MINUTES
Oklahoma Dental Political Action Committee (DENPAC)
Board Meeting

April 27, 2013
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Dr. Doug Auld (Chair)
Dr. Lee Beasley (Member At-Large)
Dr. Tamara Berg (Chair, Council on Governmental Affairs)
Ms. Ruth Blythe (Alliance)
Dr. C. Todd Bridges (ODA President)
Dr. Raymond Cohlmia (Secretary/Treasurer)
Dr. Tim Fagan (Northwest)
Dr. Krista Jones (OK County)
Dr. Steve Mayer (Northern)
Dr. Glenn Mead (Central)
Ms. Lynn Means (ODA Executive Director)
Dr. C. Rieger Wood (Tulsa County and Vice Chair)

DoubleTree Hotel – Philbrook Room
Tulsa, Oklahoma

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Dr. George Bridges (South Central)
Dr. Mark Goodman (Southwest)
Dr. Steve Hogg (Member At-Large)
Dr. Jim Torchia (Member At-Large)
Dr. W. Scott Waugh (Member At-Large)

OTHERS PRESENT:
Dr. Ed Braly (ODA Secretary/Treasurer)
Dr. Matt Cohlmia (ODA Vice President)
Dr. Mark Hanstein
Dr. Lindsay Smith

DENPAC met on Saturday, April 27, 2013, in the Philbrook Room of the DoubleTree Hotel, downtown Tulsa. Dr. Doug Auld, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Proper notice had been given and a quorum was declared.

Dr. Raymond Cohlmia made a motion to approve the minutes from October 15, 2013, and Dr. Glenn Mead seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS/OLD BUSINESS

Vice Chair/Auction Chair Report
Dr. Rieger Wood reported on the auction. The sports memorabilia is going well. DENPAC should break even on the new gift card pull. Dr. Tamara Berg suggested that next year DENPAC rent a roulette wheel, number all of the gift cards, and have people buy a spin to determine which coinciding, numbered gift card they win. She also suggested that DENPAC Board members each be required to make a donation in a specified amount each year with which to buy gift cards for the auction.

Treasurer’s Report
Dr. Raymond Cohlmia reported that the bookkeeping transition to staff has gone very smoothly and he is pleased with the way it is all working. He also reported the following totals for the DENPAC account:

Hard 1: $15,807.79
Hard 2: $52,834.45
Soft: $29,764.16
Total: $98,406.40

Legislative Update
Dr. Berg reported that we are still working hard to secure funding for the Dental Loan Repayment Program and the ODF Mobile Dental Program. DENPAC members and ODA officers have been hosting lunches with legislators who sit on appropriations committees.

The ODA’s bill, SB 975, was signed by Governor Fallin last week and will become effective November 1, 2013. This law requires that all dental claims, when being reviewed for medical necessity, be reviewed by a dentist licensed in the United States. It also requires that, if the claim is denied on the basis of medical necessity, the dental benefit plan consultant (claim reviewer) include in all communication with the treating dentist, his name, applicable specialty designation, U.S. license number with state of issuance, and his direct phone number so that the treating dentist may contact him with questions.
The ODA was successful this session in killing another hygienist bill to add two hygienists to the Oklahoma Board of Dentistry.

**Washington Leadership Conference**

Dr. Tim Fagan reported that the ADA Washington Leadership Conference is scheduled for May 13-15, 2013. Those attending are: Drs. Rieger Wood, Lindsay Smith, Doug Auld, Tim Fagan, James Lowe, Krista Jones and Lynn Means.

**Membership Report and OKCapitol Club**

The Board reviewed the list of 2012 and 2013 (to date) DENPAC and OKCapitol Club members. There were 368 DENPAC members and 35 OKCapitol Club members in 2012. As of April 16, 2013, there were 328 DENPAC members and 25 OKCapitol Club members for 2013.

The Board discussed several DENPAC membership recruitment ideas:

- Draw for an iPad at the next House of Delegates meeting for everyone who paid that day
- Send a broadcast email to all members about the passing of SB 975 and remind them that this is their DENPAC dues at work
- Host an exclusive, “VIP” event where every CapitolClub member bring a non-member with him and get them to join; double membership each year
- Call every Component president prior to the HOD meeting and let them know who is and isn’t a DENPAC member; let them know we expect 100% DENPAC participation by the end of the meeting; pass out payment forms during the meeting and let them know to fill them out right then (like the ADA 12th District caucus meetings)
- Emphasize DENPAC membership at CORD and have Component presidents be the one to complete the HOD bar graph
- Move DENPAC up in the HOD agenda so there is more time to collect memberships and be able to report at the end of the meeting how many more joined since the beginning – fill in the bar graph to show growth.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Election of Board Members / Executive Committee**

According to the DENPAC Bylaws, the Immediate Past President of the ODA serves as the Chair of the DENPAC Board. Dr. Todd Bridges will serve as the 2013-2014 Chair.

Dr. Glenn Mead made a motion and Dr. Krista Jones seconded to elect Dr. Rieger Wood as DENPAC Vice Chair/Silent Auction Chair and Dr. Raymond Cohlmia as Secretary/Treasurer. The motion carried.

Dr. Rieger Wood made a motion and Dr. Krista Jones seconded to elect Dr. Doug Auld to fill the vacant Eastern Component Director’s position. The motion carried.

Lynn Means announced that the Alliance has elected Ms. Ruth Blythe to serve as the 2013-2014 Alliance Representative on the DENPAC Board and Dr. Tamara Berg will serve as an ex-officio member as Chair of the ODA Council on Governmental Affairs.

The Board directed Lynn Means to contact Drs. Mark Goodman and Steve Hogg to find out if they are still interested in serving on the DENPAC Board. Ms. Means will report findings at the next meeting.

**“Boots, Bandanas and Barbeque”**

DENPAC is sponsoring the “Boots, Bandanas and Barbeque” benefitting the Friends of the Mansion again this year and it was determined that Dr. Berg will represent DENPAC at the Governor’s annual event.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.
**Email Vote for DENPAC Campaign Contributions**

The DENPAC Board of Directors voted, via email in September, 2013, and unanimously approved the following campaign contributions:

- Lt. Governor Todd Lamb Campaign $5,000
- Attorney General Scott Pruitt Campaign $5,000
- Rep. Fred Jordan Campaign (R-HD69) $2,500