MEMBERS PRESENT
Michael Johnston II, Chair RDH
Maxine Janis, RDH, Vice-Chair
Charlene Meagher, RDH

STAFF PRESENT
Trina Crawford, Executive Director
Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT
Melissa Johnson Washington Dental Hygiene Association (WDHA)
Colleen Gaylord, RDH, WDHA
Beverly Frye, RDH, WDHA
Jennifer Zbaraschuk, RDH, WDHA
Pat Connolly-Atkins, RDH Council of Interstate Testing Agencies, Inc. (CITA)
Renea Chapman, CITA

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER – The business meeting of the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee (committee) was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Michael Johnston II, RDH, chair.

1.1. Introductions

The committee and staff introduced themselves.

1.2. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The agenda was approved as presented.

1.3. Approval of October 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 12, 2018 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as presented.
2. LICENSING STATISTICS

Ericka Brown, Credentialing Supervisor provided the committee with credentialing statistics for the previous year. The committee asked if additional licensing information was possible. Ms. Brown will look into this request and provide additional information if it is available.

3. COUNCIL OF INTERSTATE TESTING AGENCIES, INC. (CITA) DENTAL HYGIENE EXAM

The committee discussed the CITA dental hygiene exam and considered CITA’s request to accept the dental hygiene clinical exam for licensure in Washington State. Pat Connolly-Atkins, RDH ADEX Dental Hygiene Chair, informed the committee that the CITA dental hygiene exam is almost identical to the recently approved Commission on Dental Competency Assessment (CDCA) dental hygiene exam. Both organizations administer the ADEX exam. Ms. Connolly-Atkins stated that it was not uncommon for CITA and CDCA to exchange examiners if needed. The committee determined that it was necessary to observe the CITA exam prior to making a determination. Michael Johnston, II, RDH will attend an upcoming exam and provide feedback to the committee at a future meeting.

4. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL BOARDS (AADB) ANNUAL MEETING

Mr. Bronoske informed the committee that the AADB Annual Meeting was scheduled for October 18-20, 2019. Mr. Bronoske stated that the committee typically sends a member to this meeting, and that the meeting has historically provided information on topics important to the dental hygiene profession. The committee voted to send Charlene Meagher, RDH to the 2019 AADB Annual Meeting.

5. PROGRAM REPORT

5.1 Legislation Update

Mr. Bronoske reported on three bills and the governor’s budget.

- House Bill 1198 – requires health care providers sanctioned for sexual misconduct to notify patients.
- House Bill 1753 – requires a statement of inquiry for rules affecting fees related to health professions.
- House Bill 1554 – Removed outdated language in the Dental Hygiene statute. This bill also added one professional member to the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee. The bill added a nitrous oxide analgesia endorsement. The bill removed the word “varnish” from RCW 18.29.220, concerning access to dental care for children.
- The governor’s budget included funding for the HELMS project. Projected fee increase will be $10 per license for 4 years.
5.2 Rules Update

Mr. Bronoske informed the committee that he had stated working on the CR-105 to have the word “varnish” removed from 246-814 WAC – Access to dental care for children. Mr. Bronoske will be opening the dental hygiene rules later this year to make some minor updates.

5.3 Committee Recruitment / Committee Member Terms

Mr. Bronoske reported that this is Maxine Janis, RDH’s final term on the committee. Mr. Bronoske will begin the recruitment process to fill Ms. Janis’ open position, as well as recruit for the newly legislated professional member position. Ms. Janis recommended a candidate for the open public member position. Mr. Bronoske will submit the candidate’s information to the Secretary of Health for consideration. The committee member terms are:

- Maxine Janis, RDH – 09.30.2019
- Michael Johnston, II, RDH – 09.30.2021
- Charlene Meagher, RDH – 09.30.2021

5.4 Disciplinary Statistics

Trina Crawford reviewed the dental hygiene statistics from September 2018 through June 2019. Failed continuing education audits continue to be the majority of discipline for dental hygienists.

5.5 Interim Operating Budget

Ms. Crawford presented the dental hygiene operating budget and stated that there was nothing abnormal or concerning noted. Revenue currently exceeds expenditures.

6. CONSENT AGENDA – CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Victor Barry, a Seattle dentist, submitted a letter to the committee. This correspondence stated that an average of 150 dental hygienists each year renew late. Dr. Barry requested that the renewal date for all licenses be set for the same renewal date each year.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Licensing statistics
- Bylaws review
8. **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT**

   No Comments Received

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

   There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m. on Friday, June 14, 2019. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 11, 2019, in Lynnwood, Washington. Updated meeting information will be posted to the dental hygiene webpage.

   Respectfully Submitted By:

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   Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager

   Approved By:

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   Michael Johnston II, RDH, Chair