



## ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

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### BODEX UPDATE

Many of you attended the annual American Dental Association meeting in San Antonio. Dr. Michael Hauer, Board President, and I also were in San Antonio for the American Association of Dental Boards and I additionally attended the American Association of Dental Administrators. The best part of the meeting is networking and benchmarking with other Dental Boards. Here are some interesting points of sharing:

- Maryland Dental Board meets every other week
- North Carolina Dental Board meets two days every month
- North Dakota Dental Board contracts with a CRNA to complete the anesthesia evaluations for all general dentists
- Nevada Dental Board requires every licensee to query their Controlled Substance Monitoring Profile at the time of their renewal license and demonstrate proof of this
- Nevada Dental Board reviews all management contracts that licensees may have with a corporate entity
- Hawaii Dental Board does not conduct its own investigations as it is centralized with other Boards

Dr. Hauer and I listened to 5 hours of lecturing on sleep apnea which at this time has not been an issue with the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners. Of interest was an update on the North Carolina Dental Board case against the Federal Trade Commission which was heard on October 14, 2014 by the United States Supreme Court. This is a critical case as it challenges the role of regulatory boards. The American Dental Association and many other organizations have submitted amicus briefs in support of the North Carolina Dental Board. The decision is expected to be issued in June, 2015 and could have serious ramifications on regulatory boards.

After attending for 5 years I am proud to say that our Dental Board, although with its own challenges, operates well given its seasoned staff and committed Board. Many boards have requested information related to our investigation process. I will continue to learn about ongoing issues and trends as President Elect for the American Association of Dental Administrators.

At its last meeting on October 10, 2014 the Board:

- Reviewed the Arizona Dental Association Sunrise report requesting the consideration of a change in the scope of practice of dental assistants in Arizona and to provide the Board the statutory authority to register Expanded Function Dental Assistants
- Approved opening a docket and filing a notice of proposed rulemaking for proposed amendment to (AAC) R4-11-1202 Continuing Education Compliance and Renewal requirements
- Approved amendments to Substantive Policy Statement #4 – Continuing Education Random Audit
- Approved Legislative Committee recommendations for proposed changes to the Dental Practice Act (a more detailed report will be made in the next Inscriptions)
- Reviewed an Administrative Law Judge recommendation which resulted in a license revocation

- Denied one petition to rehear
- Approved 8 non-disciplinary consent agreements (3 of which were related to record keeping)
- Approved 5 non-disciplinary letters of concern (4 of which were related to documentation)

The Board's annual report is online. The report reflects the ongoing increase in licensees, permits, etc. Of significance, complaints were **twenty percent higher** this fiscal year compared to last fiscal year.

Thank you for your support and commitment to the profession and of course GO CARDINALS!