SOUTH DAKOTA DENTAL HYGIENISTS’ ASSOCIATION

SEMI-ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

OFFICIAL MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2021

The Semi-Annual Board Meeting of the SDDHA was held Wednesday, September 22, at 7:00 PM mountain time; 8:00 PM central time via virtual Zoom meeting, the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM mountain time; 8:00 PM central time by President Tasha Wendel. A quorum was established with Tia Meyer, Katie Williams, Hailey Bruggeman, Cori Jacobsen, Caitlyn Lint, Krysta Novak, McKenna Larsen, & Abby Schiley attending the meeting as SDDHA members. The agenda was reviewed and approved. The Post-Board minutes were reviewed and approved.

Jacobsen gave a report on the South Dakota Oral Health Coalition. The theme for this year is Prevention. Jacobsen also presented specific legislative initiatives that SDDHA could put support for if we wanted to vote as a board, including water fluoridation. Jacobsen will share the proposed plan with the board and we will make a decision from there at our next meeting.

Meyer presented IOH goals, our 2021-2022 goal being $750-1,000. There is a landing page we can use for marketing and promoting the initiatives for IOH. National Dental Hygiene Month is October so Meyer proposed doing shirt sales that say “A Smile is the Prettiest Thing You Wear”. Profits would go to the IOH fund. Our SDDHA Apparel store online is offering a promotion for new hygienists to get a discount for new members.

Meyer and Wendel discussed turning the IOH into a permanent position. Because we have the Information Officer with no term limits already in place, we will work on updating that position to have the IOH liaison role. We will look into if this type of change needs a full membership vote, and if it does we will have it to membership 30 days prior to Annual to vote on our Business Meeting.

Bruggeman updated the board on the Membership Committee. The membership list is updated and current, and Bruggeman and Wendel are working on incentives for new members. One of those incentives are the free mandatory reporter CE’s coming up that we can send out to our membership as an incentive as well.

Novak proposed to begin the process for bringing vaccination legislation by reaching out to our lobbyist and Lancette. Williams moved to bring forward the legislation, Wendel seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously passed by the board. Novak, Wendel, and Bruggeman will spearhead this initiative as the Legislative Committee.

Jacobsen reported on the Annual Session and the shared speaker will be on Friday. Schiley suggested still attempting to have the Business Luncheon during the day so we can have better attendance. Discussion
Insert any additions to the minutes.

Meeting was adjourned by President Wendel at 8:11 PM mountain time, 9:11 PM central time.