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**Highlights of the 13th Annual American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (ADEX)
House of Representatives
August 13, 2017
Rosemont, IL**

The following are highlights of the 13th Annual ADEX House of Representatives:

The ADEX House of Representatives consists of Member States and Jurisdictions, District Hygiene and District Consumer Representatives which total 60 representatives, 48 representatives were present.

2017 – 2018 Officers were elected: Dr. Stanwood Kanna, HI, President; Dr. William Pappas, NV, Vice-President; Dr. Jeffery Hartsog, MS, Secretary; Dr. Conrad “Chip” McVea, III, LA, Treasurer. Dr. Bruce Barrette, WI, remains as Immediate Past President.

Because of a major revision to the ADEX Bylaws the election of the Board of Directors and the election of Dental Hygiene Members to the Dental Hygiene Examination Committee and the ADEX House of Representatives was delayed until the 2018 ADEX House of Representatives.

ADEX Board of Directors:

- Appointment of a new Dental Examination Committee Chair – Dr. Stephen DuLong of Massachusetts to replace Dr. John Dixon of West Virginia who completed his three-year term.

Changes to the ADEX Dental Examination:

RESTORATIVE

- ALL restoration criteria for marginal deficiencies redefined. New SUB criteria is less than or equal to .5 mm. New DEF criteria is greater than .5 mm.
- Change from the use of **ACC** for acceptable criteria to **ATC**, meaning Adheres To Criteria which better defines what the scoring reflects, adheres to a minimal acceptable standard.
- Separate criteria now to be used for lower anterior incisors vs. maxillary anterior teeth
And lower cuspids.

PROSTHODONTICS

- The changes this year proposed and approved from the Prosthodontic Subcommittee Involved clarification of the use of Stents for grading. All failures will be determined by use of the custom candidate fabricated stent where appropriate. In addition, minor undercuts of less than 0.5 mm will not result in failure unless they compromise the margin when blocked out.

ENDODONTICS

- The endodontic subcommittee met and proposed minor changes to the posterior endodontic criteria which were necessary to work with the new more anatomically correct Acidental molar tooth. The changes were approved

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PERIODONTICS

- No changes to periodontal scaling exercise for next year. The periodontal subcommittee met in conjunction with periodontal ad hoc committee. Moving forward the two committees will be combined as the periodontal exam subcommittee. The committee is continuing to work on a new periodontal OSCE examination and is awaiting the results of the new occupational analysis as they develop the new examination.

SCORING

- The Scoring subcommittee met and worked on clarification of the exam rules. Clarification To the **18 Month rule**, the **Timing out Guidelines**, and the **Three Sub rule** were reviewed, **finalized** and approved.

Changes to the ADEX Dental Hygiene Examination:

- Periodontal Probing Exercise will be conducted Post Treatment by both the examiners and candidates on two teeth assigned from within the Case Selection. Implementation in 2018.
- Retain the current criteria that 4 minor tissue trauma errors convert to a major tissue trauma violation and a 100-point penalty.
- Criteria to be utilized in determining the diagnostic quality of the radiographs submitted for the dental hygiene exam will be developed and published in the appropriate manuals, orientations, calibrations and presentations directed at examiners and candidates. Implementation in 2018.
- The 3 criteria included in the Initial Case Presentation Section must **all** be Acceptable to accrue the 3 points assigned to that section of the examination. (Scoring is 0 or 3) Implementation in 2018.
- After a thorough review of the 2016 and 2017 dental hygiene examination data relative to the 12 Selected Surfaces of qualifying calculus in the Calculus Removal Section, it was determined that ADEX will retain the current scoring model relative to Case Acceptance and not implement a Second Submission Policy for the Dental Hygiene Examination.
- The process of stopping the exam after Pre-Treatment Evaluation if the candidate has not accrued enough points to possibly pass the examination has been piloted and will be implemented in 2018.

ADEX House of Representatives:

- Bylaws

A major revision to the ADEX Bylaws was reviewed and approved by the ADEX House of Representative including a minor amendment that delayed the election of Members of Board of Directors and the election of Dental Hygiene Members to the Dental Hygiene Examination Committee and the ADEX House of Representatives until the 2018 ADEX House of Representatives

**14th Annual ADEX House of Representatives Meeting is scheduled on
Saturday, August 11, 2018, Doubletree Hotel, Rosemont, IL.**