Mission Statement
To protect the public health, safety and welfare in the State of South Carolina by the licensure and regulation of dentists, dental hygienists and dental technicians.

Board of Dentistry
William H. Bragdon, DDS
President
Greenville

William D. Cranford, J r., DMD
Vice President
Rock Hill

J . Douglas Snowden, DMD
Secretary
Florence

Michelle D. Bedell, DMD
Blacksburg

C. Timothy Assey, DMD
Mt. Pleasant

Charles E. Millwood, J r., DMD
Cayce

Thomas M. Dixon, DMD
Honea Path

Tanya S. Riffe, RDH
Ravenel

Genie M. Duncan
West Columbia

2006 Renewal of Licenses On Line
Many of you have renewed online this year and, from your comments, found it to be a rather easy and convenient way to renew. Those who did not renew by Dec. 31, must now renew by mail and pay the applicable late fees.

In order to renew after Dec. 31, you must download the form from our Web site at www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/dentistry, or request, in writing or via fax, an application form be mailed to you. You must complete the blank application, enclose the appropriate fee (including late fees) and mail it to the Board office. Please be reminded that if the application is incomplete, it will be returned to you. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks to receive your license by mail.

Effective Jan. 1, 2006, the following late fees and penalties apply:

- If your application is postmarked between Jan. 1 and Jan. 31, 2006, the renewal fee is DOUBLED.
- If your application is postmarked between Feb. 1 and Feb. 28, 2006, your fee is DOUBLED + $5.00 per day is added until reregistration is complete.
- Effective March 1, 2006, the License EXPIRES. You may not lawfully practice unless and until your license is reinstated by the Board. Contact the Board office for information on reinstatement.

Newsletter On Line
LLR is actively seeking ways to operate more efficiently. Among the ways that the various Boards, including Dentistry, plan to reduce costs is by publishing, online, downloadable applications and forms, including newsletters. Therefore, we are no longer printing and mailing out our Board Newsletter. This issue is the first to be offered online. We encourage you to print a copy of it, and subsequent issues, for future reference.

Verification of License On Line
When you need a written verification of your license to send to another licensing board, hospital, health care provider, etc., from the South Carolina Board of Dentistry, you are to make your request online at https://verify.llronline.com. The cost per verification is $20.00.

CHANGE OF NAME and/ or ADDRESS REMINDER: To ensure receipt of important information from the Board, you must contact the Board office with any changes in name or address. Name changes require a copy of a court order, marriage certificate, divorce decree or other official document.
C.E. Audit Results

Each renewal period, licensees are required to certify that the information reported on their license renewal form is complete and true to the best of their knowledge. Falsely certifying on a license renewal form that the requirements have been met, when in fact they have not, is a violation of the Dental Practice Act and subject to disciplinary action.

In May 2005, the Board conducted a random audit of 5% of its licensees for the time period Jan. 1, 2003 – Dec. 31, 2004. All but two of the licensees audited were determined be in compliance and are to be commended for responding promptly to the audit and providing all required documentation requested by the Board. The two non-compliant licensees failed to respond to the audit and were issued Cease and Desist Orders.

Reminder: For auditing purposes, verification of C.E. must be in the form of an official certificate or a letter of attendance from the course sponsor. Study clubs and associations that provide C.E. courses for their members should develop form certificates or documentation.

New Format for State Board Specialty Examinations

The Board of Dentistry recently reviewed proposed changes to its format of examining candidates for specialty board licensure. Following the July 2005 State Board Specialty Examinations, the presidents of the South Carolina specialty societies were contacted and given an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed changes. After reviewing and considering the comments received, the Board voted, at a meeting on Sept. 10, 2005, to eliminate the clinical portion of its State Board Specialty Examinations and require a written exam and an oral exam consisting of case presentations. The individual specialty groups were asked by the Board to develop a comprehensive written exam and a case presentation format for their respective candidates. The Board will continue to deputize specialty examiners to administer the exams. The examinations will be administered twice a year (winter/summer) at the Board office. The next examination is scheduled on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006.

Special Thanks to Deputies

The Board would like to recognize and thank the following individuals who served as deputized examiners at the July 2005 State Board Specialty Examinations: Dr. Elizabeth J. Bjornson; Dr. Mark A. Chishom; Dr. J. Allen Coward; Dr. Loring L. Ross, and Dr. Deirdre S. Williams.

Board Says Farewell to Dr. Martin and Welcomes Dr. Dixon

On Dec. 31, 2005, Dr. Amon Martin completed his six-year term on the Board of Dentistry. Dr. Martin served as chairman of the Board during 2004-2005. His service and leadership were greatly appreciated by the other members of the Board and the Board’s staff.

On April 22, 2005, Governor Mark Sanford appointed Dr. Thomas M. Dixon to a six-year term on the Board of Dentistry beginning Jan. 1, 2006. Dr. Dixon is a general dentist practicing in Honea Path. The members of the Board look forward to serving with Dr. Dixon.

Hand Over Mouth Technique

There have been questions recently concerning the hand over mouth technique (HOME) as utilized for behavior management in children. This article should clarify the status of HOME in contemporary practice.

The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) no longer teaches the technique to dental students or residents, and they are not allowed to use it. The faculty members of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry state unequivocally that they do not, and would not, utilize HOME although they may have employed it in the distant past. The procedure is still accepted by enough of the pediatric dental specialty to maintain its place in the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) guidelines, but there has been pressure within the Academy to remove it as an “accepted” procedure.

If a dental practitioner plans to utilize HOME, written informed consent from a legal guardian must be obtained and documented in the patient record prior to its use. Failure to do so could result in disciplinary action. (See Dental Practice Act of South Carolina, Laws for the Practice of Dentistry, Dental Hygiene, and the Performance of Dental Technological Work in South Carolina, 1998, Section 40-15-190 (Grounds for Discipline) (A)(16)).

Further information about HOME can be found in the AAPD Guidelines, page 92, or at www.aapd.org, Policies and Guidelines, Behavior Management, page 4 of the Behavior Guidelines.
2006 State Board Infiltration Anesthesia Exam Dates

The 2006 State Board Infiltration Anesthesia Exam dates are listed below. The written exams are administered at the Board office. Contact the Board office (803) 896-4599 for information and application.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Examination Date</th>
<th>Application Deadline</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>01/20/06</td>
<td>01/06/06</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>04/14/06</td>
<td>03/31/06</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>07/21/06</td>
<td>07/07/06</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/13/06</td>
<td>09/29/06</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Appointment of Hearing Panel Members

At its July 15, 2005 meeting, the Board voted to revise its current disciplinary process to include a panel hearing as part of the process. The Board also voted to establish a pool of panel members to serve as designated hearing officers and panel members for the purpose of assisting in the conduct of disciplinary hearings. The names of individuals interested in serving as hearing officers or hearing panel members will be submitted to the Board for consideration. The Board will appoint persons who are licensed dental professionals, dentists and dental hygienists, residing in the State and practicing their profession, and public members, to serve as disciplinary hearing officers and panel members, empowered to conduct hearings and other matters against dental professionals filed with the Board.

Legislative Update

Dental Licensure by Credentials. Effective May 26, 2005, Section 40-15-275 was added to the South Carolina Dental Practice Act, authorizing the Board to issue a license by credentials to practice dentistry.

Re-examination. Effective May 26, 2005, Reg. 39-4.1 was added to the Rules and Regulations to establish procedures for re-examination of applicants for licensure who have failed a licensing examination three successive times.

National Board. Effective May 26, 2005, Reg. 39-4 was amended to delete the requirement that the National Board Examination must have been passed within 15 years.

Sedation and General Anesthesia. Effective June 7, 2005, Reg. 39-17 was amended to update the language and clarify requirements for the administration of sedation and general anesthesia so as to conform to national guidelines.

Dental Licensure by Credentials

With legislation now in place, the South Carolina Board of Dentistry is authorized to grant dental licensure by credentials. Applications for dental licensure by credentials are now available by contacting the Board office at (803) 896-4599, and will soon be available online.

C.E. Requirements

Within any two consecutive years, every dentist must obtain 28 C.E. hours; every dental hygienist must obtain 14 C.E. hours, and every dental technician must obtain 8 C.E. hours. C.E. courses sponsored or endorsed by the following organizations and agencies are acceptable:

- American Dental Association (ADA); National Dental Association (NDA); Academy of General Dentistry (AGD);
- American Dental Hygienists’ Association (ADHA); American Dental Assistants’ Association (ADAA); National Association of Dental Laboratories, or their local societies and associations;
- National, state, local and district dental specialty organizations recognized by the ADA and NDA;
- Dental colleges or schools accredited by the ADA;
- American Red Cross; American Heart Association.

Study clubs and local societies or associations are approved C.E. course sponsors, provided a form of verification of the CE course name, date, instructor and hours is provided.
Correspondence and home-study courses are approved, provided a post-test is successfully completed and a certificate of completion is obtained. One credit hour of C.E. is earned for each one contact hour of instruction.

**Complaint Form**

If you believe the practice or service provided by a licensed professional or registrant to be unethical, below an acceptable standard of care, or outside the scope of the profession, or if you are aware of unlicensed practice, please call the Board office at (803) 896-4599 and request a complaint form. The complaint form is also available on the Board’s Web site at [www.llr.state.sc.us](http://www.llr.state.sc.us). All investigations and proceedings are confidential by law.

**Disciplinary Actions**

**Daughtry, Curtiss W., D.D.S.**
Consent Order - July 17, 2005
Failed to meet the standard of care in the practice of orthodontic dentistry. *(License suspended for one year, immediately stayed, probation for one year. $5,000 fine.)*

**Hanley, William J., D.M.D.**
Consent Order - July 17, 2005
False or misleading advertising. *(License suspended for one year, immediately stayed, probation for one year, concurrent with the period of five years suspension (stayed) and five years probation imposed by the previous Consent Order of Feb. 7, 2003. $2,000 fine.)*