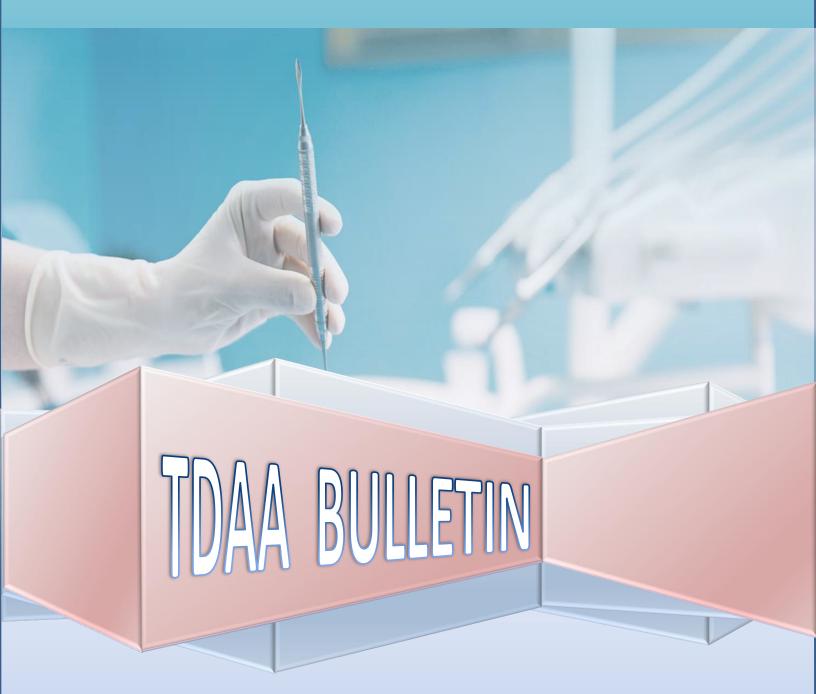


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I do hope all have recovered from the deep freeze a few weeks back. I did not get out of the house for 2 hold days! Then it took my house until 1 pm the following day to warm up to 74 degrees. I'm looking forward to our upcoming TDAA Annual Session and General Assemblies. It will be a wonderful time to regather and should contact and see Dental friends of years friendship. I myself have known and shared friendships for over 50 years with members.

PRESIDENT Marthann Dafft Our Presidents and Past Presidents Luncheon will be on Friday, May 9th. This is open to all Dental Assistants. With our new format of the meeting and TDAA having General Assemblies rather than House of Delegates, all

members registered are eligible to vote at the meeting regarding the business of the Association. All wishing to attend will find information on registration in this Bulletin. This will be my last House as serving President. Am looking forward to seeing the Installation of our new President and her Officers.

I also have received information on the upcoming Southwest Dental Conference to be held in Dallas on Aug. 22-23, 2025. Registration for a DA is \$65.00. There is a deadline of July 14 with the fee going up \$50. They do have a great website you can go on and register on.

I do wish all a Blessed Easter and look forward to seeing you all at our meeting in San Antonio!

Marthann Dafft TDAA President.

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Finance	Sharon Dickinson	Elizabeth O'Reilly
Finance/ Scholarship	Sharon Dickinson	Elizabeth O'Reilly Kay Jukes. Ex-Sec/Treas. Ex-official
By-Laws/Policies Statement	Sharon Dickinson	Elizabeth O'Reilly
Manual of Procedures	Edith Kendall	Alyssa Russell
Necrology	Edith Kendall	
Program	Sharon Dickinson	Carolyn Friend
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Nominating	Linda Mueller	Brenda Olivarez
Social Media	Ronda Lane	
Special Committees		
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History	Dena Carr	



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Thank you for your precision, patience, and passion!

Because of you, patients feel at ease, treatments run smoothly, and smiles shine brighter!

COGNITION

Provide the following in your thoughts and Prayers		
Dena Carr	Has had surgeries and is receiving physical therapy.	
Sharon Dickinson	Recovering from knee replacement surgery.	
Cammie Munguia	In a rehabilitation facility undergoing occupational and physical therapy.	
Kathleen Boyle	Continues to experience medical issues.	
Jim Boyle	Kidney surgery was successful, recovering at home.	
Edith Kendall	Her aunt passed away. And her 22-month-old niece fell and required six stitches to close a cut on her tongue.	
Linda Mueller	Her aunt passed away.	
Alyssa Russell	Her relative passed away.	

2025 Dental Assistant Recognition Week

Dallas County Dental Assistants Society DRAW Activities



Lecture on Equipment Performance Evaluations







Texas Tech Dental - Hunt School of Dental Medicine DRAW Activities



PIMA Medical Institute DARW Activities













HCC Coleman College DRAW Activities



Dental Assisting program was recognized for their hard-working faculty and dedicated students who play a vital role in patient care and oral health









ADAA COMMUNICATION

February 12, 2025 By: Ronda V. Lane ADAA President



Communication promised.

1. Educators/Schools Web Page

This past month, I reached out to the 560 ADAA members who identified as an educator in our database. I want to thank those of you who took a few minutes to respond. This allowed us to identify that many dental assisting programs were experiencing problems with signing up their students or coordinating payment to ADAA and providing solutions. I am pleased to announce that after many responses received, Kellen has created a new website page with additional instructions to help educators complete this task. I request you relay this link to all Dental Assisting schools in your state: <u>School Sign Up Instructions – ADAA</u>.

Additionally, Kellen staff will be reaching out directly to educators with more detailed information.

2. Responses to ADAA emails and phone messages

We have instituted a policy that any email inquiries or voicemail messages will now be answered within 48 business hours. Please understand that, at times, staff may need more information to fully resolve your issues, so resolutions may not be complete within this timeframe, but you should receive an acknowledgement. Please let me know if any messages, either by email or phone, have not been acknowledged according to this new policy.

I encourage everyone to email me at <u>vantroba@verizon.net</u>.

3. DARW 2025

We have ADAA DARW merchandise on website now! Check it out! <u>https://adaausa.org/education-events/dental-assistants-recognition-week/</u>

We are also working on ideas for sweepstakes, drawings and such for that most important week, March 2-8, 2025, with companies such as Henry Schein, Ultradent and others. We want pictures and stories of how you celebrated during DARW. We want to include your celebrations in the Dental Assisting Journal issue after DARW.

4. State Rosters with rebates

Please keep in mind that the rosters received related to rebate payments are separate from the membership rosters as chapters you can run from the database. The reason is because the roster related to rebate payments will only include individuals who have paid during the period the rebate payment covers. ADAA has members renew and join every day and because of this, rebate rosters are not static lists. Additionally, some clean up continues to occur related to the transition from the old database. If you have questions or see things that do not seem correct, please reach out to Raven Hardin at <u>rhardin@kellencompany.com</u>. More details on the information states receive from Kellen when rebates are direct deposited into your funds is

coming. Several members have asked for more information on names, contact information and dates of when rebates are calculated should be much better.

5. In-Person Meetings Opportunities

ADAA is actively working to provide our members with more opportunities for in-person meetings in the future. One such event is <u>SmileCon 2025</u> (an ADA meeting) being held on <u>October 23-25</u> at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington DC. We are collaborating with ADA to include a dental assistant education track. Please view the events section on the ADAA website for more details and registration information.

> I want to thank each of you for supporting and being involved with ADAA. "There is always, always something to be thankful for." – Rhonda Bryne I am thankful to YOU, the member.

thank you

Texas State Board of Dental Examiners

Board Meeting Report

February 21, 2025 By: Ronda V. Lane, BS, CDA, RDA, FADAA

The Texas State Board of Dental Examiners meets quarterly, and on February 21, 2025, several items were discussed and voted on concerning dental assistants.

• Rule 114.12

The TDAA opposed this proposed rule change in writing (copied to you in the December newsletter) and provided live testimony to the Continuing Education Review Committee on February 20, 2025. After much discussion, the Committee voted to deny the proposed rule. At the full Board meeting, the TSBDE **Board also voted to deny** the proposed rule. The Board also clarified that the <u>RDA renewal will be a biennial (2 year) cycle.</u>

- TDAA is asking for ideas/suggestions on how to make sure that dental assistants understand, stay abreast of law/rules that regulate dental assistants. Please email your suggestions to TDAA legislative Chair, Ronda Lane at <u>vantroba@verizon.net</u>
- The Board voted to revoke an RDA registration; docket No. 504-25-02421 based on SOAH hearing.
- The **Board voted to no action** on recommendation of dental students and residents to practice dental hygiene. It was clarified that the Texas DPA and rules do not allow students to practice dental hygiene.
- The **Board voted to deny** recommendation for DDS & RDH to read TSBDE newsletter and have it count for 2 hours of CE.
- The **Board voted to remove** Dental Resolutions LLC as an approved provider of CE (TSBDE is reviewing all providers regularly now).
- The **Board voted to deny** the application for College of the Mainland (Dental Assisting Program) in Texas City to be approved as an RDA course provider. Clarification was made that only a CODA school or Professional dental organization may provide this.
- TSBDE licensing division report by Ms. Mendez reported that any deficiencies with RDA applications can now be seen online in your account.

Texas State Board of Dental Examiners NEW RDA RULES



The 89th Texas Legislature is in Session! There are a few dental related bills you should be aware of.

- Interstate Compact for licensed dentists and hygienists Texas Senate Bill 1109 and HB1799
 is being considered. This compact would allow dentists and hygienists in one state to practice in
 other states that agree to join the compact. There are currently 7 states that have joined: Maine,
 Kansas, Virginia, Tennessee, Washington, Iowa and Wisconsin. Several other states including
 Texas are considering this compact. The compact will increase access to care for patients by
 creating reciprocity and reducing red tape for licensed providers to obtain a new license when
 moving from one state to another.
- 2. Senate Bill 1090- This bill relates to bundling and down-coding practices conducted by certain providers of dental benefits. <u>Bundling means</u> the practice of combining dental procedures or components of a more extensive procedure into one procedure for billing purposes. <u>Down-coding</u> means the adjustment by a provider or insurer of an employee benefit plan policy of a submitted claim to reflect a less complex or lower-cost procedure code. A provider or issuer of an employee benefit plan or health insurance policy may not change a dentist's submitted procedure codes through down-coding. A professional review of the submitted charges and supporting clinical information must be followed.



2025 TDAA Annual Session and General Assembly

The 85th TDAA Annual Session and General Assembly is going to be held at the San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk, May 8-10, 2025. Join your fellow TDAA members and meet possible new members at the meeting.

- The meeting will begin with the finance meeting & pre-convention board meeting on Thursday, May 8, the TDAA opening session, and the general assembly on Friday, May 9, and Saturday, May 10, 2025.
- As a reminder, the 2023 House of Delegates voted to change the structure of the previous year's House of Delegates Meetings. Beginning this session, there are no delegates or alternates voting on the business of the association.
- <u>ALL</u> TDAA members registered to attend the meeting have the opportunity to attend and vote on the business of their Association.
- In this newsletter is the registration form and meeting agenda for the Meeting.
- This is a unique opportunity for all members to have a representation in the business of the association, so please make plans for attending.
- Please note that to attend the Texas Meeting (TDA) you must also register with TDA. The link is <u>TDAmeeting.org.</u> The link for housing is also found on the TDA meeting site.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (Sharon Dickinson, 915-526-5992, <u>Sdickins1@att.net</u>). I look forward to seeing ALL our members at this year's meeting.

The host organization is Dallas County, so I know they will have an outstanding meeting in store for us.

Sharon Dickinson TDAA President-Elect TDAA Meeting Manager 915-526-5992 Sdickins1@att.net

EVENT MEETING AGENDA

May 8-10, 2025

at Marriott Riverwalk Hotel, San Antonio, Texas

Thursday, May 8, 2025			
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	TDAA Registration		
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	TDAA Finance Committee Meeting		
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	TDAA Pre-Convention Board Meeting		
Friday, May 9, 2025			
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	TDAA Registration		
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	TDAA Opening Session		
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	TDAA First General Assembly		
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	TDAA Balloting		
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	TDAA President's and TDAA Past President Luncheon		
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	TDAA Past President's Meeting		
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Dental Assisting Educator's Meeting		
5:00 PM – 7:30 PM	TDAA President's Reception		
	Saturday, May 10, 2025		
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	TDAA Registration		
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Second General Assembly and Installation of Officers		
10:30 AM – 12:30 PM	TDAA Post Convention Board Meeting		



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EVENT REGISTRATION FORM Submit By APRIL 15, 2025 One name per form (make copies as needed). Name: Credentials (CDA, RDA, CDPMA, etc.): **Component Society:** Address {City, State, Zip): Check all that apply □ TDAA Member □ Student Member □ Guest □ Life Member □ TDAA President □ TDAA Past President □ Local President □ ADAA Officer □ State Officer □ Director Fri May 9, 2025 **TDAA Presidents and Past Presidents Luncheon** DIA – DE – LOS FLORES 12:00 – 1:30 PM Honoring Marthann Dafft President and Dena Carr past president 2000 # Tickets Total \$ *Member \$45 Non-Member \$90 TDAA president's reception hospitality suite Rm 3004 5:00 - 7:30 PM Hospitality suite: open excluding general assemblies and special events. PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: DALLAS COUNTY DENTAL ASSISTANTS' SOCIETY MAIL FORM, ALONG WITH PAYMENT TO: TDAA GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE – C/O EDITH KENDALL 48 MISTY POND DRIVE, FRISCO, TX 75034 - 85777 NOTE: Please advise us of any disability, dietary, food allergy, or other special needs below QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS? PLEASE CONTACT EDITH KENDALL 972 658 4121



Bulletin Submissions Deadline Dates:



- July 15 For Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov.
- Nov 15 For Dec. Jan. Feb. March.
- March 15 For April, May, June, July.

Be sure to visit TDAA Facebook Group for up-dates on:

- How can Dental Assistants Positively Influence our Texas State Board of Dental Examiners?
- Human Trafficking Course Notice.
- Some Facts about the Nitrous Oxide Monitoring (NOM) Process.
- Alert to Texas Senate Bill 1090.
- Need to see the status of your RDA application?
- Dental assistant can subscribe to the TSBDE newsletter.

Link: https://www.facebook.com/groups/190442111004697

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Members! Be checking your records, and if you have been a member of TDAA for 10,15,20,25.... (increments of 5 years) or more, a Certificate of Appreciation is due!

The Texas Dental Assistants Association would like to honor those members who have maintained continuous membership and award them a certificate at our State Meeting on May 10, 2025.

Contact Edith Kendall at <u>edithmkendall@gmail.com</u> and she will gladly send you a form to complete so that we can acknowledge your years of service at our meeting.



NOMINATION FOR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 2025-2027

President	Sharon Dickinson
President–Elect	Vacant
Vice-President	Edith Kendall
Secretary	Elizabeth O'Reilly
Immediate Past President	Marthann Dafft

Will Heard

Lori Linger

VOLUNTEERS

Linda Mueller

Ronda Lane

Alyssa Russell

Brenda Olivarez

Angela Soto

Election following the First General Assembly. Need to vote for five (5) directors.

As TDAA President Elect, I am looking for those members who would like to volunteer for a committee position for 2025-2027

I anticipate all committees to have an exciting year working towards the betterment of TDAA.

Please contact me at

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Sharon Dickinson

New Dental Technologies

AND HOW DENTAL ASSISTANTS CAN MASTER THEM

By Ameera Qaddo

The field of dentistry is evolving rapidly with new technologies that improve patient care and streamline workflows. Dental assistants are key players in adopting and utilizing new technologies. By <u>staying up to date</u>, <u>attending training</u> <u>sessions</u>, and <u>practicing with these tools</u>, they can enhance patient care and make dental procedures more efficient. Here are some key technologies transforming dentistry and how dental assistants can master them.

Digital Impressions

Traditional impressions using messy materials are being replaced by digital impressions. Intraoral scanners, such as the iTero and TRIOS, capture a precise 3D image of the patient's teeth in seconds. This technology improves accuracy, enhances patient comfort, and speeds up treatment planning.



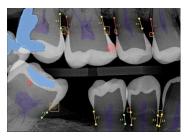
3D Printing

3D printing is revolutionizing dentistry by allowing the in-office production of crowns, dentures, orthodontic models, and surgical guides. Instead of waiting weeks for lab-fabricated appliances, dentists can now print them in hours.

Laser Dentistry

Lasers are becoming more common in dental treatments for soft tissue surgeries, cavity preparation, and even teeth whitening. They reduce bleeding, speed up healing, and minimize pain. Popular laser systems include the Waterlase and Diode lasers.





Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Dentistry

Al-powered tools are helping dentists diagnose cavities, analyze X-rays, and even predict oral health issues. Software like Pearl and Overjet uses AI to detect early signs of decay, bone loss, and other concerns.

Teledentistry

Allows remote consultations, improving access to dental care for patients in underserved areas. Helps dental assistants coordinate virtual patient interactions, manage digital records, and assist in pre-screening procedures. Platforms like MouthWatch and Doxy.me enable secure video consultations and patient education.



Tips To Master These New Technologies

- Gain hands-on experience with intraoral scanners, 3D printers, and CAD/CAM systems.
- Learn efficient scanning techniques, material selection, and post-processing methods.
- Stay updated on AI-based diagnostics and digital treatment planning.
- Get certified in laser technology and understand its applications in dental procedures.
- Continuously explore advancements in dental software and emerging technologies.