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President's Perspective By Kelli Primm

Where are we going from here? It's up to us to write the next chapter. Let's build a better story! To build anything, you start with the basics. To build a house, start with a foundation. To write a story, start with an outline.

We laid the foundation and started building bridges. We have increased dialogue with TDA. We are pursuing legislation about the dental hygiene definition. We are building relationships with legislators across Tennessee. We need to reach out, lay foundations, and build stronger relationships with legislators, TDA, and the BOD.

What will be your contribution? Serve as a local or state officer or council member; contact legislators; mentor students; attend local and state meetings; share information with coworkers, consumers, patients, and healthcare providers about legislation and oral health concerns; share your passion.

Are you a member of ADHA? Have you invited a potential member to attend a meeting? Before you immediately say you don't have time to join or help, think how much time would it really take to do something for my profession.

We are busy people with busy lives. Have many responsibilities pulling us different ways. Wear many different hats in the course of our day. Are wives, mothers, daughters, and friends. Balance relationships, family, and work. Are involved in church, community, and professional organization. Have times of great joys, stress, and sorrows. Are planning weddings, carpooling our children, or like me, having our first baby. Come from all walks of life with different milestones behind and ahead of us. We are busy!

So I ask again, what's your contribution? Where do we go from here? What can you do to support your profession? Together, we can write a better story for our profession, TDHA, ADHA, and ourselves.

I look forward to serving as your President. Please join with your Board of Trustees and me.

Let's start today! Let's build a better story.

Legislative Update

NEW CE REQUIREMENTS

TDHA is excited to announce new legislation. This legislation will become effective January 1, 2011 and this is the change:

Professions and Occupations - As enacted, limits amount of on-line courses dental hygienists may use to meet biennial continuing education requirement to 50 percent. - Amends TCA Section 63-5-107.

This limitation is to online only it ***does not*** include video, journals, publications or correspondence courses.

1. **Regulating quality.** By placing a limit on the online CE you are beginning to have some control of what others see a quality CE. It will become a domino effect that each person wants to learn/teach/ pass along important information. The better online classes will become the buzz while the less strong ones will become the non-buzz, forcing them to either step their program up or shut it down.
2. **Promoting Professionalism.** It is rare for a dental hygienist to attend a continuing education class alone so when 2 professionals meet with others who are potential professionals, a great conversation is going to take place that will hopefully lead to a conversion. If this is not accomplished, at least the seed has been planted and perhaps over time the seed will grow and become not just a bloom but a bloom with a purpose...to pass on that passion for the profession.
3. **Ethical responsibility.** Ethics are generally the standards for right and wrong that guides the profession in a direction. Acceptable actions such as going to obtain quality CE can be judged by determining the extent to which they promote good and minimize harm within the profession. Ethical duties drive us to serve patients to the very best of our abilities, quality, evidence based, and scientific driven courses challenge us to change the way we think and be open to new possibilities the profession has to offer.
4. **Promote a positive image for our profession.** This is the time for hygienists to shine in Tennessee. We are going where other groups within the profession have chosen not to. We will stand up and say “We will not let the people of Tennessee down!” We have taken our role as your primary health care professional seriously and we pledge to give you the best there is to offer by ensuring our continuing education is current, scientific and evidence based and the quality will not decline.

In conclusion, the dental hygiene field is quickly growing and expanding. While embracing the future we must hold fast to the foundation on which the profession was built: a strong sense of professionalism, evidence based treatment, commitment to those we serve and ethical responsibility, which should act to serve as our guide.

The Legislation committee is working on restating our definition (HB 2679). We will be having a lobby day soon, and we encourage all to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Diana Saylor at dianasaylor@gmail.com

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House of Delegates RESOLUTIONS 2010

PR 1-7-09 Resolve to adopt credit card securities. Moved

PR 5-2-10 Resolve that if a leader in TDHA has their license suspended by the BOD, their ability to serve in the elected or appointed office will be suspended or terminated. The suspended leader can petition the Board of Trustees for reinstatement if their license is restored. Moved

PR 2-10-09 Reslove that TDHA approve 2008-2009 line item 012, Council on annual session, over expenditure in the amount of \$14,081.73 be approved. Moved

PR 3-10-09 Resolve that TDHA approve budget 2008-2009 line item 021, Board of Trustees, over expenditure in the amount of \$34.62 be approved. Moved

PR 4-10-09 Resolve that TDHA approve budget 2008-2009 line item 026, Strategic Planning workshop, over expenditure in the amount of \$61.41 be approved. Moved

PR 06-02-10 Resolve that TDHA raise constituent dues for TDHA by \$5.00 - from \$55.00 to \$60.00. Moved

PR 07-02-10 Resolve that July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011 proposed budget be approved. Moved

PR 08-02-10 Resolve that TDHA approve budget 2008-2009 line item 011, HySpy, over expenditure in the amount of \$315.20 be approved. Moved

WWW.TNDHA.ORG ONLINE CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY

TDHA is offering chemical dependency courses *ONLINE*.

2 hours for \$50 (non-members) \$40 (ADHA members)

**Thank you to Frieda Pickett and Sherri Bush
for ALL of your HARD work!!**

2 CE hours are required every two years.

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Continuing Education Requirements for TN Dental Hygienists (30 hours every two years)

New licensees and new registrants are exempt from the provisions of subparagraphs (1) (a), (1) (b), and (1) (c) during their initial two (2) calendar year (January 1 - December 31) cycle, starting with an odd-numbered year if it is the year of initial licensure or registration, or starting with the odd-numbered year if it precedes an even-numbered initial licensure or registration year. (*i.e. we all end on an even year*)

- 2008 grads must start CE requirements Jan 2011
- 2009 grads must start CE requirements Jan 2011
- 2010 grads must start CE requirements Jan 2013

ANNUAL TN OSHA TRAINING

(Not a state licensure requirement)

TN OSHA requires your employer to provide annual training in bloodborne pathogens and hazard communication. This training is to be provided during work ours at no cost to the employee. If the employer chooses to outsource the training (*i.e. TOSHA CE courses provided by individual districts*), the employer must reimburse the employee for their time, travel, and any applicable fees.

News from ADHA SR. Delegate

What an exciting time we had at 2010 ADHA Annual Session in Las Vegas, Nevada. We started out with Community Service Day going to an inter-city elementary school where we taught K-6 grade students the importance of maintaining Total Health and Dental Health. The children were so excited to have us come that they had made signs for us and welcomed us with open arms. TN was represented by Victoria Richards, Donnell Arrington, Kelli Primm, Carman Pinkston and me. Between the 4 of us we were busy with a number of activities like judging the student table clinics, going to legislative workshops, membership workshops, student workshops, the student tract as District VI Liaison, Head Teller for the House of Delegates, representing TN in 3 House of Delegates' sessions, a leadership mentoring session, among many other activities. All of activities will help in organizing and updating our state organization. One of the most exciting events we did was to be able to introduce the next meeting place for 2011 ADHA Annual Session- **NASHVILLE, TN**. We were ready with our cowboy hats, boots, bandanas, and even our blinking pins. Donnell Arrington or should I say- Minnie Pearl -presented a power point presentation that got everyone so excited about coming to our state. So mark your calendar now for **June 15-June 21, 2011**. Please go to www.ADHA.org to view the pictures. Lacy Wilson, Donnell Arrington and I were appointed to ADHA Annual Session Committee so we will be asking for help and ideas from you so we can make ADHA Annual Session in Nashville the best convention ever. As far as business that was conducted at ADHA Annual Session there were 18 resolutions that HOD acted on and I would be glad to share those with you just contact me. It was also stressed to have all RDH be familiar with the Health Reform Bill that was passed by our federal government because even though there is some dental coverage there is still a large part of the population that is not covered in this health reform. I would strongly urge each and everyone to be familiar with the different work force models, like the ADHP (Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner), Community Dental Health Coordinator, Dental Health Aid Therapist, dental community therapist to name a few of the models. We should be able to know why we should support one over the other. Even though we can not be an ADHP we need to understand that we have the skills now without any more training that will fulfill the access to care issues in the Health Reform bill. I have this information and would be glad to share it with you and answer any questions that you may ask. We are a Licensed Registered Dental Hygienist who has been trained and educated and should be utilized for the positions that will come available under the new health care reform. Please feel free to contact me anytime, dianasaylor@gmail.com or 615-473-6715. It is a pleasure to represent TN at the national level.
Submitted by Diana Saylor, RDH.

2010 TDHA ANNUAL SESSION AWARD WINNERS

SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS

OUTSTANDING DENTAL HYGIENIST - Jennifer Byerley
TDHA SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD - Diana Saylor
MARY LOU MARABITO AWARD - Victoria Richards
TDHA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD - Nicki Raines
CASHION-SCHMIDT AWARD- Diana Saylor
DENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION AWARD- Cindy Godfrey
STUDENT MENTOR AWARD- Judy Mabe
HONORARY MEMBERSHIP- Dr. William Johnson

OUTSTANDING DENTAL HYGIENE STUDENT AWARDS:

ETSU: Kristi Milhorn

ROANE STATE CC: Amanda Robinson

CHATTANOOGA STATE: Lindsey Riggle

CONCORD COLLEGE: Amanda Yates

TENNESSEE STATE: Melanie Hinkin

UT-MEMPHIS: Whitney Howerton

40+ Hours Continuing Education Hours

Andrea Johnson
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2011 TDHA ANNUAL SESSION

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