

General Membership Meeting  
Quorum Hotel - Tampa  
Tuesday, January 26, 2010  
Minutes

Dr. Fred Muenchinger, President, Presiding

**I. Welcome and Announcements**

Dr. Muenchinger welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**II. Invocation**

Dr. Jack Longmire gave the invocation.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Recognition of Guests/Exhibitors**

Dr. Muenchinger called for members to introduce guests. Dr. Leonard Britten reported that Dr. Dan Bertoch was recovering from his surgery. Dr. Craig Oldham introduced the exhibitors. Companies represented were: Integrity Retirement Systems, Inc., Fifth Third Bank, Health Insurance of Florida, Megagen USA, Zimmer Dental, ADS Florida, LLC, and Knight Dental Lab.

**V. Call to Order and Additional Agenda Items**

Dr. Muenchinger called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m. and asked for additional agenda items. None were given.

**VI. Approval of Agenda**

Motion made to approve the agenda as printed. Motion seconded. **Motion adopted unanimously.**

**VII. Approval of Minutes – November 17, 2009**

Motion made to approve the minutes as printed. Motion seconded. **Motion adopted unanimously.**

**VIII. Reports/Business**

a. 2009-2010 Meeting Schedule – Dr. Muenchinger reviewed the upcoming meetings. He announced that Dr. Leonard Britten is running for the line officer position of Secretary for the West Coast District Dental Association (WCDDA). He reminded all of the HCDA Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the WCDDA to attend the meeting on February 5, 2010 and vote.

b. Treasurer's Report – Dr. Craig Oldham presented the Treasurer's Report. He stated the cash flow has improved and the association is liquid and strong.

c. Membership Report – Dr. Natalie Carr presented the membership report and asked for a moment of silence to remember Dr. Robert Fernandez. She informed members that a donation had been made in his name to the Florida Dental Health Foundation.

**IX. New Business**

a. Golf Tournament – Dr. Robert Hart announced he was working out the details for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dual-Cure Golf Tournament. A registration form will soon be posted on the HCDA website and there will be more details in the March Newsletter.

b. Update on the Profession from Organized Dentistry – Dr. Craig Oldham, HCDA Secretary-Treasurer and WCDDA Alternate Trustee reported on the Florida Dental Association's January 23, 2010 House of Delegates. He reported workforce issues and access to care issues continue to dominate the legislature regarding medicine and dentistry. The Department of Health determines the levels of responsibility and competence requirements for all health care providers. The FDA is constantly monitoring any proposed bills that are related to dentists and dental workers. The following are key resolutions that were voted on during the session:

Allowing dental assistants to perform expanded duties under general supervision (rather than direct supervision) in health access settings only (i.e., community health centers, Department of Children and Family Services institutions, etc.). Allowing dental hygienists to perform dental charting, apply sealants, take vital signs, apply topical fluorides and scale teeth without the presence of a dentist, in health care settings only. Medical clearance would be needed for scaling teeth. The House defeated a resolution that would require Level 2 screenings as a condition for relicensure. A Level 2 screening is a search of the FDLE and FBI databases for any criminal arrest information. A resolution was passed to make it a policy of the FDA to allow appropriately trained and supervised Florida licensed dental hygienists to administer local anesthesia. Also passed was a resolution that states at a minimum, a clinical exam for licensure in Florida should include a demonstration of periodontal skills on a live patient and at least two restorations on a live patient. Dr. Oldham also reported on the Plant City Council Meeting addressing fluoridation. The City Commissioners voted 5-0 (with the support of the city manager) to authorize the grant application to the Department of Health and to assess funding in future budgets restraints to implement fluoride.

c. 2010-2011 Executive Council Nominations – The HCDA Nominating Committee recommended Dr. Beatriz Totzke and Dr. Sebastian Castellano as candidates for the 2010-2011 HCDA Executive Council Member. Dr. Muenchinger asked for nominations from the floor and none were given. This position will be voted on at the March meeting.

d. Smile Fridays Update – Dr. Natalie Carr announced the Give Kids a Smile<sup>®</sup> is tentatively scheduled for Friday, March 5, 2010. More details will be emailed to members.

e. Vote by Ballot (Applicant Members) – Ballots were distributed and collected for tally.

**X. Additional Agenda Items**

None.

**Adjournment and Dinner**

There being no further items the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Dr. Muenchinger welcomed Drs. Carver Little and Danoosh Amrooei into membership.

Dr. Muenchinger introduced the featured speaker, Dr. William Robinson.