



Pomona Valley Dental Assistants Society

June 2018

Dear PVDAS Member,

Happy Summer! This season is a great time to relax, recharge and spend time with friends and family. We will be doing the same thing - taking a break this summer and then be ready to go in the fall. The Board met last month to plan next years' events - and we are changing things up a bit, so watch for details!

Congrats to all our new colleagues who have graduated and are beginning their career. We wish you the best and encourage you to get connected. Join us at a meeting and begin networking now.

*We welcome our new members and look forward to meeting you soon! To our long-term members - a big **Thank You** for your continued support of your professional organization. You are the backbone that enables us to move the profession forward!*

*Claudia Pohl, CDA, RDA
PVDAS President*

Welcome to these New Members!

New Professional Members - April / May:

Burgundy Kowalski

New Student Members - April / May:

David Acevedo
Cristina Barboza

Dana Briones
Angel Casillas

Darlene Raagas
Katarina Siraji

Congrats to those who advanced to NPRO2:

Ciera Livermore

Misty Quiroz

2018-2019 Education

Jennifer Bierschbach

The Board met last month to plan the year's Education meetings and have planned the following:

Thursday, October 18, 2018 - 2 CE

We're changing it up! This meeting will be a dinner meeting (like we used to have). We'll meet at a restaurant in the Ontario Mills area, starting with a social/cocktail hour, followed by dinner and then a lecture, finishing by 8:45.

Saturday, March 23, 2019 - 4 CE - One & Done!

This will feature both CA required courses for license renewal - Infection Control and Dental Practice Act.

Registration information with specific locations and details will be sent and posted on the website, so watch for it, but be sure to calendar these dates now!

New Local in Murrieta?!?

Do you live in the Murrieta / Temecula area? Are you interested in having a chapter closer to where you live? You're not alone! Some of our members have expressed an interest in starting a new chapter in that area, but we need you, too! If you are willing to join us for an interest meeting, email [Claudia](#) and we'll be in touch.

Update from the California Dental Assistants Association

Katie Bell, PVDAS Director

CDAA will be holding its board meeting July 21-22 in Ontario! These meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend and is a great opportunity to find out what's happening with dental assisting across the state. Information will be posted on the CDAA website or you can contact [Claudia](#) if you have questions or would like to attend.



Time to socialize, eat and network!



CDAA Board of Directors

Legislative Update

Claudia Pohl

Update on the RDAC (Combined) Exam

The RDAC test will be available Wed, May 24 after a brief blackout during the transition. The test plan was released in November 2017 and the PSI test handbook was released in March 2018. If you have not seen it, it can be found on the DBC website, but it is also posted in our Member Resources section of the website. DBC staff stated that the test shouldn't change significantly and that the resources used for the previous test are the same.

CE Audits

The Dental Board has begun doing CE audits for RDAs and RDAEFs, so be sure to have your documentation in order, especially for your required courses.

New Appointments

New Dental Board Members were appointed on April 13 by the Governor, filling all the empty spots on the Board. Our thanks to PVDAS Member Judith Forsythe for her service on the Dental Board!

- Dr. Lilia Larin, began her career in dentistry as an RDA. She is currently a general dentist in San Diego.
- Ms Rosalinda Olague was appointed to fill the RDA representative on the board. An RDA for 10 yrs, she currently works for Pacific Dental Services.
- Ms Joanne Pacheco, RDH is the director of the hygiene program at Fresno City College, but began her career as a dental assistant in 1979.
- Dr James Yu of Fremont has been a dentist since 1984 and is also an acupuncturist

After several months of not being able to meet because they didn't have a quorum, the Dental Board appointed 3 new members to the Dental Assisting Council. Fran Burton and Bruce Whitcher were the subcommittee appointed by DBC President Stewart. Ten applications were received, of which 3 were deemed ineligible. The other seven candidates were interviewed and three were brought to the Board for approval:

- Educator: Anne Contreras, RDA. Anne has served on the Council for 6 years and is a part-time clinical assistant and part-time educator (Cerritos and PCC).
- Educator: Cindy Ovard, RDA is the Program Director at San Joaquin Valley Temecula RDA Program.
- Clinical: Pamela Peacock has been an RDA since 1998 and currently works for Contra Costa County Health Service.

Amendment of Minimum Standards for Infection Control (CCR Title 16 Sec 1005)

The amendments were approved by DBC and will now be noticed for 45 days for public comments before completion and adoption. Most of the changes are for increased clarity with the exception of the dental unit waterline

es. A brief recap:

- Review of protocol for the office is now annual instead of periodic
- Added 'puncture resistant' to description of utility gloves
- Addition of 'disposal of single use PPE after use'
- Added 'chemicals' to the list of when utility gloves should be used
- Protocol for instrument packages that have been compromised has been moved from Laboratory section for increased clarity
- Removed the word 'visibly' (as in soiled) from multiple items (hands, instruments . . .)
- Addition of DUWL maintenance/monitoring
- Dental unit waterline language is still being worked on . . .

The proposed changes can be [viewed here](#). If you want to keep track of activity on any bill, you can sign up at <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTrackingList.xhtml>

Volunteer Opportunities

PVDAS Board

Yes, we are looking for volunteers! We are always looking for members who have fresh ideas and are willing to do a small job! If interested, contact [Claudia](#).



Care Harbor LA

October 12 - 14, 2018 is the date for Care Harbor LA and will be held at the Reef Exposition Center. [Register online](#).

CDA Cares Modesto

October 26 - 27, 2018 is the date for [CDA Cares Modesto](#).

PVDAS Officers 2017-2018

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