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SASKATCHEWAN DENTAL ASSISTANTS
ASSOCIATION DECEMBER 31, 2020 year end

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP:

Full Practice:	1262
Restricted Practice:	0004
Temporary Restricted Practice:	0043
Non-Practice:	0202
Total:	1511 (includes Honorary Life – 011)

DIRECTORS:

President:	Gillian Isabelle, RDA
Officer:	Dawn Schmaus, RDA (covering the role of Past President)
President Elect:	Jenn Prpich, RDA
Directors:	Melissa Blow, RDA
	Lisa Lee, RDA
	Jim Coulter (Public Member)
	Doug Finnie (Public Member)
	Colleen Kennedy, RDA
	Rikki Cooper, RDA
	Shannon Elaschuk, RDA
	Pamela Spink (Public Member)

COMPETENCY ASSURANCE AND DISCIPLINE PROCESSES:

Disciplinary Processes:

- One disciplinary hearing was held in 2020. The member was found guilty of professional misconduct. The member deliberately and intentionally published false reviews about the Complainant (a dentist) and his business. The member was expelled from the Saskatchewan Dental Assistants' Association and her name struck from the register. She is prohibited from reapplying for membership in the Association for a period of two years.

Complaint Management:

- The PCC committee investigated no other complaints in 2020.

Skill Enhancement Courses:

- Dental Implant Surgery (DNLT-1605 online) January 13, 2020 - February 10, 2020

- Insertion & Carving of Amalgam Restorations (DENT-1600) Jan 31, 2020; Labs: February 23 & 23, 2020
- Saskatchewan Polytechnic suspended all remaining post graduate Dental Assisting Courses scheduled in 2020
- The Dental Assisting program intake was suspended at Saskatchewan Polytechnic in 2020

Professional Development:

- ETHICAL STANDARDS IN RELATION TO CLINICAL ERRORS - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020 AT 7:30PM via Zoom
- AN INTRODUCTION TO MINDFULNESS AND SELF COMPASSION - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020 AT 7:30PM via Zoom
- PROFESSIONALISM IN THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020 AT 7:30PM via Zoom

Competency Assurance:

- Maintained a current list of licenced Registered Dental Assistants on the SDAA website for public access
- Notified members of mandatory WHMIS requirement.
- Maintained Infection Prevention & Control Standards and communicated CDSS pandemic protocols on our website.
- CPR is mandatory over a three-year period.
- Members are required to obtain 15 hours of professional development per calendar year; although in person events were suspended, a full offering of online professional development was developed and delivered via Zoom well into 2021.

OVERVIEW:

Major Issues and Activities:

- SDAA Council, February 7-8, 2020
- Celebrated Dental Assistants Week, March 1-7, 2020
- SDAA Council, April 24, 2019, via Zoom
- Annual General Meeting, April 25, 2020, via Zoom
- A new Executive Director/Registrar was hired October 15, 2020
- The office of the SDAA was relocated to 307-845 Broad St. Regina, SK in November 2020
- SDAA Council, November 6-7, 2019, Regina

Legislative:

- No legislative changes were requested or initiated.

Public Initiatives:

- Supported the Saskatchewan Oral Health Coalition in their public health initiatives
- Promoted National Dental Hygienists Week
- Donated oral care supplies to Friendship Inn in Saskatoon

- Provided Oral Care Demonstration kits to assist members to make presentations in schools and daycares (Prior to March 2020)

Member Programs:

- All members holding a practice licence were covered through occurrence-based malpractice insurance policy effective February 1, 2020 to January 31, 2021
- Bi-monthly e-news to SDAA members as an avenue for quicker communication
- Acknowledged members with 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service to the Saskatchewan public
- Encouraged members to wear name tags so that patients can identify their service provider
- Provided a \$500.00 'Outstanding Essay Prize' to a dental assisting student (Terrace Tonn) based on essay submitted relative to their chosen profession – June, 2020
- Communicating to interested members via Facebook and Instagram
- Advertised 'Team Assistance Program' available to members through CDSS
- Promoted SDAA Benefit Program
- Promoted membership in the Canadian Oral Health Research organization
- Promoted the Saskatchewan Institute of Health Leadership Program
- Used a 2.7% increase in the 2021 "Proposed Salary Guide for Dental Assistants"
- Continued contract with GoodLife Fitness, with a corporate rate for SDAA Members

Financial:

- Attached.

Submitted by:

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