

**ANNUAL REPORT
SASKATCHEWAN DENTAL ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION
DECEMBER 31, 2023 year end**

REGULATORY BODY NUMBER OF REGISTRANTS:

Full Practice: 1027

Temporary Restricted Practice: 0011

Non-Practice: 0170

Total: 1208

New Registrants during 2023: 0136

Responded to over 300 licensing inquiries from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

DIRECTORS:

President: Jenn Prpich, RDA (Jan to April)
Rikki Cooper, RDA (April to Dec);

President Elect: Rikki Cooper, RDA (Jan to April)
Vacant (April to Dec)

Past President: Jenn Prpich, RDA (April to Dec)

Officer: Shannon Elaschuk, RDA
(covering the role of Past President Jan to April; and President Elect April to Dec)

Directors:

Melissa Blow, RDA

Karen Ritchie, RDA

Jim Coulter (Public Member)

Catherine Wright, RDA

Theresa Donald, RDA

Ashley Michell, RDA (April to Dec)

Lillian Hicks (Public Member)

Ian Rae (Public Member – April to Dec)

COMPETENCY ASSURANCE AND DISCIPLINE PROCESSES:

Disciplinary Processes:

- No disciplinary hearings were held in 2023.

Complaint Management:

- The PCC committee received two complaints in 2023. Both were resolved prior to advancing to discipline.

Skill Enhancement:

A number of no cost virtual events are listed on our website for licensees including those pertaining to clinical skills and infection control and prevention.

There was one presentation provided at no cost to registrants in 2023 which detailed the difference between membership and regulation, attended by many registrants virtually. The presentation remains on our website for anyone to review as a refresher.

In keeping with the response of approximately one third of SDAA licensees in 2021, the AGM was held via Zoom. This has allowed an increased attendance level among licensees.

Competency Assurance:

- Maintained a current list of licensed Registered Dental Assistants on the SDAA website for public access
- Along with the other Saskatchewan Oral Health Care Regulators, reviewed Infection Prevention & Control Standards and communicated these updates with licensees.
- CPR is mandatory and must be current upon registration and renewal/reinstatement.
- for 2023, Members were required to obtain 15 hours of professional development per calendar year; some professional development were provided delivered to licensees via Zoom.

OVERVIEW:

Meetings:

- SDAA Council, February 11-12, 2023 Saskatoon
- SDAA Council, April 21-22, 2023, Regina
- Annual General Meeting, April 22, 2021, via Zoom
- SDAA Council, September 8-9, 2023, Saskatoon

Legislative:

- Regulatory Bylaws were updated as per amendments to the Dental Disciplines Amendment Act, relating to Bill 120.

Member Programs:

- All members holding a practice license were covered through occurrence-based malpractice insurance policy effective February 1, 2023 to January 31, 2024
- Regular e-blasts to SDAA members were used as an avenue for quicker communication
- Acknowledged members with 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service to the Saskatchewan public.
- 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
- Continued contract with GoodLife Fitness, with a corporate rate for SDAA Members

Financial:

- Attached.

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