new grad.

The following is description of the Student Transition Team role and responsibility:

- I. **Student Transition Team**
 - a. Criteria:
 - i. 4- 6 month commitment (1-2 contacts /month)
 - ii. Enthusiastic members, like to work with students/graduates
 - iii. Knowledgeable about student/graduate activities and resources – ADHA, TDHA and local component
 - iv. Knowledgeable about professional association benefits
 - b. Purpose: work with graduating dental hygiene students (March – September)
 - i. After Nat'l Boards (late March to early April):
 1. Contact students to get personal emails

2. Wish them good luck on WREB
 3. Find out where students are going after graduation
 - a. If moving, contact component to let them know that the student is coming
 - b. Give the student a contact person in the area they will be moving to
- ii. After WREB (May):
1. Make personal phone calls or emails after students leave school to touch base with them
 2. Update contact information
 3. Remind them about transitioning their student membership – license #
 - a. Walk them through the process
 - b. With their permission, do it for them
 4. “Welcome to the Profession” gathering i.e. brunch, pool party, happy hour, etc.
- iii. Summer months (June – September):
1. Make personal phone calls or emails to find out how graduates are doing
 2. Tips for job hunting – ADHA employment guide, local employment agencies, etc.
 3. Invitation to component meetings & community service projects
 - a. Introduce to other members

If your component has a student liaison, they can take the lead in organizing the Student Transition Team

National Boards and WREB Dates

Hope Garza surveyed the schools about the dates for National Boards and WREB. This year, students have the choice to take the National Boards by computer or a paper exam. Next year, the National Boards will only be given on computer. The students will have to go to a testing center to take the exam.

Most schools have elected the paper exam and will take the National Boards on March 24. The computer exam dates can range from mid-March thru April. Each testing center has only certain number of slots for students to take the exam, when the slots are filled, the student must sign up on a different date or find another testing center to take the exam.

WREB dates are mid-April thru mid-May. Please send a note or email to the graduates wishing them luck on the National Boards and WREB exam.

TX Student Annual Session

The students at the TX Student Annual Session held a mega-issue discussion to discuss how ADHA could improve their student experience while in school. The theme that flowed from the discussion was that they wanted more interaction with ADHA members. It was gratifying to have reinforcement for the calendar of monthly contacts being developed to increase our contact with students throughout the year. Angie Bailey from TWU was awarded the Outstanding Dental Hygiene Student in Texas Award.

Awards, Awards and more Awards

TDHA has the Outstanding Grassroots Dental Hygienist Award and the TDHA Future Leader Award. Both will be awarded at the TDHA Annual Session in Houston. The deadline for both applications is May 31, 2009. See last month's Leadership Letter for the applications or contact me for the applications.

Student Liaisons

Hope Garza would still like to have the names and contact information for your component student liaison. She would like to include them in my email list to receive the MSC News.

URGENT! Membership Chairs Please Act!

1. Contact non-renewed winter cycle members to renew their membership.
2. Establish a Student Transition Team to work with 2009 graduates.

Public Affairs Council

DISPLAY YOUR CREDENTIALS! EDUCATE YOUR PATIENTS TO "LOOK FOR THE LICENSE"

On February 23rd, Legislative Awareness Day, we reviewed the issues and talking points for the Team Leaders for LAD on our 4 bills. We encouraged everyone to familiarize themselves with SB 97/HB 456 on Access to Care and SB 536/HB 168 on Local Anesthesia as well as SB 455 having to do with expansion of duties for the dental assistant. We have no official position on SB 455 at this time, but you need to familiarize yourselves with it. Go to capitol.state.tx.us and enter the bill number for more information.

Our Legislative Awareness Day at the Capitol in Austin, February 22-23, 2009 was an amazing effort on the part of hygienists and hygiene students across the state. Over 100 Registered Dental Hygienists, Educators and hygiene students descended on the Capitol to promote our current proposed bills. This year, Austin DHS helped to sponsor a "Hospitality Room" within the Capitol to allow teams to regroup, ask questions, complete their reports and recharge between visits. It was so well received; we believe it will be a "Keeper"! Thanks Austin DHS! TDHA Governmental Affairs Council did a great job of presenting the issues in a professional, concise manner for us to present to our Legislators. As a result, it enabled us to educate and demonstrate to the lawmakers in Austin, our commitment to increasing preventive oral health care to the citizens of Texas and to protect the future of Dental Hygiene Professionals.

Governmental Affairs Council

Monday, February 23 was an exciting and successful day at the Capital for the TDHA. ***Thank you to all the dental hygienists and dental hygiene students who participated in the event.***

Dental hygienists visited each of the 150 House offices and 23 Senate offices. Our legislative consultant is even busier now following up on potential co authors for our bills. Before the TDHA President and the GAC Co Chairs left the Capital on Monday afternoon, Rep Heflin had already signed on as a co author. Based on the reports from the visits, it appears that others are interested in co authorship, too. This is exciting news.

Professional Education Council

There are a few updates to report since our last leadership letter. And, as always a few details that need to be worked out.

Upcoming Events:

***TDHA's 4th Annual Texas-Size Continuing Education Weekend**
Date: August 7 & 8, 2009 Location: Hilton Houston North
Friday & Saturday 12300 Greenspoint Dr.
Houston, TX 77060

For Reservations - Please call 866-577-1154

Rate: \$99 single/double plus tax

Reservation Deadline: Early Bird before July 30th

Final Deadline – July 8, 2009 by 5pm

Speakers: Dr. Chris Norton, DDS

Friday Course offerings: AM- "How to Grow Attractive Faces" paired with "Abfraction – Maybe It Is Not the Toothbrush"

Friday PM: "Who Can Treat Sleep Apnea: You Can!"

Dr. John Molinari

Saturday Course offerings: AM-"Infection Control: That Thing You Do"

Sat. PM-"Allergic Patients and Dental Care Providers: Practice Implications"

***On-Line CE Course: 360 Degrees Healthcare Training**

TDHA President, Nancy Cline, has signed the contract with this firm and we are awaiting

confirmation of receipt.

Sent to: 360Training.com INC.

Final details will be coming soon.

***Component Officer Workshop (COW) Date: Friday, July 24, 2009**

Location: Wyndham Garden Hotel, Austin

Speaker: Dr. Margot Perez-Greene

Assistant Director, External Relationships
Texas State Technical College System

HYPAC GOAL STATUS AS OF 2/28/2009

COMPONENT	GOAL	YTD	%
BAY AREA 17	\$ 1,340.00	\$ 740.00	55%

Annual Session Council

The council chairs have already been working on the new registration form and schedule of events and have it ready for presentation and approval at Spring Board. Some of the council met during a break at LAD, to discuss the registration form and schedule of events along with the time of each event.

If your component would like to sponsor an event please let Annual Session Council know as soon as possible. If your component would like to make a monetary donation to help off set some expenses that would also be appreciated. We are looking for a sponsor for food during marketplace and Meeting the ADHA President.

Texas Dental Hygienists' Association 2009 Annual Session Raffle

The TDHA 2009 Annual Session Raffle will continue with money prizes again. It was such a big hit last year! There will be 4 different money prizes: \$1000.00, \$500.00, and two \$250.00 prizes. These prizes will be given in the form of cashier's checks. Tickets will be available to delegates and other hygienists from component Trustees. Tickets will not be mailed this year. They will only be distributed to Trustees and board members at board meetings. With everyone helping, 2009 can be our biggest year for raising money for TDHA. This fundraiser helps support outreach programs and education of the public. Prizes will be awarded to the top three raffle ticket sellers. Tickets will sell for \$5.00 each. The winning raffle tickets will be drawn at the TDHA Annual Session in Houston on September 27, 2009. Raffle winners need not be present to win. Any questions or comments should be directed to Leslie Ball at LBallRDH@gmail.com or 281-660-1038.

Student Affairs Council

TDHA President, Nancy Cline, visited her first Texas Student Annual Session in Houston, early in February. She said it was very impressive to see so many (440+) dental hygiene students in one room! The students were involved and enthusiastic and gave us many good suggestions during the Mega Issues Forum. ADHA President, Diann Bomkamp, attended the whole weekend and loved interacting with the students. She said she also went home with some great ideas for engaging the students. **Thank you again, Student Affairs Council.** During the meeting, she met with the dental hygiene educators and discussed legislation. The new President of the Texas Dental Hygiene Educators' Association is Dr. Christine French Beatty from TWU. She will be the SAC Co-Chair for 2009-2010.

Always remember to check www.texasdha.org and www.adha.org for all the latest information.

Respectfully submitted by –

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