



NEWSWIRE



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Hole #8 of the MDHA course is a "Hole-in-One". On June 9, Representative Eileen Kowall, a dental hygienist herself, introduced "2nd pair of hands" legislation, HB 4718 with 23 co-sponsors. This bill has been assigned to House Health Policy Committee where it will be discussed and voted upon and hopefully sent to the full House for a vote. The actual bill can be viewed at: <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2011-HB-4718>. This important bill will allow dental hygienists in collaborative practice to improve the quality of care we provide and increase efficiency. Thank you Rep. Kowall and Bonnie Nothoff for a job well done.

Ed note: No, you didn't miss the June or July Newswires, sorry for their absence. As we near the end of summer, things will be gearing up again. I hope you've all had some quality relaxation time, and have avoided heat stroke in this toasty weather!

Your Board of Trustees and Executive Council will be meeting September 10-11, 2011 to review all proposed resolutions and bylaws changes, as well as voting on the 2011-12 Budget for MDHA. Your trustees will have copies of the proposed budget so that you may give input before this important weekend meeting. The deadline for proposed Bylaws changes and proposed Resolutions is August 22. All Delegates and Alternate Delegates names must be submitted by this date also. Please send to

joyce@mdhatoday.org.

Appointments By The Governor

BOARD OF DENTISTRY: Daniel Briskie of Grand Blanc succeeds Timothy Schmakel representing dentists with a Health Profession Specialty Certification, Sandra Franklin of St. Clair Shores succeeds Chatrlotte Wyche representing dental hygienists, Donna Hondorp of Williamston succeeds Charlene Snow representing the general public, Kerry Kaysserian of Traverse City succeeds Solomon Pesis representing dentists, Carol Stamm of Howell succeeds JoAnn Buchheister representing dental assistants, and Craig Spencer of East Lansing is reappointing, all for terms expiring June 30, 2015. The appointments are subject to Senate action.

MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL

Student Member Transition

Each year we make adjustments to streamline the transition process so it is simple and easy for the students to understand. ADHA has created a transition webpage to assist them with the process. Please take a moment to become familiar with the options available to graduates. The more guidance and direction we can provide to these students, the more successful we will be in transitioning them. .

Tips on Asking Someone to Join Your Association

Keep in mind that we are asking people to join our association and help keep our profession strong. To that end, make up your list of potential members and ask them to join and remember to:

1. Be Enthusiastic – If people see that you are genuinely excited about your association, they are more likely to want to be a part.
2. Come Prepared – Have an application ready, make it easy. If we make it difficult to join, we are less likely to get people to take advantage.
3. Have Backup – Find another member who is excited about membership and work as a team when you're asking potential members to join. There is strength in numbers!
4. Challenge Them – Tell prospective members what being a member has done for you and challenge them to join and get involved.
5. Thank Them – Thank people for their time whether they join or not. If they don't join now, they may join later. Let your potential members know that their membership is not only appreciated but that it makes a difference.

House of Delegates/Awards

The 88th Annual House of Delegates will be held October 14- 16, 2011 in Dearborn at "The Henry" formerly "Ritz Carlton." Award recipients will be acknowledged at either Opening Ceremonies or at the Award Recognition Luncheon held on October 15th. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend both events. Registration is required for the Recognition Luncheon and will be included in the HOD Delegate packets as well as the Bulletin, which are to be sent out at a later date.

We are looking for nominations for the following: **Outstanding Dental Hygienist**, **Life Member**, **Frances Shook** and **Roger Hill** Awards. To nominate an **Outstanding Dental Hygienist** from your component, please forward to Kim Amico at kimamico_rdh@wowway.com and Liz Lakomy at chickadoodle@yahoo.com their name, email, phone number and/or home address as well as a paragraph as to why this person is being nominated. For this award we are looking for a member that has contributed something extra to your component. Maybe it was taking on several board member roles, helping with CE courses, or anything that your component feels makes this person outstanding in their dental hygiene role.

Applications and requirements for the **Frances Shook**, **Roger Hill** and **Life Member** awards can be found on the MDHA website under Membership Council info. Those applications must be sent into central office no later than **August 1, 2011** (*note new deadline*.) To allow for proper acknowledgment and preparation of each of these awards anything submitted after the due date will be considered for 2012.

For those of you renewing your license this summer, please note that all renewals must now be done online. You can find information at:
www.smilemichigan.com/pro/MDAJournal/LatestNews/NewsArticle/tabid/838/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/556/Dental-License-Renewal-Must-be-Done-Online.aspx



NEWS from ADHA:

Notice of National Dues Increases – Important!

Following are the dues increases scheduled to begin Winter Cycle 2011-2012:

Active Member: \$175 (\$5 increase)

Retired/Senior Member: \$131.25 (increase to 75% of active member dues)

Member with Disabilities: \$131.25 (increase to 75% of active member dues)

ADHA 2011 Nashville A Success!

Thank you to all attendees and exhibitors who joined ADHA last month in Nashville. View photos from ADHA's [2011 CLL/AS](#) event online now! Don't forget, [CE Certificates](#) are available to download and print online from the CLL/AS website until mid-December.

Registration/Housing opens in January 2012 for [ADHA's 2012 CLL at the 89th Annual Session](#) in Phoenix, AZ. Look for the online-only meeting registration bonus special from January to February to SAVE!

Do you have a patient success story from your community service work that you are proud of? If so, we'd love to hear from you! We're creating a special issue of "ADHA Update" for National Dental Hygiene Month, and we'd love for your community service success story to be a part of it. Send an email to joshs@adha.net with your contact information and a brief summary of your story. If chosen, we'll be in contact soon!

Has there ever been a compliment, a thank you or a healthy smile that made your day? If you have a moment that has stuck with you, share it with us! We're creating a special issue of "ADHA Update" for National Dental Hygiene Month, and we'd love for you to be a part of it. Send an email to mariamp@adha.net with your contact information, along with the moment that made your day. If chosen, we'll be in contact soon!

How do you continue to work in clinical practice through a time of [personal tragedy or hardship](#)? Access magazine would like to hear your stories about handling professional responsibilities during times of personal or family illness or bereavement, financial problems, divorce or other difficulty for a potential article.

Access' "Strive" column offers a year-round opportunity for students to be published authors. Student papers, mentored by a faculty advisor, are a great opportunity for students and faculty to represent student work to the dental hygiene profession. Browse some [examples of past articles](#) or check out [the column guidelines](#). Students interested in submitting a topic are encouraged to contact Jean Majeski, managing editor, at jeanm@adha.net, and be sure to copy your faculty mentor.

Unleashing Your Potential applications are now available online at <http://www.facebook.com/l/uAQCVBKD2AQBx9x8KhugTwpVdlhBaUZx0C7HfW7cuGcHhw/www.adha.org>. Apply today. Deadline is August 1, 2011.

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