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**MDA STAFF (for a portion)**

Jenny Armistead, Director of Marketing and Communications  
David Foe, MA, Director of Print and e-Publications  
Angie Kanazeh, Director of Membership

18 Michelle Nichols-Cruz, Governance Manager  
19 Shawna Owens, Manager of Continuing Education  
20 Brandy Ryan, PHR, Director of Human Resources  
21 Brian Stump, Director of Finance  
22 Bill Sullivan, JD, Vice President/Advocacy and Professional Relations  
23 Andrea Sundermann, CAE, Director of Continuing Education

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25 **GUESTS** (for a portion)

26 Dr. Jill Brion, Chair, Committee on Annual Session

27 Dr. Ben Underwood, Chair, Committee on Continuing Education

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### MEETING OF THE 2018-2019 BOARD

30 **CALL TO ORDER**

31 The meeting was called to order at 3:08 pm by President Peters.

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33 **RECOGNITION OF 2019 ANNUAL SESSION CHAIR**

34 President Peters expressed the Association's appreciation to Dr. Jill Brion, the 2019 Annual  
35 Session chair, for her efforts in making the 2019 Annual Session a success.

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37 Dr. Brion reported that attendance was up 13% over last year and attendee feedback has been  
38 positive.

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40 **RECOGNITION OF 2019 CONTINUING EDUCATION CHAIR**

41 President Peters expressed the Association's appreciation to Dr. Ben Underwood, the 2019  
42 Continuing Education chair, for his efforts in making the 2019 Annual Session a success.

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44 **ACTION ITEMS**

45 *Dental Therapy Rules Decision Making*

46 The Board of Dentistry (BOD) appointed a rules work group to develop the rules that will govern  
47 dental therapists.

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49 The work group has met twice and there will be two more meetings that will take place on May  
50 13 and June 13. The meeting that will occur in June will necessitate that the MDA be able to  
51 make quick decisions as there is a strong potential that the work group and Board of Dentistry  
52 meetings will take place on the same day.

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54 In order to deal with the potential of the quick timeline, the Board approved the following  
55 recommendation:

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57 **1-519**     Resolved, that the MDA Board of Trustees designate the president     **Adopted**  
58 of the Association and/or the immediate past president, to make

59 decisions at the Board of Dentistry Rules Workgroup and Board of  
60 Dentistry regarding the rules that will govern dental therapists. The  
61 designated member should make decisions consistent with the MDA's  
62 policy on workforce.  
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64 *MDHA Dental Therapy Rules Proposals*

65 The Board is aware that the Michigan Dental Hygienists Association put forth several proposals  
66 to add the following to the law:  
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- 68 • Allow a dental therapist to prescribe nonnarcotic analgesics, anti-inflammatory and  
69 antibiotic medications, fluorides, anti-viral and anti-fungal medications. Currently the  
70 law allows the dental therapist to dispense and administer via the oral or topical route  
71 nonnarcotic analgesics and anti-inflammatory and antibiotic medications as prescribed  
72 by a health care professional.
- 73 • Require that the supervised clinical practice of a minimum of 500 hours be completed  
74 after graduation from a dental therapist program. The current law does not state when  
75 the 500 hours should occur.
- 76 • Allow a dental therapist to replant and stabilize avulsed teeth. This would be a new duty  
77 that is not currently allowed in the law. However, the law allows the Board of Dentistry  
78 to add new duties.

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80 The following were adopted by general consent:  
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82 Dental Therapist Prescribing

83 The Board believes that only a doctor should prescribe medication. While the law does not use  
84 the word "diagnose" the language used defines "diagnose." This needs to be clarified by the  
85 Board of Dentistry.  
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87	2-519	<u>Resolved</u> , the MDA Board of Trustees opposes MDHA's	<b>Adopted</b>
88		proposal to allow a dental therapist to prescribe non-narcotic	<b>Assoc. Policy</b>
89		analgesics, anti-inflammatory and antibiotic	<b>Manual</b>
90		medications, fluorides, anti-viral and anti-fungal medications.	

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92 Supervised Clinical Practice

93 The Board believes that the rules for supervised clinical practice for a dental therapist should be  
94 consistent of those for dentists, hygienists and assistants, where the hours are required to be  
95 completed prior to graduation and licensure.  
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98 **3-519** Resolved, the MDA Board of Trustees opposes **Adopted**  
99 MDHA's proposal to require that the supervised clinical **Assoc. Policy**  
100 practice of a minimum of 500 hours be completed after **Manual**  
101 graduation from a dental therapist program.

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103 Emergency Palliative Treatment

104 The following was proposed for adoption:  
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106 Recommendation 666

107 Resolved, that the MDA Board of Trustees (fill in the blank) MDHA's proposal  
108 to allow a dental therapist to replant and stabilize avulsed teeth.

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110 The Board is aware that in an emergency, replanting and stabilizing a tooth is critical to saving  
111 the tooth. However, it also believes that the patient should be immediately referred to a  
112 dentist for follow-up treatment.

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114 After a thorough discussion, the following was adopted by general consent:  
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116 **4-519** Resolved, that the MDA Board of Trustees supports **Adopted**  
117 allowing a dental therapist to provide emergency **Assoc. Policy**  
118 palliative treatment by replanting and stabilizing **Manual**  
119 avulsed teeth with immediate referral to a dentist.

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121 **NEW BUSINESS**

122 *Medicaid Dental Anesthesia Policy*

123 As this was an item of new business, it required a 2/3 vote of the Board to consider; the 2/3  
124 vote was granted by the Board.  
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126 The MDA Board was recently informed that the Medicaid office intends to begin enforcing the  
127 Medicaid dental anesthesia policy for Healthy Kids Dental (HKD) and Healthy Michigan Plan  
128 patients beginning in August. This is enforcement of an existing Medicaid policy that was never  
129 before applied to Healthy Kids Dental. Under this policy, nitrous oxide analgesia and local  
130 anesthesia are considered a part of whatever other service is being provided and therefore,  
131 cannot be billed to the patient and are not reimbursed as separate procedures by Medicaid.  
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133 This issue first came to light in December 2018 when Delta Dental issued an email to  
134 participating providers stating that they were not allowed to balance bill patients for nitrous  
135 oxide. Since the inception of HKD, nitrous oxide had been adjudicated as a non-covered service  
136 allowing the dentist to bill the patient should they elect to have this service. The Medicaid  
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138 Policy Manual contains conflicting statements with one section referring to nitrous oxide  
139 analgesia and locally administered anesthetics as included in the reimbursement of the  
140 procedure performed, and another section including “analgesia, inhalation of nitrous oxide” in  
141 a list of non-covered services.

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143 The MDA and Delta Dental both met separately with the Medicaid office at that time to  
144 educate them on the negative impact this change in claims adjudication would have on both  
145 patients and providers. The Medicaid office issued a statement immediately following its  
146 meeting with the MDA halting enforcement of this policy and allowing dentists to continue to  
147 bill these services as non-covered services while they reconsidered this policy. The MDA is  
148 working to find additional information as to why the Medicaid office has chosen to ultimately  
149 keep this policy after MDA and Delta Dental’s previous efforts to educate them on its negative  
150 effect on both providers and patients.

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152 This proposed policy is open for public comment until May 30. The MDA will be submitting  
153 comments and publishing this to the membership in the next email newsletter encouraging  
154 members to submit their own feedback to the Medicaid office as well.

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156 The following was adopted by general consent:

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158 **5-519**      Resolved, that the Michigan Dental Association work with                      **Adopted**  
159                      the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services,                      **Assoc. Policy**  
160                      Medical Services Administration to allow for providers to                      **Manual**  
161                      charge separately for nitrous oxide analgesia and be it further

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163                      Resolved, that the MDA work with interested parties to  
164                      achieve this goal.

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166 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

167 *Report of the Committee on Executive Director Evaluation*

168 The Board was provided with a report from the Committee on Executive Director Evaluation.

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170 *Membership Application*

171 The Board reviewed and approved an application for membership approved by the local  
172 component and the Committee on Peer Review/Ethics. This discussion was held in executive  
173 session as an individual dentist was being discussed. Dr. Hennessy noted a conflict in that she  
174 was the State Board of Dentistry Chair when the member lost their license and excluded herself  
175 from discussion and voting.

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178 **6-519** Resolved, that the Board of Trustees ratifies the decision **Adopted**  
179 of the Committee on Peer Review/Ethics to approve Dr.  
180 Lawrence Wendell Stewart's application for membership.

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182 **RETIRING OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES**

183 There was one retiring Board member, Dr. Curles Colbert, and two retiring officers, Dr. Steven  
184 Conlon, editor and Dr. Michele Tulak-Gorecki, immediate past president. Dr. Conlon was not  
185 present at the meeting.

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**MEETING OF THE 2019-2020 BOARD**

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189 **CALL TO ORDER**

190 The meeting was called to order by President Gingrich.

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192 **NEW PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES TAKE OFFICE**

193 *Passing of the Gavel*

194 President Peters presented incoming President Margaret Gingrich with an engraved gavel and  
195 wished her success on her upcoming year as president.

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197 Dr. Margaret Gingrich presented Dr. Peters with an MDA lapel pin, gift and her engraved gavel  
198 in commemoration of her term as president.

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200 **OFFICER, TRUSTEE AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

201 *Ninth District Trustee*

202 Dr. Mike Maihofer informed the Board that he intends to apply for the position of ADA Ninth  
203 District Trustee.

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205 *Dental PAC*

206 The Dental PAC contributions made during this years Annual Session broke the previous record  
207 of last year. The total contributed this year was \$32,250 with many of the contributions from  
208 first time contributors.

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210 *Annual Session*

211 Attendance and financial information was shared about the 2019 Annual Session.

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213 *ADA Speaker Election*

214 Dr. Debra Peters, candidate for ADA Speaker, informed the Board that there are restrictions on  
215 campaigning for this office. She will forward the campaign rules to the Board so they are aware  
216 of what can and cannot be done. Dr. Connie Verhagen will be in charge of campaign  
217 fundraising.

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219 *2019 UP Dental Meeting*  
220 Dr. Knudsen informed the Board that the 2019 UP Dental Meeting will be held June 7-8 in  
221 Escanaba.

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223 **PRESENTATION OF MDA LAPEL PINS**

224 President Gingrich presented the new trustees and officer with an MDA logo lapel pin.

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226 **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 pm by President Gingrich.

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230 Dr. Debra Peters  
231 2018-2019 President

Dr. Clayton Shunk  
2018-2019 Secretary/Treasurer

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