

KZN REGIONAL BRANCH OF



SADA
THE SOUTH AFRICAN
DENTAL ASSOCIATION

The South African Dental Association

COMMITTED TO ORAL HEALTH

Minutes of the SADA-KZN Annual General Meeting held on:

Date: 20 June 2023

Venue: Durban Country Club

Time: 17:30

1. WELCOME

Dr S Rathiram welcomed members to the meeting at 18:30

2. NOTICE OF MEETING

The notice was sent out via email, whatsapp messages and sms

3. Apologies

Dr M.Pillay and Dr J. Doncaster

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Dr E.Timothy confirmed the minutes and this was seconded by Dr S.Padayachee.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

None

6. GUEST SPEAKER-DR K. KASVALU

Topic: Medical Emergencies in Dental Practices.

The presentation highlighted various medical emergencies that could occur at a dental practice. Indicating treatment modalities for each medical emergency.

Following the presentation there with a Q and A session.

7. MEMBERS ADDRESSED AT AGM BY SADA KZN CEO- K.C MAKHUBELE

Topics discussed:

- Registration of dental assistants- Any person who worked as a dental assistant prior to date of publication of regulations, may apply to the Board (HPCSA) for exemption from qualification.
 - SADA wants to speak to institutions training dental assistants, to work on a plan to implement their proposal
 - Relook at the “grandfather clause”
- Amalgam separators- Installed by 1/04/2024
 - 30 day commencement period
 - SADA to team up with a provider to provide free amalgam separators to SADA members and sign 3-5 year contract
- Forming a new dental and medical board- Unbundling of the HPCSA
 - SADA has formed a task team working with SAMA to create a new regulator named “FUMH”
 - FUMH committee drafted a bill that will be presented to the current National Health Minister. A draft bill was presented to previous National Health Ministers- Drs Motswaledi and Mkhize. Its important that we deal directly with the National Health Minister to make a change, bypassing the HPCSA.
 - Its been challenging to get the HPSCA to agree with the drafted bill
 - The FUMH to be autonomous within HPCSA
- Balance Billing/Clawbacks of Medical Aid schemes-SADA written to CMS
 - Might take matter to MBD
 - Litigate the issue
- RVU- SADA needs medical aids look at the RVU
 - To get medical aids to cooperate with dentists
- Schemes- Discovery now accepting clear aligner codes
 - Profmed no longer require authorisation for use of rubberdam
 - MHC allowing use of fissure sealant code
- NHI- SADA wants universal healthcare, but concerned about currenbt NHI proposal
 - It would replace medical aid schemes
 - SADA concerned about challenges such as HR, finances and legalities regarding NHI
- Split Billing- Currently not allowed, SADA feels this matter should be reassessed

- Advanced payment should be reviewed, to allow dentist if doing medium to long- term treatment plans to recover costs during treatment/deposit prior to starting treatment

- Disregard HPCSA SMS, it was sent in error. Current requirement is 30 CEU per 12 month period: 25 clinical and 5 ethical

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT-DR S.LALBAHDUR

- Introduced all the current SADA KZN branch committee members, elected at the previous AGM.
- Made amendments to the meeting agenda
- No comments made regarding minutes of previous AGM
- Announced new SADA president: Dr Anthony Julius
- Discussed concern about lack of interest and active participation from young members of the KZN branch
- Pricing of codes- SADA prohibited from price recommendations, the DCALC system has been provided for practitioners.
- Reminder about the National SADA congress

9. Q&A SESSION

- Request for more meetings/ frequent meetings. Previously meetings were held every month. Members miss those opportunities to network with colleagues.
- The issues faced by branch committee to materialize more/ frequent meetings is currently there has been a reduction in the number of branch committee members due resignations and it has been difficult to recruit new members. It has been challenging to gain interest from younger members to join the branch committee as it requires voluntary time, work and overall commitment.

10. Closure of AGM : 20:45