

GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Rules Committee Meeting
2 Peachtree St., N.W., 6th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30303
June 15, 2018
9:00 a.m.

The following Committee members were present:

Dr. Tom Godfrey, Chair
Dr. Greg Goggans
Dr. Steve Holcomb

Staff present:

Tanja Battle, Executive Director

Visitors:

Scott, Lofranco, GDA
Sean Murphy, American Association of Ortho
Carol Lefebvre, Dental College of Georgia
Ryan Loke, PDS
John Watson, ADSO
Mark Middleton, Smile Direct Club
Charles Craig, GDHA

Dr. Godfrey established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Holcomb made a motion to approve the Public and Executive Session minutes for the March 2, 2018 meeting. Dr. Godfrey seconded and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Correspondence from Brian Martin

The Committee discussed this correspondence that was referred to the Committee for a rule and/or amendment that would provide a requirement for the name in a prosthetic. The Committee discussed a possible policy rather than a rule or rule amendment. After discussion was held, Dr. Godfrey made a motion to recommend to the full Board for the policy to state that other than an interim prosthesis, a removable prosthesis shall have the first initial and last name. Dr. Holcomb seconded and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Rules Discussion

Rule 150-13-.01 Conscious Sedation Permits and Rule 150-13-.02 Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia Permits: Dr. Holcomb stated that he remembers all the lengthy discussions the Board has previously had regarding these rules. After reviewing the drafts, he felt the changes would hinder public access to safely trained providers that do conscious sedation, moderate or parenteral. He stated it feels like it has already been discussed and voted down by the board. He commented there is an issue about the number of experiences, making it almost impossible for a pediatric resident to meet the requirement. It seems counter to what was discussed and negatively impacts access to care. Dr. Godfrey agreed that it appears to be a big step backwards in terms of access to care. Additionally, there has not been anything regarding danger or harm to the public in the body of literature to support these changes. Dr. Holcomb stated he was concerned that maybe there needs to be a separation for the levels of anesthesia. Dr. Godfrey responded that work is being done to separate the applications. Dr. Holcomb made a motion to not accept the suggested changes to the rules. Dr. Godfrey seconded and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Rule 150-7-.03 Volunteers in Dentistry: Dr. Godfrey made a motion for the Committee to refer this rule to the full Board for posting. Dr. Goggans seconded and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Rule 150-10-.01 Fraudulent, Misleading or Deceptive Advertising: Mr. Sean Murphy, American Association of Orthodontists, was present and spoke to the Committee. He stated Dr. Moss was at the last committee meeting. He stated that they do believe the CODA requirement is the way to go. He thanked the Board for including that in the rule. He stated that he thinks the revisions are positive and he is in support of them. He further indicated that paragraphs (d) and (e) should remain the same. He stated one does not want a dental hygienist or assistant claiming to provide dental services. He stated statements using “modern“, “superior” also can be misleading. The Louisiana language is heading in the right direction. Mr. Murphy will be providing the Committee with written comments.

Mr. John Watson, ADSO, was present and spoke to the Committee regarding section (5)(b) and carrying it down to (c) (d) and (e). He suggested the Committee delete the language “assert” or “allude” and include “statements that are deceptive.” He added that “deceptive” is a term of art and has real meaning. He stated that should the board go this direction, ADSO would be grateful. Mr. Watson will be providing the Committee with written comments. Mr. Lofranco added that GDA can assist with cleaning up the language in (6)(e) and will submit suggestions in writing within the next two weeks.

Rule 150-5-.03 Supervision of Dental Hygienists: Dr. Holcomb made a motion to refer this rule to the full Board for posting. Dr. Goggans seconded and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Chapter 150-26 Mobile Dentistry: Dr. Holcomb made a motion to refer this chapter to the full Board for posting. Dr. Goggans seconded and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Rule 150-4-.01 Investigations: Dr. Holcomb made a motion to refer this rule to the full Board for posting. Dr. Goggans seconded and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Rules Committee will be held on Friday, July 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department of Community Health’s office located at 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 5th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303.

Minutes recorded by Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director
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