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**DENTAL TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**SOUTHERN GAUTENG BRANCH MEETING**

THURSDAY, 26 MARCH 2009

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**DRAFT MINUTES**

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**1. WELCOME**

Mr. Peter Kapp welcomed all members present and thanked 3M for the use of the venue and catering for the meeting.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Terry Hagemann, Dimension Dental, Craig

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Mr. Evan Stein proposed the approval and Mr. Hylton Goldstein seconded.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

**Page 3:** Annual increase was rejected and we received a further 2%.

**Page 4:** Mr. Dave Owen approved of the previous minutes.

**5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

9.1. Way Forward – Dave Owen

The approval of the adoption of the agenda was proposed by Mr. Grabowski and seconded by Mr. Costa Kramvis.

**6. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

Mr. Grabowski announced the new DENTASA Exco members voted in for the next 3 years: Prasni Rattan (KZN), Donovan Pickard (PE). Ms. Greselin and Mr. Laurie have ended their term and the President thanked them for their contributions. Ms. Roets was voted in as new Vice President and Mr. Grabowski as President at this year's Bosberaad in the Drakensberge.

Mr. Grabowski reported that all details pertaining to CPD is available on the DENTASA Website. Without 30 credits per year, no registration will be granted from Council.

The AGM will be on the first weekend in June 2009 at the Indaba Hotel in Johannesburg. The cost is R365 per day per delegate, plus 10 CPD credits amounting to R300. Payment from DENTASA members will be R800.00 including CPD credits. Non-members will pay R1600. Registration and payment can be done online. Halaal or Kosher food will cost an additional R200 per day.

Mr. Grabowski further reported that the industry needs 180 balance sheets from dental laboratories in order to negotiate and justify increases for 2010. These are needed by 17 April 2009. Mr. Grabowski assured the members that all balance sheets would be kept anonymous and confidential.

The new format of laboratory order books can be bought from DENTASA for a fee of R200. Laboratory owner must just supply their logos and details.

The SADTC is still without a Registrar. Two names have been short-listed and send to the Minister of Health for an appointment. Technicians still have to pay their registration with Council, due by 31 March 2009.

Mr. Grabowski discussed the National Credit Act with the members present. He urged members to clear out any questions before just believing their dentists. The 30-day payment still applies. Medical Aids are reluctant to pay out clients with fraud becoming more of a problem. DENTASA will be meeting with Dr. Ian Erasmus from SADA to discuss this issue.

Q: Why cant Medical Aids wait for both invoices from the dentists and technician before paying the account? Mr. Grabowski answered that Medical Aids are not yet ready to pay technicians directly. The best option is to get 50% of your invoice paid upfront before commencement of the job.

#### **7. CPD – Dave Owen**

Mr. Owen asked all members present to remain calm regarding accumulating enough CPD credits for this year. DENTASA members will be kept up to date about all lectures on offer. To attend DENTASA meeting and being a member is the easiest way to ensure enough CPD credits.

- 10 credits for AGM
- Magazine questionnaires
- 1 credit for being a member of DENTASA
- Credits for branch meetings
- 3 credits for ethics and business courses
- One 3-credit course

CPD have been implemented from 1 March 2009 and as shown above credits will not be that hard to accumulate. All important information and notices will be posted on the DENTASA website.

Each credit will cost R30, due before the lecture or meeting. This is to cover the administration and running of CPD (computers, designers, staff, printing, etc.) DENTASA is a non-profit association and all payments are audited.

Suppliers will have to apply for accreditation for CPD credits from the independent CPD Accreditation Committee before advertising their courses. Ethic lectures will be the hardest to obtain but members will be informed of these.

Q: Can we get the same CPD credit for Dentist courses?

Only if these courses have been approved for dental technician credits by our own accreditation committee.

Q: Can extra credits be carried over to the next year?

No

Q: What will happen to the non-compliant?

They will have to pay to re-register if they do not attain enough credits.

**8. COUNCIL MATTERS – Dave Owen**

Although Council is experiencing administrative problems, it is still a functioning body. A new Registrar will be appointed, preferably from the Nurses Council. Council is working more with DENTASA to improve the profession.

Mr. Owen informed the members that the SA Dental Technicians Pension Fund would be dissolved in the near future. Mr. Van Zyl queried the money in the fund as he had noticed that only half of the contributions were in there. DENTASA investigate immediately.

Council is still closing down illegal laboratories even though the administrative side is not performing, as it should. Mr. Owen reported that the amount of registered laboratories owned by dentists have dropped dramatically this year. The Western Cape had named and shamed any illegal laboratories and sent it to Council.

**9. GENERAL**

**9.1. Way Forward – Dave Owen**

Mr. Owen discussed a document obtained from an opposition Member of Parliament stating that the NRPL is NOT enforceable. They agreed that the price list taken only as a reference. But still medical aids are enforcing this on technicians. Mr. Owen added that this would be a great opportunity to enforce the 30-day payment. Technicians were urged to refuse 120-day payment and put pressure on dentists.

**10. CLOSURE**

Mr. Peter Kapp again thanked 3M for the venue, food and drinks they provided for the meeting. The meeting was declared closed at 10:30.