MINUTES
Oklahoma Dental Political Action Committee (DENPAC)
Board Meeting

April 29, 2011
2:00 p.m. DoubleTree Hotel – Philbrook Room
Tulsa, Oklahoma

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Dr. C. Rieger Wood (Chair)
Dr. Tamara Berg (ODA President)
Dr. Raymond Cohlmia (Secretary/Treasurer)
Dr. Mark Hanstein (Chair, Council on Governmental Affairs)
Dr. Steve Hogg (Member At-Large)
Dr. Krista Jones (Vice Chair and OK County)
Dr. Steve Mayer (Northern)
Dr. Glenn Mead (Member At-Large)
Dr. Joe Meador (Eastern)
Ms. Lynn Means (ODA Executive Director)
Dr. Jim Torchia (Member At-Large)

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Ms. Ruth Blythe (Alliance)
Dr. George Bridges (South Central)
Dr. Mark Goodman (Southwest)
Dr. W. Scott Waugh (Member At-Large)
Dr. Bernie Wynn (Tulsa County)

OTHERS PRESENT:
Mr. Scott Adkins (ODA Contract Lobbyist)
Dr. Doug Auld (ODA President-elect)
Dr. C. Todd Bridges (ODA Vice President)
Dr. Matt Cohlmia

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
DENPAC met on Friday, April 29, 2011, in the Philbrook Room of the DoubleTree Hotel, in downtown Tulsa. Dr. Rieger Wood, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. Proper notice had been given and a quorum was declared.

Dr. Steve Mayer made a motion to approve the minutes from January 11, 2011, and Dr. Glenn Mead seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS/OLD BUSINESS

Vice Chair/Auction Chair Report
Dr. Krista Jones asked if anyone remembered voting to make Mella Glenn the Chair of the Auction, in perpetuity, at the April 2010 meeting. Discussion followed. Staff was instructed to research and report findings back to the Board. Dr. Jones also reported that the DENPAC Auction has a new “wine pull” feature this year. The Auction Committee is hoping to raise $10,000 this year and she reminded everyone to please pay with personal checks or credit cards when purchasing your Auction items.

Treasurer’s Report
Dr. Raymond Cohlmia, DENPAC Treasurer, reported the following totals for the DENPAC account:
Approximately $23,000 in both hard accounts.
Approximately $17,000 in the soft account.
Total Funds: $41,490.89

Legislative Update
Mr. Scott Adkins reported that we are still working hard to secure funding for the Dental Loan Repayment Program. Drs. Tamara Berg and Krista Jones, Lynn Means, and he, had lunch a few weeks ago with Senator Clark Jolley, Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and discussed the funding be included in the OU Health Sciences Center’s budget, but still administered by the Health Department.

The ODF Mobile Dental Program is still up in the air.
SB 574 (the Board of Dentistry’s bill) passed the House with one amendment two days ago. The amendment exempts dentists who work for VA Hospitals from carrying liability insurance. The bill has now gone to the Senate.

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**Membership Report and OKCapitol Club**
The Board reviewed the list of 2010 and 2011 (to date) DENPAC and OKCapitol Club members. There were 357 DENPAC members and 25 OKCapitol Club members in 2010. As of April 13, 2011, there are 318 DENPAC members and 21 OKCapitol Club members for 2011.

Lynn Means announced that DENPAC sent letters from Dr. Wood to all 2011 DENPAC members asking them to also join OKCapitol Club. To date, three additional members have joined from that mailing and four additional members have joined during the ODA Annual Meeting, bringing the total OKCapitol Club members to 28.

### 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. Tamara Berg will serve as the 2011-2012 Chair.

Dr. Krista Jones made a motion to elect Dr. Rieger Wood as DENPAC Vice Chair/Silent Auction Chair and Dr. Steve Hogg seconded. The motion carried.

Dr. Rieger Wood made a motion to elect Dr. Raymond Cohlmia as Secretary/Treasurer and Dr. Krista Jones seconded. The motion carried.

Dr. Steve Hogg made a motion to elect Dr. Glenn Mead as the Central District Representative and Dr. Krista Jones seconded. The motion carried.

Dr. Tamara Berg made a motion to elect Dr. Tim Fagan as the Northwest District Representative and Dr. Raymond Cohlmia seconded. The motion carried.

Dr. Krista Jones made a motion to elect Dr. Mark Hanstein as Member At-Large and Dr. Rieger Wood seconded. The motion carried.

Lynn Means announced that the Alliance has elected Ms. Ruth Blythe to serve as the 2011-2012 Alliance Representative on the DENPAC Board, Dr. Lee Beasley will serve as an ex-officio member as Chair of the ODA Council on Governmental Affairs, and Dr. Doug Auld will also serve as an ex-officio member as ODA President.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.