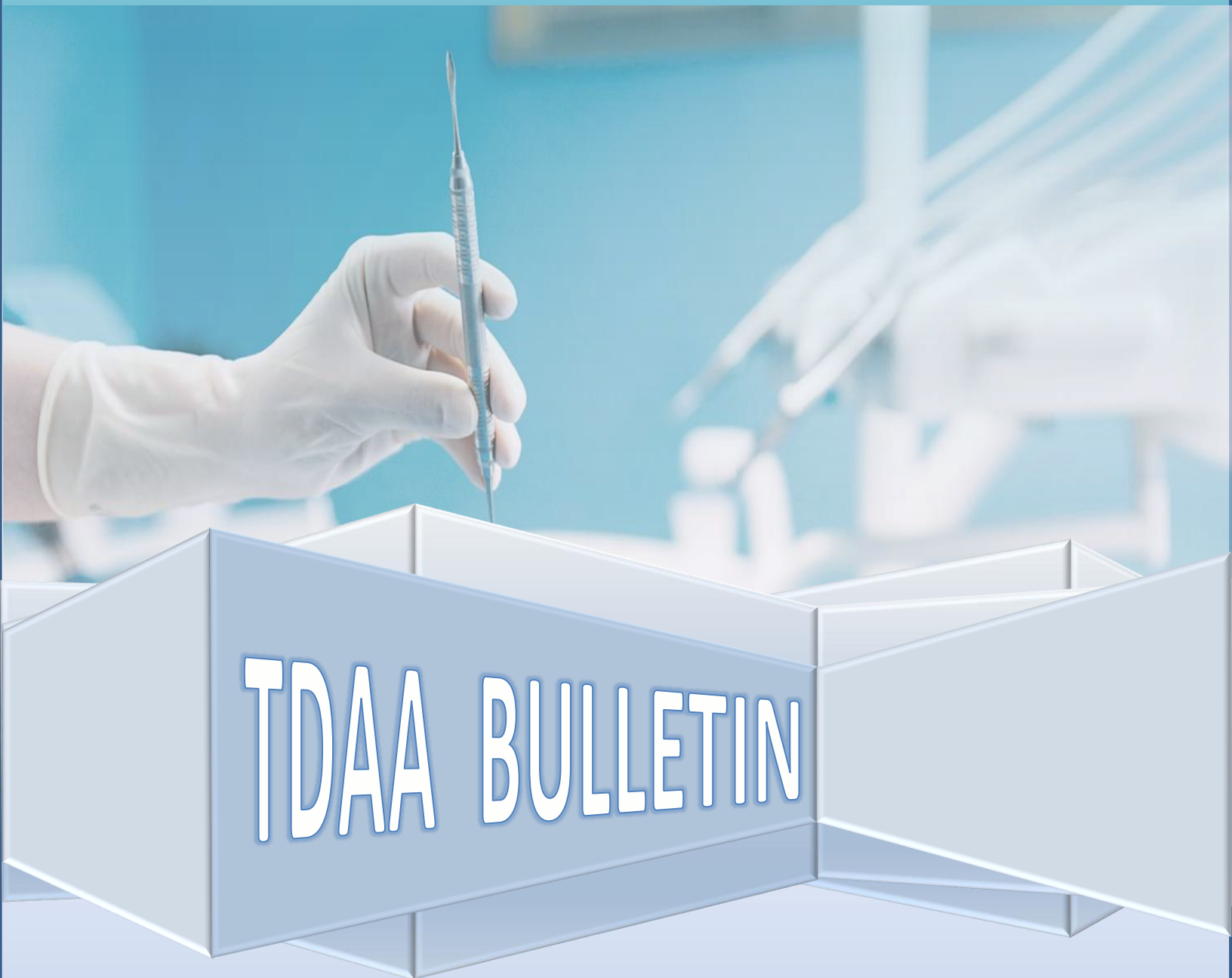




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P R E S I D E N T M E S S A G E

Fall is upon us once again, and I find myself asking where the year has gone! Before we know it, the holidays will be here.

These past several months have been busy with your TDAA Board. We have accepted new challenges for the next 2 years. One of these was the re-branding of TDAA. We have a new logo, which is being revealed in this newsletter! All our materials hence forth will now have the new logo. Things will be happening next month also. The TDAA Mid-Year Board of Directors meeting scheduled for November 15, 2025, had to be rescheduled due to circumstances beyond our control. Please find the announcement of the January meeting in this newsletter.

As I sit here writing this, it occurs to me what a fast-paced world of dentistry we are in. It's easy to get caught up in the day-to-day activities and lose sight of the bigger picture. But I want to take a moment to remind each of us of the incredible power we have as a team. The team might be your office team or your professional organization. You each bring unique skills, perspectives, and experiences to the table every day and each time we meet as an organization. We harness that energy to work together for a common goal. If in the office, that goal is the well-being of the patients who come under our care. As a member of TDAA, as we work together, there is nothing we cannot achieve or challenges we cannot overcome.

Great teams do not come by accident. They require trust, a willingness to forgo individual needs for the greater good, and, of course, communication. Just remember that as we meet challenges, we need to meet those head on. Together, a team can face anything.

I personally want to thank you for being a member of the TDAA team. Your hard work and commitment to excellence allows us to succeed.

I wish each of you and your families a wonderful Holiday Season.

Regards,

Sharon Dickinson

TDAA President

President



Sharon Dickinson

Introducing the New TDAA Logo



The new TDAA logo is inspired by the original design featuring the Texas map, now reimagined with the colors of the Texas flag and the iconic Texas star to honor our state identity. Purple—symbolizing dentistry—was thoughtfully blended into the design, along with a subtle tooth element within the map to represent the profession we serve. The organization’s initials remain integrated into the Texas shape, preserving brand recognition. We also retained the original slogan—**Education, Efficiency, Loyalty, and Service**—to emphasize the core values that continue to guide TDAA.

This logo was designed by our site manager, Mohammed Neamah, working closely with our TDAA President Sharon Dickinson, and developed through multiple design concepts, board reviews, revisions, and rounds of board voting to arrive at the final design.



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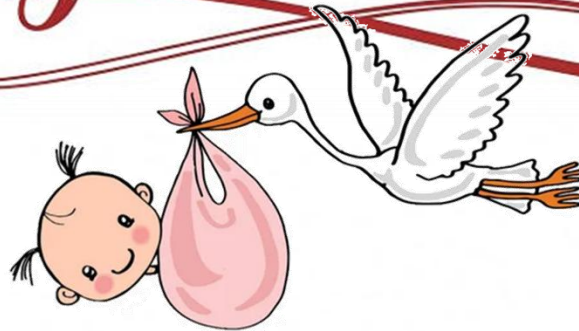
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Standing and Special Committees 2025-2027

Committee	Chairperson	Members
Audit	Carolyn Friend	Elizabeth O'Reilly Linda Mueller Kay Jukes, EX-Officio
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Education	Angela Soto	Liza Torres
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Legislative	Ronda Lane	
Revenue	Kay Jukes	Linda Mueller
Scholarship	Brenda Olivarez	Lori Linger
Nominating	Linda Mueller	Brenda Olivarez
Social Media	Ronda Lane	Brenda Olivarez
Resolutions	Elizabeth O'Reilly	Sharon Dickinson
Special Committees		
Certificates and ADAA Awards	Edith Kendall	
TDAA Task Force Scholarship	Sharon Dickinson	Elizabeth O'Reilly Kay Jukes
History	Dena Carr	Kay Jukes

Congratulations!



To Ameera Qaddo and Mohanned Neamah for having
their first baby girl



HAPPY Veterans Day

Honoring all who served



HAPPY HANUKKAH



**HAPPY
HALLOWEEN**



HAPPY
Thanksgiving

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL DENTAL ASSISTANTS!





Warm birthday wishes to everyone who has celebrated recently and to those with birthdays ahead! May the year bring you joy, success, and beautiful memories.

*Shine Bright
This Year*



May this year bring you peace
happiness and success



Please keep the following in your thoughts and Prayers

Ronda Lane Loss of her cousin (a mother and her son).

Sharon Dickinson Loss of her brother-in-law.

Edith Kendall Loss of her first cousin.

Lori Linger's Provides daily assistance in caring for her parents.

Rosie Perez's Her mother is still unwell, but her husband is doing much better.

Kathleen Boyle Recovering from a stroke.

Cliffa Thomasson Has successfully recovered from a broken foot.

Dena Carr Doing well and continues weekly physical therapy sessions.

Pictures of the Meetings

During the Southwest Dental Conference in Dallas this past August, TDAA had a membership booth. Marthann Dafft, Linda Mueller, Elizabeth O'Reilly, and Ronda Lane were there manning it. It was great to visit with the Dental Assistants as they pasted headed to their CE Lectures, and to visit the exhibit hall and visit with all the Dental Representatives and catch up on placing all their orders. We also had a beautiful Assistant Bear for a Drawing. Our very own Ronda Lane, President of ADAA made it and donated for a drawing. The very special winner was Shawna Blanchette of Cleburne, Texas.



Pictures from October Meeting in Addison





Texas State Board of Dental Examiners

Board Meeting Report

By: Ronda V. Lane, BS, CDA, RDA, FADAA



The Texas State Board of Dental Examiners meets quarterly. Anyone can stream and see these meetings online and are welcome to make public comments.

The link is: <https://tsbde.texas.gov/board-and-committees/>

To see these meetings you can go to You Tube. Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PmKFAm654UY>

November 6, 2025, Committee Meetings-this is where most of the TSBDE work happens.

1) Disciplinary Review Committee Meeting @ 8:30am

The committee Chair, Ms. Laurie Jones, called the meeting to order at 8:32am.

Several Committee recommendations and possible action were taken on proposed case resolutions.

All the Agreed Settlement orders, remedial plans, agreed administrative penalties, consent orders are only available to the members via a packet of information.

There were 3 SOAH hearings involving Dental Assistants and all 3 had their RDA revoked, 1st by committee then again by the entire Board on Friday.

2) Dental Practice Committee Meeting @10am

The committee chair, Dr. Linda Burke, called the meeting to order at 10:06am.

Chapter 114, Extension of Duties of Auxiliary Personal, Dental Assistants are under review.

Dr. Burke emphasized that the TSBDE will do rule review on Chapters 114 (Assistants), 115 (Hygiene) and 116 (Lab Techs) are in that process now. Dr. Burke wants to make sure that these rules are clear and concise and are easily understood.

Any language changes will be posted in the Texas Register for comments or suggestions soon.

Link: <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>

Rule 114.2 was discussed concerning RDA course objectives, and proposed changes will be re-organized, as well as language clean-up & changes reflecting newer technology such as digital radiography.

In addition, Rule 114.12 was commented on by Mr. David Mines from TAGD. He asked the committee to change rule **114.12 (a)** that currently requires assistants to complete 6 of 12 hours of CE to be "live" / "in-person" to change this rule **to allow all CE to be self-study**, as this would make it easier for assistants to achieve requirements.

Dr. Henderson responded by asking Mr. Mines if he would require the same for hygienists and dentists to obtain all CE by self study, and Mr. Mines replied he would have to take that question to the TAGD board before commenting. Ms. Bock, RDH commented how many options and opportunities are out there for CE now.

3) Licensing Committee Meeting @11:30

Dr. Brady Morehead called the meeting to order at 11:34.

Several items on the agenda were discussed regarding Dental Hygiene Licensure, a merger of CDCA-WREB-CITA and ADEX, licensure of military service members.

What was important to note was continuing education providers are reviewed annually.

A recommendation to allow 1 hour of CE for CPR training. This will be voted on by the Board.

Public Comment: Ms. JoAnn Gurenlian (ADHA) requested that language referring to "live" patient requirements for examination be up-dated since both hygiene and dentists no longer do this.

2025-2026 MID-YEAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mid-Year Board of Directors Meeting

- January 16-17, 2026.
- Held at **Embassy Suites** Near the Galleria
Address: 14021 Noel Road Dallas, Texas 75240
- **Committee Meeting:** January 16, 2026.
- **Board Meeting:** January 17, 2026

Reports

- Due January 7, 2026
- Please send to Carolyn Friend
- Email: edfreindc@aol.com

If you have any questions, please e-mail President Dickinson at:

President@TDAA.org



Attention!

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 the TDAA Facebook Group for updates on:

- 2 rules concerning dental assistants are being reviewed by the TSBDE Dental Practice Review Committee.
- How many of the 12 CE hours (every 2 years) for RDA renewal have to be taken in person or via a live interactive webinar?
- Specification of TSBDE on Rule 108.16 Teledentistry at the November 7, 2025 Board Meeting.
- YouTube Link for TSBDE committee meetings on November 6th and full Board meeting on November 7th, 2025. These meetings are very informative and rules concerning Chapter 114 (Dental Assistants) were discussed.
- SCAM ALERT, TSBDE Email Account Compromised
- Check many important and wonderful information on the Texas Dental Assistants Association website at <https://www.tdaa.org>
- RDA Renewal Information.
- Importance of continuing education for dental assistants.
- Explore the new TSBDE License Search Tool for license status Lookup.
- 40% of Dental Assistants are failing TSBDE Audits. How to avoid it?



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