

The CADAT Connection

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Dear CADAT Member:

It is once again that time when we set our sights on a new Association year and, more importantly, the value of being a part of the only professional organization that endeavors to serve the needs of dental assisting teachers.



Ms. Dawn Klein

CADAT President-Elect

CADAT is really something special - it has been for over 50 years. No matter how many stages of change we have experienced over the decades, no matter how large or small our membership has been, and no matter what we go through as a profession, our best system of support is the one that has been and will continue to be "there" for us, so long as we choose for it to be.

As early as 1960, those who would become the founders of CADAT found ways to assemble and support each other once per year at an annual gathering. They carried with them the courage, faith and trust in one another to ultimately create the largest teachers organization in the country; to imagine beyond status quo to help create the license category we all enjoy today (RDA); to participate

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in legislation that brought us COMDA; and identify the need for educational programs and courses that went beyond basic dental assisting skills. The history and all those members who endeavored to trust and support each other as a collective is incredible - the old records and documents in the archives of CADAT demonstrate their resolve to create the foundation of what would become a very large organizational tree.

To support that tree, in today's environment, is incredibly hard. The face of the member has changed as much as our profession has changed - back then there were only 12 dental assisting schools and about 27 members. Life and this vocation were much simpler then.

Today, we have demands on our time that prevent us from being as actively engaged in social, political or organizational activities as we would like. Often, we have to look at the daily or weekly calendar and make choices between going to a meeting or a hearing and spending time with faculty, students or our family - we just cannot always be everywhere all the time. As vocational educators, the choices we are forced to make don't include advocacy, regulatory hearings and stakeholder meetings; instead, this is where our roots in our CADAT tree are so important.

To reflect this, each year, since 2009, our organization has honored those who have stayed the test of time as CADAT members with Honorary Member status. A special crystal award called the Octavia Tree is inscribed with the following belief statement:

The FOUNDATION of
a great organization

is ROOTED IN ITS MEMBERS.

It is the nurturing force that
fuels our growth and success.

Never has this fundamental concept been more challenged than today. We entrust our leadership with the task of being present at meetings, hearings and professional events in order for the rest of us to spend the time we need

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A Message from the Advocacy Team for CADAT and CDAA to All Members

"The leadership of the California Association of Dental Assisting Teachers and the California Dental Assistant's Association are working in collaboration with the Foundation for Allied Dental Education to address key legislative and regulatory issues as a result of AB179; foremost, the authority of the Dental

elsewhere. We are supposed to believe that no matter the messenger, the message will be in the best interests of our students and our programs; when we nurture the foundation of the tree by the strength of our membership and the trust of our leaders, we create a monument that can withstand the test of time, disparity and professional unrest.

It's not easy running a professional organization for all these years - it takes a lot of work and generally a handful of dedicated people to do the work for all of us. It is from our membership that the next generation of dedicated people comes from - without strength through membership we have no collective voice, only fragmentation and discord.

Today, right now, you have a choice - you have the choice to be a part of something that has never been perfect in anything other than its dedication and resolve to supporting and defending dental assisting teachers. For \$5/week, the cost of two cups of coffee per week, you can be a part of this long-standing, dedicated entity; share of yourself with others and do so with the knowledge and appreciation of all those teachers who came before us and made us who we are today.

Membership Reminder: For those whose membership expired on December 31, 2015, and in accordance with our Bylaws, your grace period has just expired. This eBulletin will be your last and will be the last opportunity for you to remain a part of this wonderful organization - don't let this choice pass and download your renewal application packet now. Return it to the address on the packet by February 15 and we will continue your membership without disruption.

Thank you to all those who remain CADAT faithful and we look forward to assembling once again this April in Manhattan Beach!



Dawn Klein, CDA, RDA

Board to continue to issue RDA licenses if any changes to the existing examination structure should occur. The dedicated members of CADAT and CDAA can rest assured that their professional organizations have been and will continue to work within a framework of effective advocacy for the best interests of the dental assisting community."

Regulatory Update

Members may recall that during the 2015 CADAT Annual Conference in San Jose, our collaborative team of CDAA, CADAT and FADE representatives working with our lobbying team were asked by the Assembly B&P Committee to quickly draft proposed regulatory and statutory language to clean up the inconsistencies of both based on two years worth of testimony at Dental Board of California (DBC) meetings. Scouring through old agendas, meeting minutes and webcasts, we collected over 100 pages of data and assembled both regulatory and statutory language, as requested, in order to demonstrate where the areas of inconsistency and lack of clarity existed.



Ms. Lori Gagliardi

CADAT President

Much of the statutory language we proposed was set aside in lieu of the Sunset Review process with all the attention focused toward the RDA practical examination issues. However, the DBC needed a starting point and the proposed regulatory language, termed "the working document", was published by the DBC to include all the proposed clean-up language we developed and submitted since 2012. The working document also included language proposed by DAC members, special interest groups, and staff of the Board, who identified and reported problems with the regulations as early as 2011.

After much delay, our advocates testified to the legislature that progress on these regulations, since 2012, was moving at less than a snails-pace with the bulk of the delays causing great impact on the educational programs and courses. In order to break-down the huge proposed regulatory package into "digestable" parts, the Board determined that "workshops" would be scheduled to allow for public comment and DAC/DBC review of each section. After one or two workshops, the process once again came to a halt.

This was an issue that our legislative advocates brought to light during last years Sunset Review process and today we finally received a new schedule of workshops from the DBC. Please review the following information and know that while CADAT representatives worked very hard to assemble the drafted "working document", the work has only just begun - we will continue to collaborate with CDAA and other stakeholders while ensuring that our membership is fairly and adequately represented at each meeting. As always, when there is something significant and definitive to report, we will bring the accurate information to you in a timely manner.

From the Office of Sarah Wallace - Asst. Executive Officer
Dental Board of California

"The following are the confirmed dates and locations for the 2016 Dental Assisting regulatory workshops. These dates will be posted on the Board's web site within the next few days. Please note, that while we were able to confirm these Sacramento locations we are still researching the possibility of having workshops in Southern California should we be able to secure a location that would meet our needs. If we are able to secure a Southern California location, it will be updated on the Board's web page".

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
March 18, 2016	Dental Board of CA 2005 Evergreen Dr. Sacramento, CA 95815 Evergreen Hearing Room (1st Fl. Rm. 1150)
April 29, 2016	HQ 2 Building 1747 North Market Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95834 Emerald Training Room - Ste. 184
June 10, 2016	HQ 2 Building 1747 North Market Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95834 Emerald Training Room - Ste. 184

July 15, 2016	HQ 2 Building 1747 North Market Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95834 Emerald Training Room - Ste. 184
September 16, 2016	HQ 2 Building 1747 North Market Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95834 Emerald Training Room - Ste. 184
October 28, 2016	HQ 2 Building 1747 North Market Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95834 Emerald Training Room - Ste. 184
December 16, 2016	HQ 2 Building 1747 North Market Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95834 Emerald Training Room - Ste. 184

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Deadline Approaching: Annual Conference and CE Event Open to Members and Non-Members for 2016

The 2016 Annual Conference and CE Event will once again be a collaboration between CADAT and the Foundation for Allied Dental Education (FADE). The Foundation will be handling all operations in coordination with the CADAT Executive Committee and with supportive initiatives from our friends from the Dental Assisting National Board and the DALE Foundation.



This coming year, members and non-member attendees will engage in the following activities in Manhattan Beach:

- Friday, April 22: all day CE event featuring topics involving restorative dentistry, oral cancers, new polishing techniques and aspects of dental practice regulations
- Friday evening, April 22: "Demos, Drinks and Desserts" reception sponsored by the FADE and DALE Foundations with vendor speed-dating-style demonstrations, raffles and information for state and national examinations, scholarships and student support services
- Saturday, April 23: all day professional development with speakers from OSAP discussing the new federal standards for OSHA compliance in the morning and facilitated round-table discussions for educators in the afternoon
- Sunday morning, April 24: members-only CADAT Business Meeting and voting members engagement, officer transition, presentation from Dental Board Enforcement Chief Teresa Lane and updates on regulatory and statutory activity

To download conference registration packet with a schedule of events to date, [please click here](#), or visit the CADAT website at www.CADAT.org.

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New State BreEZe System Publishes Licensee Addresses

The new licensure verification and renewal system, BreEZe, was introduced in December to stakeholders and interested parties and launched in January of this year. Licensees should be aware that licensure information, including your address of record, is a matter of public record and will be made available upon search via the new system.



The Dental Board of California has granted us permission to send the following message to you as a CADAT member benefit:

If a licensee does not wish to have their address of record (AOR) displayed on the Board's BreEZe license verification website, you will need to email the DBC at DAProgram@dca.ca.gov and request that your address of record (AOR) be marked private.

You will need to provide the following information when making your request:

- Complete name: First, Middle, and Last (no middle initials)
- RDA, OA, DSA, and/or RDAEF license number(s)

- Last four digits of your Social Security number
- Current telephone number

CADAT leadership encourages all members to take the time to go to the BreEZe system, set-up your user account, and use this new system for updating your personal profile, linking your records for each license or permit you hold, and setting up your account for licensure renewal BEFORE your due date. The new system is not difficult to use but setting up your user account does take some time to do. You can visit the Dental Board's website and use the "license verification" link to get to the BreEZe system, or use this link now to go straight to BreEZe:

Breeze.ca.gov

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CADAT Educators Requested for Conference Roundtables

With roundtables being the most requested event for the upcoming conference, our President is asking for CADAT members who are interested in helping facilitate at the conference to step forward and volunteer! Lots of great ideas and suggestions have been topics for roundtables in the past and those who wish to help bring them to the forefront again are welcome to participate.



If you are not able to help facilitate but do have ideas on roundtable topics, let us know! Please submit your topic ideas and/or willingness to volunteer as a facilitator in an email to ligagliardi@pasadena.edu.

Awards Campaign: Nominations for CADAT Awards Now Open Through March 1, 2016

Do you know an educator who exemplifies everything you believe a teacher should? Are you a dedicated instructor who works with a dedicated instructor that you believe should be recognized for their dedication and service to their students? Well, here is a great way to do so - the CADAT Annual Awards Nomination campaign.



Each year, members submit their nominations for a teacher who they know or work with that meet the criteria for each of the following awards:

- The Hazel O. Torres Excellence in Education Award
- The CADAT Leadership Award
- The President's Award

Download the *2016 CADAT Awards Information and Nominating Form* [here](#), review the awards and their criteria, and consider submitting an application to honor great people doing great things for the dental assisting community!

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RDA Written Examination Prep Books Available Through Amazon

Students and teachers looking to purchase the RDA Written and Law/Ethics State Board examination prep books previously posted on the former CADAT website may access those resources through the FADE website or go directly to Amazon to purchase.

Coming Soon! The Foundation Student Scholarship Program - visit our website at www.theFADE.org for ongoing information about available scholarships for students coming April 2016.

