Dallas Dental Hygienists' Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Saturday, May 3rd, 2025

I. Call to Order - President Ariel Laporte called the meeting to order at 12:31pm
II. Invocation/Positive Message
    A. Jessica Smith, Cindy Harmon, and Ariel Laporte gave positive remarks
III. Welcome/Introductions - Ariel Laporte
    A. Everyone present introduced themselves
IV. Roll Call - Secretary Jessica Hipnar
V. Approval of Agenda
    A. The 2025-2026 agenda was approved by the board with a unanimous vote
VI. Appointed Committee Chairs
    A. Audit, Budget & Finance - Chair: Chelsea Moorman
    B. Community outreach- Chair: Jessica Smith
        1. Destinni is currently the chair and was looking to pass it on- Jessica Smith volunteered to be the committee chair
        2. Discussed connecting Destinni with Jessica to make sure members can easily submit their volunteer info
        3. Bethanie Harrison volunteered to be a member
    C. Communications - Chair: Rebecca Levy & Jessica Hipnar
        1. Includes newsletters - Rebecca will continue
        2. Includes social media - Jessica Hipnar social media chair
    D. Corporate Relations - Chair: Pat Curry
        1. Does anyone want to mentor or take over? Bethanie Harrison, Jessica Smith, Lauren Summers, and Alli Williams volunteered to be members of this committee and be mentees
        2. Sponsorship letter needs sent out
        3. LeeAnn appointed to help with the laws
    E. IOH - Chair: LeeAnn
        1. LeeAnn explained what IOH is to all of our new members
        2. Dawn Buju volunteered to help with this committee
    F. Membership - Chair: 2nd VP Rebecca Levy
        1. Communicates membership info from TDHA down to us
        2. Open to more ideas for increasing membership
        3. Jessica Smith volunteered to be a member on this committee
    G. Nominating - Chair: Immediate Past President Kassandra Bowie
        1. Ariel Laporte volunteered to be on this committee
    H. Resolutions -
        1. Currently open, we don't really have a true committee for this

2. LeeAnn explained what the resolutions committee would do- look at current policies and resolutions TDHA has and to propose changes for next conference
3. Maybe make TDHA trustee - Destinni Zimmerman the chair?
4. Lauren Summers was voluntold to be a member

I. Scholarship - Chair: Cindy Harmon
1. Cindy Harmon does Janice DeWald scholarship and we're coming up on the last year for 2025-26, nothing after that
2. Cindy Harmon will chair this committee
3. Pat Curray and Lauren Summers volunteered to be apart of this committee
4. Kassandra said Cloud wanted to help with student night

J. Student Connections - Chair: Rebecca Levy
1. Rebecca Levy volunteered to be chair
2. Kassandra Bowie & Dawn Buju were volunteered to be members
3. Goal: Meet with all students at least 1x at the beginning of the year and then host a student night; Meet with all schools and provide food/whatever we can

K. TDHA Delegation - Chair: Trustee Destinni Zimmerman

L. Texas Hypac - Co-chairs: LeeAnn and Kassandra
1. Our political action committee- legislators work for us that help our association make changes
2. LeeAnn helped explain what this is, mentioned she has a fundraising idea
3. LeeAnn and Kassandra volunteered to co-chair
4. Dawn Buju volunteered to be a member on this committee

M. Ways & Means - Open position
1. LeeAnn explained definition, raising money to build our budget
2. Ideas brought up: trivia night, raffles at meetings
3. Open position - will check with members who were not present here to see if anyone wants to chair
4. LeeAnn has fundraiser idea for IOH and Hypac

N. Website Maintenance - Co-chairs: Kassandra Bowie & Jessica Hipnar
1. Jessica Hipnar volunteered to co-chair this
2. Jessica, Kass & Ariel get together in-person to work on website
3. Everyone send bios to Kassandra - if committee chair, include email that you don't mind being posted that people can reach out to

VII. Approval of Committee Chairs
A. Committee chairs was approval by board with a unanimous vote

VIII. Treasurer - Chelsea Moorman (not present)
A. Chelsea will send out an email, budget will need to be approved

IX. TDHA Trustee Report - Destinni Zimmerman (not present, Ariel Laporte filling in)

A. Ariel discussed being professional on all social media, including personal social medias, was mentioned by TDHA
B. Discussed the Texas Dental Hygiene Alliance - TDHA is still figuring out where they stand with this new alliance. Their social media handle is very similar to TDHA's and confusing

X. Reviewed 2025-2026 Schedule
A. Set next meeting date - Will do a zoom meeting for the month of June, date set for Sunday June 1st 3:00pm
1. Before this meeting, everyone needs to make committees on groupme, meet with their committees and bring ideas to our June meeting
B. CE possible dates - Kassandra Bowie is working on this
C. Set student night date - Student connections committee will figure out date and details
D. Set scholarship date - will discuss at next meeting
E. Set candidate bio dates, voting dates, and installation
F. TDHA conference 2026 date is already set Feb 27th-March 1st 2026 in San Marcos, TX same hotel as the last few years

XI. Old Business
A. Bylaws
B. Facilitation documents
1. Ariel, LeeAnn and Kassandra will meet and work on this

XII. New Business
A. Varnish day - Cindy said they are still working on this, Karen has connections, trying to connect to TAMU, will probably be in Mesquite this year. Paula Harris has retired from varnish day.
B. Create group me for each committee
1. All committees need to make a group me. Ariel (president) and Alli (President-elect) need to be included in all groups.
2. Example of how to name the group me: "25-26 DDHA Resolutions"

XIII. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 1:58 pm