AADB 140th Annual Meeting

Loews Hollywood Hotel
1755 North Highland Avenue
Hollywood, CA 99028

Meeting Program

October 19 - 21, 2023

American Association of Dental Boards
About AADB

The American Association of Dental Boards is a national organization that encourages the highest standards of dental education. The AADB promotes higher and uniform standards of qualification for dental practitioners. Membership is composed of boards of dentistry, advanced education boards, present and past members of those boards, board administrators, board attorneys, educators, and oral health stakeholders.

Our Mission

To serve as a resource by providing a national forum for exchange, development, and dissemination of information to assist dental regulatory boards with their responsibility to protect the public.

About AADB’s Annual Meeting

The AADB Meeting provides an excellent forum for keeping up-to-date with state board concerns. Programs are designed to allow opportunities for interaction among all participants, including board members, dentists, dental therapists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, educators, board attorneys, public members, investigators and dental specialty associations. Panels and small discussion groups exchange ideas and information. Participants take away valuable information on current issues and all aspects of dental regulation.

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Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 19

***Please note the times listed below are in Pacific Time***

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Registration

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. AADB Board of Directors’ Dinner
By invitation only

Friday, October 20

***Please note the times listed below are in Pacific Time***

6:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration

7:15 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. AADB Board of Directors Meeting – LAUREL Meeting Room
James A. Sparks, DDS
AADB President
Continental Breakfast included

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Investigator Caucus Meeting – RUNYON Meeting Room
W. Blake Strickland
Executive Director
Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama
Continental Breakfast included
This closed session is for AADB member Dental Board Investigators.

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. AADB Member Hygienist Caucus Meeting – BEACHWOOD Meeting Room
Laura Richoux, RDH
AADB Caucus Chair
Continental Breakfast included
This closed session is for AADB member hygienists.

9:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Board Member Orientation and Certification Course – Main Ballroom
AADB Lawyers Committee
Board of Director Members
Hybrid Session & CE (2 hours)

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Break for Lunch

Main Ballroom

11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sponsorship Recognition

12:00 p.m. - 12:25 p.m. AADB President’s Opening Remarks
Recognition of New Members
Recognition of the AADB Board of Directors
James A. Sparks, DDS, AADB President

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12:25 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.  Interim Executive Director’s Welcome & Report  
Kimber Cobb, RDH, Interim Executive Director

12:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.  Compact Update and Q&A  
Dr. Guy Shampaine  
Sr. AADB Consultant  
Hybrid Session & CE (1.75 hours)

2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  Exhibits & Networking Break

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  Business Meeting I

Treasurer’s Report  
Clifford Feingold, DDS, AADB Treasurer

AA DB Update / Bylaws  
Chair / Moderator: Frank Maggio, DDS  
Panel:  Dale Chamberlain, DDS, AADB President Elect  
Arthur Chen-Shu Jee, DMD, AADB Vice President  
Clifford Feingold, DDS, AADB Treasurer

VOTE on Bylaws

4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  2023 Candidate Speeches for positions on the AADB Board of Directors

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  Exhibits & Networking Break

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  Presidential Reception  
Registered attendees are invited to join President James A. Sparks, DDS, the AADB Board of Directors, AADB team, and invited speakers for light hors d’oeuvres and drinks.

Saturday, October 21

***Please note the times listed below are in Pacific Time***

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.  Hot Breakfast Buffet

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  Regional Caucus Meetings  
North Caucus – LAUREL Meeting Room  
South Caucus – RUNYON Meeting Room  
East Caucus – BEACHWOOD Meeting Room  
West Caucus – DOHENY Meeting Room

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  Presidential Reception

9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.  Exhibits & Networking Break

9:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.  Business Meeting II  
Voting for Officers  
Moderator: Bobby J. Carmen, DDS, MAGD, AADB Secretary  
Panel:  Arthur Chen-Shu Jee, DMD, AADB Vice President  
Brian Barnett, AADB Administrator Member  
Laura Richoux, RDH, AADB Dental Hygiene Member  
Susan Rogers, AADB Board Attorney  
Guy Shampaine, AADB Senior Advisor  
Bobby White, AADB Senior Advisor
11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.  Caucus Reports
North: Frank Maggio, DDS, and Susan Rogers AADB Caucus Co Chair
South: Melodie Jones, DMD, AADB Caucus Chair
East: Jim Goldsmith, DMD, AADB Caucus Chair
West: Dale Chamberlain, DDS, AADB President Elect

11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  AADB Representative Reports
CDEL: Barbara Mousel, DDS (NORTH)
      Donald P. Bennett, DDS (SOUTH)
      Catherine Watkins, DDS (SOUTH)
      Arthur Chen-Shu Jee, DMD (EAST)

      CODA: Ngoc Quang Chu, DDS (EAST)
             Carolyn Brown, DMD (SOUTH)
             Maxine Feinberg, DDS (EAST)
             Burrell Tucker, DDS (WEST)
             Bruce Kinney, DDS (APPEALS - WEST)

      JCNDE: Mary A. Starsiak, RN, DDS (NORTH)
             Julie W. McKee, DMD (SOUTH)
             Anthony Herro, (WEST)
             Ronald J. Marsh, DDS (WEST)

      DANB: Frank A. Maggio, DDS (NORTH)

12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  Members’ Luncheon

      AADB Citizen of the Year Award Presentation
      Laura Richoux, RDH, AADB Dental Hygiene Member

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  Attorney Round Table
Lori Lindley, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Oregon Board of Dentistry
Susan Rogers, AADB Board Attorney
Executive Director and General Counsel, Oklahoma State Board of Dentistry
Bobby D. White, CEO/Legal Counsel,
North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners

      CE (1.5 hours)

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  AADB State Dental Board Forum: State/Jurisdictions Board Issues -
Frank Maggio, DDS
AADB Member and Moderator
AADB Lawyers Committee
Board of Director Members

      Hybrid Session & CE (1.5 hours)

4:00 p.m.  Adjournment

We will be offering a total of 6.75 CE credits during this meeting.
Biographies as received on 10/11/2023

Brian Barnett, AADB Administrator Member
Brian Barnett began his career in public service as a deputy with the Callaway County, MO Sheriff’s Department in 1993. While with the Department, he also worked as an instructor at the Missouri Sheriff’s Association Training Academy teaching investigation skills and techniques to future Missouri law enforcement officers. In 2000 he began work as the investigator for the Missouri Dental Board. In 2005 he was selected as Investigator of the Year for the State of Missouri. In 2007, he was hired as the Board’s Executive Director and is currently employed in that capacity. Since that time, Mr. Barnett has also assumed the duties of Executive Director for the Missouri Board of Optometry and Podiatry and oversees the Office of Statewide Electrical Contractors for the State of Missouri. Mr. Barnett serves as a trainer and mentor to new Executive Directors for the forty-one licensing boards in Missouri.

Donald P. Bennett, DDS, AADB Representative (CDEL)
Dr. Bennett is a 1985 graduate of the Louisiana State University School of Dentistry and has been in private practice for 37 years. He is a continuous tripartite member of the ADA, LDA, and NODA, as well as the Past President of the New Orleans Dental Association. Dr. Bennett was the 2020 recipient of the New Orleans Dental Association Honor Dentist award, Past General Chairman of the New Orleans Dental Conference, Member of the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry since 2016 and current President. He is the current examiner for CITA and CDCA and member of the CITA Board of Directors and Quality Assurance Committee and a Fellow in the ACD and ICD.

Carolyn Brown, DDS, AADB Representative (CODA)
Dr. Carolyn Brown was appointed by the American Association of Dental Boards to serve as a Commissioner on the Commission on Dental Accreditation for the term 2021-2025. Dr. Brown received her undergraduate degree from Columbia College, Columbia, SC. She is a 1994 graduate of the Medical University of SC (MUSC) James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine and was recognized with the 2021 Distinguished Alumna Award. Following 22 years of private practice, Dr. Brown is currently a staff dentist in the Dental Service at the Columbia Veterans Affairs Health Care System, Columbia, SC. She is a fellow of the American College of Dentists. Dr. Brown is an alumnus of the ADA Institute for Diversity in Leadership (2016-2017 Class). In 2015, SC Governor Nikki Haley appointed Dr. Brown to the SC Board of Dentistry. As past president and current board member serving under Governor Henry McMaster, Dr. Brown is the recipient of the Exemplary Service Award of the SC State Board of Dentistry. She is a member of the Admissions Committee of the MUSC James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine. Dr. Brown is a Federal Dental Services member of the American Dental Association and continues to serve in various capacities of organized dentistry.

Bobby J. Carmen, DDS, MAGD, AADB Secretary
Dr. Carmen is currently in private practice in Norman, Oklahoma. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry and completed his hospital based General Practice Residency with the United States Navy at Naval Hospital Great Lakes. He has served on the Oklahoma Board of Dentistry for four years and currently serves as President of the Oklahoma Board of Dentistry. Additionally, he is the current secretary of the American Association of Dental Boards. Dr. Carmen has earned a Mastership in the Academy of General Dentistry and is a Fellow in the American College of Dentists and The Pierre Fauchard Academy.

Dale Chamberlain, DDS, President-Elect
AADB President-Elect, Dr. Dale Chamberlain, DDS, is a preventative dentist in Helena. Dr. Chamberland has been in private practice in Helena since 2012. He received his DDS degree from Creighton University in 1988. From 1989-2011, Chamberlain had a private practice in Lewistown. While in Lewistown he also set up the dental program and worked two days a month at NEXUS, a methamphetamine treatment center, for five years.

Dr. Chamberlain was awarded the Shampaine-Low Award by the CDCA-WREB-CITA in January.

Kimber Cobb, RDH, AADB Interim Executive Director
For the last 20 years, Kimber has served in a variety of test development and testing agency leadership capacities. She possesses significant experience in clinical evaluation and licensure for the dental profession.

As a licensed Dental Hygienist and graduate of the University of Oklahoma, College of Dentistry, Kimber’s career also includes substantial experience in both private practice and as a Dental Hygiene educator. Kimber remains involved in several national, testing and licensure initiatives impacting the dental profession.

Ryan P. Edmonson, AADB Caucus Chair (West)
Ryan Edmonson is currently the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners’ executive director. Ryan is an executive leader who collaborates with other professional peers to provide a clear mission, vision, creativity and business acumen. Ryan is a public sector leader with Arizona-based experience at a number of state agencies and independent boards.

From public policy analysis and legislative advocacy on behalf of client agencies and public boards, to senior liaison support for administrative law proceedings and licensee compliance. Ryan has been a familiar representative of the Arizona government at public proceedings at the State Capitol for more than 25 years. He has orchestrated and directed legislative submissions, budget appropriation requests, allocation recommendations, statutory and rule amendments and uniform compliance measures.
Maxine Feinberg, DDS, AADB Representative (CODA)
Dr. Feinberg graduated from New York University College of Arts and Sciences in 1977 and NYU's College of Dentistry in 1980. She returned to NYU after her residency in anesthesiology and working as a general dentist and treating patients confined in nursing homes to complete her certificate in Periodontics in 1984.

Dr. Feinberg is a past president of the New Jersey Dental Association and the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry, where she served for 9 years. She has been a delegate in both the ADA and New Jersey Dental Associations House of Delegates. She initiated the New Jersey Give Kids A Smile campaign in 2002 and 2003. She remains active in both her component dental society and the NJDA.

Clifford Feingold, DDS, AADB Treasurer
Dr. Feingold graduated from Duke University in 1971 with a BA degree in Chemistry. He then graduated from the Emory University School of Dentistry with the DDS degree. He has been involved in the dental licensure examination process since 1982. He has examined for the North Carolina Dental Board, CITIA regional testing agency, and NERB (now CDCA) continuously to present.

Dr. Feingold has been President of his county dental society (1980). He was the team dentist for the Asheville Smoke Professional Hockey Team (1999-2002). He served as a member of the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners (2005-2008 and 2012-2018), and was President 2015-16. He has been a member of the American Association of Dental Boards since 2005 and is currently serving as Secretary of the organization.

James P. Goldsmith, DMD, AADB Caucus Chair (East)
Dr. Goldsmith received his DMD from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry in 1976. Following graduation, he pursued and completed a two residency in Pediatric Dentistry at Children’s Hospital Medical Center, Washington, DC in 1978. Dr. Goldsmith became Board Certified by the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry in 1986. He actively practiced Pediatric Dentistry from 1978 to 2020. He has served 15 years as a member of the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners and served as President twice. He has also served as a member of the Board of Directors of CDCA/WREB and a member of the ADEX House of Representatives representing the state of Maryland. He has also served as an examiner for NERB, CDCA and CDCA/WREB since 2004. He is a life member of the ADA, AAPD and College of Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. He is also a fellow of the American College of Dentists, and the International College of Dentists.

Anthony Herro, DDS, AADB Representative (JCNEP)
Dr. Herro is a general dentist, and is committed to helping his most vulnerable patients calm their fears and anxiety. He has focused an area of his practice on patients with special needs his entire career.

A graduate of Creighton Dental School, he completed an oral surgery externship in San Francisco and studied IV Sedation at St. Joseph’s Medical Center in Patterson, New Jersey. Dr. Herro was a single recipient of the American Dental Society of Anesthesia Horace Wells Senior Student Award for outstanding service in Anesthesia in June 2005. Dr. Herro has worked with his father, Dr. Ellison Herro, an MD Anesthesiologist, for 15 years providing dental treatment while patients are under sedation or under general anesthesia.

Dr. Herro is a Founding Member of the Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health, and one of their respected faculty members in the Special Care Clinic. He is a member of the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology, Special Care Dentistry Association, American Dental Association, and Arizona Dental Association.

Arthur Chen-Shu Jee, DMD, AADB Vice President
Dr. Arthur Jee practiced full-scope Oral Maxillofacial Surgery in the greater Baltimore-Washington, D.C. area. A graduate of the University of Louisville School of Dentistry and Medicine; where Dr. Jee was honored as the “Outstanding Alumnus” in 2013. Dr. Jee is a diplomate of American Board of Oral Maxillofacial Surgery (ABOMS) and a past examiners.

Dr. Jee is Past-President of the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners (MSBDE) and liaison to the Medical Board of Maryland. Dr. Jee is an examiner for the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (now CDCA/WREB/CITA). He is Past-President of American Association of Oral Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS). He is the past-chairman for AAOMS clinical research program and AAOMS Research Foundation. He is the past-Chairman for AAOMS’s Continuing Education and Professional Development (CCEPD) that manages all educational programs and oversees the AAOMS Annual meetings. He is past Vice-Chairman of Department Oral Maxillofacial Surgery and clinical instructor at Washington Hospital Center OMS residency program; and past-Vice-Chairman of the MedStar Hospital Board.

Dr. Jee served as the American Association of Dental Board's (AADB) appointed Commissioner for the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), the accreditation agency for all dental schools and post-graduate programs. Dr. Jee is Past-President of the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). Dr. Jee most recently served on the Executive Committee of International Association of Oral Maxillofacial Surgery (IAOMS) as the North American Representative; and had served on the IAOMS Board of Directors as the Treasurer. Dr. Jee is the current Vice-President of American Association Dental Boards (AADB). Dr. Jee also volunteers for ‘Cares’ Missions and Health Volunteers Overseas.

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Melodie Jones, DMD, AADB Caucus Chair (South)
Dr. Melodie Anderson Jones serves as a Board Member on the Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama. She is also a Member of the State Committee on Public Health for the Alabama Department of Public Health and serves as Chair of the Council on Dental Health for the Alabama Department of Public Health.

Dr. Jones is a life member of the American Dental Association, the Alabama Dental Association, and the Second District Dental Society serving as an active member since 1992. She has served as President, President-elect, Secretary-Treasurer, and Program Chair of the Second District Dental Society. She has served as a delegate to the House of Delegates of the Alabama Dental Association and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Alabama Dental Association.

Dr. Jones has served on the Oral Health Coalition of Alabama and the Council on Dental Health of the Alabama Department of Public Health. Dr. Jones has practiced general dentistry for over 30 years providing comprehensive dental care to patients of all ages. Dr. Jones holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry from Auburn University and a Doctor of Dental Medicine Degree from the University of Alabama School of Dentistry, class of 1992. Dr. Jones is on the Executive Alumni Council of the University of Alabama School of Dentistry Alumni Association and is currently the Secretary-Treasurer of the Alumni Association.

Dr. Bruce Kinney, AADB Representative (CODA)
Dr. Bruce Kinney has practiced family dentistry in Yakima since 1981. His practice emphasizes fixed and removable prosthetics and implant restorations. Dr. Kinney graduated from Washington State University with a Bachelor of Science in Zoology and received his Doctorate in Dental Surgery from the University of Washington School of Dentistry. He completed his training with a post-doctoral Hospital Dental Residency program at the University of Washington affiliated hospitals. Dr. Kinney has been active throughout his career in the professional testing and licensing of dental professionals and more recently in accreditation of dental schools and dental education programs.

Dr. Kinney’s professional affiliations include the American Dental Association, American Association of Dental Boards, Western Regional Examining Board, ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation, Washington State Dental Association, Washington State Dental Association Foundation, Yakima Valley Dental Association and the Yakima Rotary Club.
In his free time Dr. Kinney is an avid golfer and enjoys outdoor activities. Dr. Kinney has two sons, Sean and Allen, and three grandchildren.

Lori H. Lindley, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Oregon Board of Dentistry
Lori is a Senior Assistant Attorney General state of Oregon since 1998, assigned to the Oregon Board of Dental, Oregon Chiropractic Examiners Board, Oregon Board of Massage Therapists, Oregon Board of Optometry, Oregon Medical Board and Oregon Board of Nursing. Have represented state agencies that provide occupational medical licenses to Oregonians since 2000. Responsible for daily advice, attending board meetings, prosecuting contested cases and providing advice on public meetings and public records. Currently am co-chair of the American Association of Dental Board, Attorney Round Table group that meets biannually. Have spoken at numerous conferences and assisted in several trainings with agency staff and investigators.

Frank Maggio, DDS, AADB Member and Moderator
The AADB Board Member Forum will be facilitated by Frank A. Maggio, DDS. This lively, interactive session will provide the General Assembly an opportunity to discuss regulatory concerns and other important topics encountered by state boards in a spontaneous, free-flowing setting. Participate in the AADB Board Member Forum by asking questions, discussing challenges, and sharing your successful practices and innovations.

Julie McKee, DMD, AADB Representative (JCND)
Dr. McKee received a degree in Biology from the University of Kentucky and received a Dental Degree from the University of Louisville in 1983. She practiced General Dentistry for 10 years in Mount Sterling, Kentucky and worked in state government, focusing on healthcare policy and regulation. Dr. McKee has managed a four-county district health department for 12 years and held the position of State Dental Director since 2007. She was awarded the Presidential Award of the Kentucky Dental Association in the fall of 2020 and the President’s Award for Outstanding Merit in Public Health Dentistry, Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors, in April 2022.

Barbara Mousel, DDS, AADB Representative (CDEL)
Dr. Mousel currently serves as one of the AADB appointments to the ADA Council on Dental Education and Licensure. She had become an active member of AADB upon her appointment to the Illinois Board of Dentistry in 2000. After 11 years of service on the Dental Board, Dr Mousel went on to serve as President of the Central Region Dental Testing Service and the Illinois State Dental Society. Her background also includes credentials as a Certified Dental Assistant and Registered Dental Hygienist. She has recently been elected as the ADA representative to the Dental Assisting National Board.

Laura Richoux, RDH, Dental Hygiene Member
Laura Richoux is a dental hygienist on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. After graduating from the University of Mississippi Medical Center’s Dental Hygiene program, she practiced her first four years in South Louisiana and has spent the last fifteen years practicing in Mississippi. Laura served as the Dental Hygienist at Large on the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners for six years and is currently serving as the Dental Hygienist member of the American Association of Dental Boards.
Susan Rogers, Esq., Executive Director and General Counsel
Susan Rogers is the Executive Director and General Counsel for the State of Oklahoma Board of Dentistry. She previously served as the General Counsel for the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs for approximately 5 years and was an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Norman for 11 years. Ms. Rogers has served as a Municipal Judge in the City of Moore for 23 years and previously served as a Municipal Judge for the City of Del City and the Township of Hall Park. She has also been appointed as a Special Assistant District Attorney in Pittsburg, McCurtain, Choctaw, Caddo, Custer and Oklahoma Counties assisting in the prosecution of drug cases. Additionally Ms. Rogers was a Professor at the University of Texas at Arlington for two years and served as an Adjunct Professor at Oklahoma City University for ten years. Ms. Rogers graduated from the University of Oklahoma with Bachelor’s Degrees in Political Science with a major in Law Enforcement Administration and a Bachelor’s degree in Journalism with a major in Public Relations. She graduated from the University of Oklahoma, School of Law in 1994 where she served as 3rd year class president. Ms. Rogers is licensed to practice in all courts in the State of Oklahoma and before the U.S. District Court, Western and Eastern Districts of Oklahoma, the U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court. Ms. Rogers is a member of the Cleveland County Bar Association and previously served as a Board Member of the Young Lawyers Division of the Oklahoma Bar Association from 1998 through 2002.

Dr. Guy Shampaine, DDS, OMS
Dr. Guy Shampaine is a Board-Certified Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon. He completed his undergraduate work at Northwestern University and completed dental school at the University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Dentistry and completed his Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency at Washington Hospital Center in Washington DC. While working at Doctors’ Hospital in Lanham, Maryland, Dr. Shampaine became Chairman of the Department of Dentistry. In 1995, Dr. Shampaine joined the ranks of the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners. In his tenure he acted as the Dental Board’s Dental Compliance Officer and its Executive Director.

A past president of the American Board of Dental Examiners, ADEX. Dr. Shampaine’ contributions to the professions are notable. He has been an examiner for the CDCA-WREB-CITA for more than 25 years and served as its Chair from 2011-2014. He is credited with helping develop the CompeDont™ tooth. He is also a former President and Lifetime Member of the American Association of Dental Boards and is currently a Senior Adviser to the organization.

James A. Sparks, DDS, AADB President
Dr. James A. Sparks is a dentist in private practice in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. A graduate of Oklahoma University College of Dentistry, class of 1986, where he is and has been part-time faculty in Oral Diagnosis and Radiology ever since, and is currently a Clinical Associate Professor. He was elected to six terms (18 years) on the Oklahoma Board of Dentistry and served as President for 8 years. As president in his third term, he championed legislation creating Peace Officer Status for the Dental Board’s Investigator which set the stage for legislation making the illegal practice of dentistry a felony. Dr. Sparks is also a member of the Pierre Fauchard Academy and in April, 2023 received the “Distinguished Dentist Citation” for Outstanding Contributions to the Art and Science of Dentistry, and is a member in both the American College of Dentists, and the International College of Dentists. Currently, Dr. Sparks is serving as President of the American Association of Dental Boards.

Mary A. Starsiak, RN, DDS, AADB Representative (JCNDE)
Dr. Mary A. Starsiak is a graduate of Loyola University Dental School in 1984. Her undergraduate degree is a BSN. RN from the College of St. Teresa associated with the Mayo Clinic in Rochester Minnesota. She worked as an ICU nurse during dental school plus a few years after and maintains her RN license today. She is the daughter of a general dentist and a sister of an oral surgeon. She has her own private practice of general dentistry since 1984.

She serves on the Joint Commission on National Dental Exams as an AADB representative at this time being a member of AADB. She is a Past President of the Central Regional Testing Agency (CRDTS) and has served on the CRDTS Steering Committee and Officer track leading up to President. She has served as a member of the State of Illinois Board of Dentistry from 2009 and served as its chair from 2012-2014 and 2016-2017. She has served as a Board Examiner for the CDCA-WREB-CITA; and Central Regional Testing Agency (CRDTS)

She is the Regent of the International College of Dentistry District VIII and served as the Program Chair for the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting 2022. She has served on numerous Boards and Committees including the Illinois State Dental Society; Chicago Dental Society; was a Founding member of the Chicago Dental Society Foundation; The American Dental Association Council of Communication; Odontographic Society of Chicago and President of the Dental Arts Club of Chicago. She has also served on the Resurrection Healthcare Foundation Board along with the Saints Mary and Elizabeth Medical Center Advisory Board.

She is a fellow of the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists, the Academy of Dentistry International, the Pierre Fauchard Academy, the Academy of General Dentistry, and the Odontographic Society. She has been awarded the Raffaele Suriano Award in 2014 from the University of Illinois/Loyola Alumni Society for her work with geriatric patients. She was a past dentist/ consultant at Chicagoland Methodist Senior Services since 1994.

W. Blake Strickland, Executive Director, Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama
Director Strickland began his public safety career in 1987 working as an EMT with an ambulance company to put himself through college. After graduating with a Bachelor’s in Criminal Justice and a minor in Forensic Sciences, Director Strickland continued his public safety career by working as an EMT and a Police Officer. Over the course of a 30+ year career, he has served as a trainer, tactical medic and tactical supervisor, public information officer, internal affairs supervisor, robbery/homicide detective and, ultimately, rose to the rank of Deputy Chief of Police. Director Strickland has taught regionally and nationally on investigations, use-of-force, weapons, and internal affairs. In 2015, he accepted the position of investigator with the Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama and was named the executive director for the agency in 2022.
Catherine Watkins, DDS, AADB Representative (CDEL)
Dr. Watkins attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she earned a Master's Degree in Geriatric Dentistry and a PH.D. in Oral Epidemiology.

Dr. Watkins serves as the dentist for the special management patients at dental care. From June 2003 until September 2004, she established the Special Needs Dental Program at Wake Forest University Baptist Hospital Medical Center in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Dr. Watkins was an assistant professor in the Department of Preventive and Community Dentistry at the College of Dentistry at the University of Iowa from August 1995 to June 2003. For over 20 years her dental practice and training have focused on Geriatric Dentistry. Dr. Watkins has authored numerous research articles related to oral health among older adults. She was recently recognized as a diplomate of the American Board of Special Care Dentistry. She is committed to improving the quality of oral health care for seniors and currently works as an oral health consultant for the Sjogren's Support Group of the Triad.

Bobby D. White, CEO and Legal Counsel North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners
Originally from Tazewell County in southwest Virginia. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Barton College (formerly Atlantic Christian College) in Wilson. He earned a Master of Divinity Degree from Duke University in 1982 and his law degree from North Carolina Central University in 1997.

Mr. White is currently serving as Chief Executive Officer and Legal Counsel for the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners in Morrisville, NC, a position he has held for over 19 years. Prior to his work at the Dental Board, he served as deputy counsel of the North Carolina State Bar where he mediated disputes between lawyers and clients and prosecuted lawyers for misconduct. He also enjoyed a 15-year career at Barton College where he held several positions including Vice President for Student Life and Legal Counsel.

Mr. White is past president of the American Association of Dental Administrators and a member of the American Association of Dental Boards. He is also a member of the North Carolina State Bar, the 8th Judicial District Bar of North Carolina, and the United States Supreme Court Bar.
Registration:
The registration fee for the AADB 140th Annual Meeting is $995 for non-members.

Refund Policy:
Notification of cancellation must be submitted in writing to srojas@dentalboards.org. Cancellations are subject to a $75 cancellation charge. No refunds will be given after August 15, 2023. Substitutions are allowed at any time but must be submitted in writing and must be of the same membership status.

Continuing Education:
The ACE Program is a service of the AADB to assist dental boards in identifying quality continuing education courses to help protect the public. ACE accreditation may not be accepted by particular boards of dentistry. Questions or comments can be directed to the AADB at info@aadbdentalboards.org.

ADA CERP® Continuing Education Recognition Program
The American Association of Dental Boards is an ADA CERP Recognized Provider. ADA CERP is a service of the American Dental Association to assist dental professionals in identifying quality providers of continuing dental education. ADA CERP does not approve or endorse individual courses or instructors, nor does it imply acceptance of credit hours by boards of dentistry. The American Association of Dental Boards designates this activity for 8.25 continuing education credits. Concerns or complaints about a CE provider may be directed to the provider or to ADA CERP at www.ada.org/cerp.

Unauthorized recording policy
The American Association of Dental Boards is committed to providing a professional environment that is open to the free expression of views and ideas and cultivating a learning community. Recording conversations, phone calls, images, or organizational meetings with any recording device (including but not limited to a cellular telephone, PDA, digital recording device, digital camera, etc.) unless all parties to the conversation give their consent in advance is hereby prohibited. A violation of this policy will result in corrective action which can include being removed from the conference.
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