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Special Meeting of the Hawaii Dental Association Board of Trustees

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Via Zoom

Minutes

Members present: Drs. Edmund Cassella, Patsy Fujimoto, Carla Fukumoto, Paul Guevara, Craig Haruki, Scott Kanamori, Anthony Kim, Wayne Leong, Jaclyn Lum, Jaclyn Palola, Wesley Sato, and Russell Tabata.

Members absent: Drs. Zach Dodson, Sean Holliday, Dayton Lum, and Curt Shimizu

Member Guests present: Dr. Lynn Fujimoto, Erik Wong

HDA Staff: Ms. Kim Nguyen, Executive Director

1. Call to Order – President Wayne Leong called the special meeting to order at 6:34PM.

2. Review and Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes* – March 16, March 21, 2020 – Approved.

3. COVID-19

A. ADA Updated Recommendation – Motion for consideration and vote: To support ADA’s updated recommendation, issued on April 1, <https://www.ada.org/en/press-room/news-releases/2020-archives/april/summary-of-ada-guidance-during-the-covid-19-crisis> - There was discussion about “when” can HDA recommend re-opening dental offices. What does return to work mean and look like, including a shortage of PPE and increased stringent guidelines. Motion seconded. Carried. HDA will push out this update to members.

Dr. Erik Wong asked about any offices closing completely and not seeing emergency patients and asked for suggestions. On Hawaii Island, Bay Clinic and West Hawaii are accepting emergency patients. Members who choose not to see emergency patients are encouraged to coordinate emergency care with another dental colleague.

B. SBA Loans (EIDL and PPP) – Dr. Leong reminded everyone to apply for both, if members have not yet. Can Central Pacific Bank offer some sort of economic support

to HDA members? Ms. Nguyen asked CPB, who will research and get back to HDA. There was discussion about when the 8-week clock would start.

- C. 2021 Membership and Dues – Dr. Leong asked the Board to begin thinking about what our membership numbers would look like, how many would return, how many can pay dues, etc. in 2021. The Finance Program is charged with looking at various membership dues scenarios – such as, how much can HDA take if membership numbers come in at half or a 1/3? The Membership Engagement Program will work on the membership proposition, considering the cost of membership vs the value.
 - i. Monthly Dues Payments – Ms. Kim Nguyen shared that there are 82 members who are currently paying dues via monthly installments. Their May 2020 monthly payments have been postponed to January 2021; the June 2020 monthly dues will be reviewed based on current conditions at that time.

- D. 2021 Convention – Dr. Jaclyn Lum asked the Board if they had thoughts related to the January convention, given that vendors will be struggling as well as our members; and planning with the speakers must also be considered. Can HDA host the large CE courses online (such as Ethics)? Can HDA hold the Convention later on in 2021 – Dr. Lum will check with the Convention Center? The Dental Education Program will discuss this at its April 15th meeting.

- E. HDA House of Delegates – Dr. Carla Fukumoto
 - i. Nov 2019 Evaluation was attached for the Board’s review.
 - ii. Nov 2020 Meeting – The meeting will go on but whether or not it is an in-person or a virtual meeting, is still to be determined. Ms. Nguyen will research the details of holding a virtual meeting, with learnings from other states who are holding their House meetings virtually. Also, a consideration is that a deposit has been made to the Ala Moana Hotel, and that HDA would lose some percentage of the monies depending on when/if we cancel with the Hotel.

- F. Teledentistry Letter* – Dr. Leong presented this letter brought forth by the ADA. Dr. Guevara shared that with teledentistry, licensing issue comes into play (is the Dentist licensed in Hawaii?). Motion to table this letter was made. Seconded. Carried.

- G. Insurance Support – Ms. Nguyen gave the background of a couple of requests from members asking HDA for support with their insurance companies during COVID. Members agreed not to pursue this area of work and encourage members to refer to their signed contracts and talk with their insurance carriers.

- H. County Support – Dr. Lynn Fujimoto had no report from Honolulu County and Dr. Erik Wong (Maui) had earlier addressed his question about dental offices not seeing emergency cases. Dr. Patsy Fujimoto (Hawaii County) had no report.

- I. Other related issues – All
 - i. Ms. Nguyen brought up some concerns from some members about some dental offices staying open “business as usual” and in addition, not providing additional protection for staff, per CDC and OSHA guidelines. Dr. Guevara suggested a reminder to members, reference the state’s Dental Practice Act in addition to the government’s guidelines.

- ii. As planned, the Board was to have a Governance 101 training with the ADA at the next Board meeting on May 7th. Given the circumstances, this might be deferred to the July 9th Board meeting instead, which could allow more of the ADA leaders to join.
- iii. Ms. Nguyen informed the Board about the employment/HR service that ADA has coordinated and is offering to states through the state association office. Each state – via the state Executive Directors – is allowed 60 minutes of free legal consultation, with Jackson Lewis.

4. Adjournment – there being no further business, Dr. Leong adjourned the meeting at 8:57PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Carla Fukumoto
Secretary