

**ANNUAL REPORT
SASKATCHEWAN DENTAL ASSISTANTS'
ASSOCIATION DECEMBER 31, 2021 year end**

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP:

Full Practice:	1289
Restricted Practice:	0003
Temporary Restricted Practice:	0026
Non-Practice:	0196
Total:	1514 (includes Honorary Life – 011)

New Registrants during 2021: 0093

DIRECTORS:

President: Gillian Isabelle, RDA (to June 30, 2021); Jenn Prpich (July 1 to December 31, 2021)
Officer: Dawn Schmaus, RDA (covering the role of Past President)
President Elect: Jenn Prpich, RDA (to June 30, 2021); Rikki Cooper (July 1 to December 31, 2021)
Directors: Melissa Blow, RDA
Lisa Lee, RDA
Jim Coulter (Public Member)
Doug Finnie (Public Member)
Colleen Kennedy, RDA
Rikki Cooper, RDA
Shannon Elaschuk, RDA
Theresa Donald, RDA
Pamela Spink (Public Member)

COMPETENCY ASSURANCE AND DISCIPLINE PROCESSES:

Disciplinary Processes:

- No disciplinary hearings were held in 2021.

Complaint Management:

- The PCC committee received no complaints in 2021.

Skill Enhancement Courses:

- The Dental Assisting program intake was suspended at Saskatchewan Polytechnic in 2020, so there were no graduates in 2021.

Professional Development:

Feb.03/2021 Financial Goal Planning: 131 attended
 Feb.02.2021 The make or Break of Periodontal Surgery: 63 attended
 Mar 03/2021 The Naturopathic Approach to Better Sleep: 136 attended
 Mar.18/2021 Managing Nutritional needs during the Pandemic: 96 attended
 Apr.07/2021 Osteoporosis and You: 56 attended
 Oct 26/2021 Dental Practice Dilemmas: 115 attended
 Nov.23/2021 Boosting Resilience in Chaotic Times: 109 attended
 Dec.08/2021 How I survived life on the Dental Chair: 120 attended
 Survey "How can the SDAA support members: 487 responses

Competency Assurance:

- Maintained a current list of licenced Registered Dental Assistants on the SDAA website for public access
- Maintained Infection Prevention & Control Standards and communicated CDSS pandemic protocols on our website.
- CPR is mandatory over a three-year period.
- Members are required to obtain 15 hours of professional development per calendar year; although in person events were suspended, a full offering of online professional development was developed and delivered via Zoom.

OVERVIEW:

Major Issues and Activities:

- SDAA Council, February 5-6, 2021
- Celebrated Dental Assistants Week, Feb 28 to March 6, 2021
- SDAA Council, April 23-24, 2021, via Zoom
- Annual General Meeting, April 24, 2021, via Zoom
- President Gillian Isabelle resigned to move out of province on June 30, 2021 with Jenn Prpich becoming President July 1, 2021.
- SDAA Council, September 17-19, 2021, Watrous

Legislative:

- No legislative changes were requested or initiated outside of the amendments to the Dental Disciplines Amendment Act, 2021.

Public Initiatives:

- Supported the Saskatchewan Oral Health Coalition in their public health initiatives.
- Promoted National Dental Hygienists Week.
- Provided letter of support re: City of Regina water fluoridation initiative.
- Supported the multi-pronged provincial vaccine initiative.

Member Programs:

- All members holding a practice licence were covered through occurrence-based malpractice insurance policy effective February 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022
- Regular e-blasts to SDAA members as an avenue for quicker communication
- Acknowledged members with 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service to the Saskatchewan public
- Encouraged members to wear name tags so that patients can identify their service provider
- Provided a \$500.00 'Outstanding Essay Prize' to a dental assisting student (Julie Krug-McLeod) based on essay submitted relative to their chosen profession – June, 2021
- Communicating to interested members via Facebook and Instagram
- Advertised 'Team Assistance Program' available to members through CDSS
- Promoted membership in the Canadian Oral Health Research organization
- Promoted the Saskatchewan Institute of Health Leadership Program
- Used a 2.7% increase in the 2021 "Proposed Salary Guide for Dental Assistants"
- Continued contract with GoodLife Fitness, with a corporate rate for SDAA Members

Financial:

- Attached.

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