



## ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

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### BODEX UPDATE

Thank you to the Association for the opportunity to address the House of Delegates at its meeting on September 19, 2015. As I indicated in my update, and it is a cliché, I am preaching to the choir at these meetings; however, I believe the update is valuable to the Association leaders. I thanked the Association for its support of the Board's continuation bill, provided highlights of the past year and shared the Board's upcoming challenges and opportunities. Kudos to Dr. Anthony Caputo for his facilitation of the meeting.

Many members at the meeting shared that they did read the Inscriptions column and as I have previously communicated, after six years of monthly columns I am sometimes challenged with content. I appreciate any and all feedback regarding the column as well as Board operations and activities.

At the Board's August 7, 2015 meeting, it took the following actions:

- Approved two disciplinary consent agreements:  
One for continuing education in crown and bridge and practice management and one for continuing education in the fabrication of bridges
- Approved eight non-disciplinary consent agreements:  
Three of these cases resulted in continuing education in crown and bridge; three included continuing education in record keeping; three included continuing education in risk management; and one required continuing education in operative treatment planning of placing posterior restorations
- Approved six non-disciplinary letters of concern:

Dr. Cardinal should ensure complete documentation of all procedures including any adjustments made to prosthesis.

Dr. Viking should inform the patient of any event related to the informed consent that occurs during treatment.

Dr. Packer should ensure appropriate communication between the front office and himself.

Dr. Charger should completely and thoroughly document all of the procedures for treatment rendered.

Dr. Ram should have standards in place to ensure that the treatment planned is the treatment performed.

Dr. Dallas should be familiar with the rules and regulations of the Dental Practice Act

- Approved A. T. Still University of Health Sciences dba Arizona School of Health Sciences as a charitable organization for the purposes of Arizona Administrative Code R4-11-1209(A)(4)(f)
- Conducted one formal interview

As I have previously communicated, the Board has the option to pull items from the consent agenda for discussion on the recommended action. At the August 2015 Board meeting, five cases were pulled. One of these cases was recommended for discipline; however, the Board voted to modify the agreement to add additional sanctions. Three cases were recommended for non-discipline; two of which the Board voted to make disciplinary and one was to modify the type of continuing education. The last case was on the Board's consent agenda to be terminated per patient letter. The Board believed that unprofessional conduct may have occurred and that the case should be further investigated. All of these licensees will be offered the modified agreements or they may choose to appear before the full Board for a formal interview. Of the five cases, three of the licensees have chosen to appear at the October 2, 2015 Board meeting for a formal interview.

Again, as previously communicated, there have also been instances where the Board pulled cases from the consent agenda and ordered lesser sanctions (i.e., voted to dismiss a case in lieu of issuing the recommended letter of concern).

As a result of amendments to the Dental Practice Act, the audio recordings of Board meetings are required to be placed on the Board's website. I am not sure how many licensees will want to listen to a four or five hour Board meeting especially since it does not qualify for continuing education hours!

I trust that your days are as positive as the Arizona Cardinals have been or at least at the time of this writing. GO CARDINALS!