

# South Dakota Dental Foundation

Friday, May 19, 2023 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.  
Sioux Falls Convention Center – Meeting Room 7  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Ken Asheim, Vice Chair, called the membership meeting of the South Dakota Dental Foundation to order at 2:05 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Ken Asheim, Vice Chair  
Mr. Scott Jones, Secretary-Treasurer  
Dr. Melissa Gibson  
Dr. Monty Bechtold  
Dr. Jason Aanenson  
Ms. Connie Halverson  
Dr. Bryan Johnson  
Dr. D’Jonna Sewell  
Dr. Andy Wiswall  
Ms. Jessi Horsley  
Dr. Jaclyn Schuler  
Mr. Bob Riter  
Dr. Mark Bierschbach  
Mr. Paul Knecht, Executive Director  
Mrs. Melissa Afdahl, Event Manager  
Mrs. Tia Hertel, Membership Director  
Mrs. Amy Petersen-Kolb, Program Coordinator

ABSENT: Dr. Jon Schaack, Chairman  
Dr. Grant Titze

GUESTS: Dr. Rick Fuchs  
Dr. Jay Crossland

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Motion (Aanenson/Bechtold) to adopt the minutes of the May 13, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion (Aanenson/Bechtold) to accept the 2022 Reviewed Financial Statement of the Foundation. Motion carried.

## PROGRAM REPORTS

- Sunshyne Smiles Program: There are currently 51 active patients and 258 patients have completed treatment since the program’s inception in 2005.
- Donated Dental Services Program: There are currently 81 active patients. 2,292 patients have been treated since inception; and over \$8.34 million has been donated by dentists since inception.

- Emergency Department Referral Program: 37 patients were referred in 2022. The majority of the referrals came from Avera St. Lukes and Avera Queen of Peace. The SDDA phone system now has texting capability and will allow us another way to reach patients.
- One Smile Program: There were 20 patients treated in 2022 and one so far in 2023.
- Sioux Empire Smiles: The 2022 event was held on October 8. We used \$6,850 from the Foundation's designated endowed SES fund to cover the costs associated with the event.

### **SCHOLARSHIP REPORT**

Mr. Knecht reported that there are now nine named scholarships for dental school students. Five created in 2020, two in 2021, and two in 2022. The total balance of the endowed scholarships was \$886,000 at the end of 2022.

### **GRANT REPORT**

Three applications were received by the April 1 deadline.

### **OPEN SESSION FOR MEMBER INPUT**

Dr. Rick Fuchs inquired about the number of children under care in the Sunshyne Smiles Program.

### **ELECTIONS**

- Election of Directors: Mr. Asheim reported that with the exception of Dr. Grant Titze, all Board members whose terms expire in 2023 renewed their term on the board for another two years. The Nominating Committee recommended Dr. Jay Crossland as a new Board member to replace Dr. Titze. Motion (Asheim, on behalf of the committee) to accept the nomination of Dr. Crossland as a director for a two-year term. Motion carried.
- Election of Officers: Motion (Asheim, on behalf of the committee) to approve Mr. Jones as Secretary-Treasurer. Motion carried.

### **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

- Dr. Schaack has made the committee appointments for the coming year. They are posted on Board Zone. Motion (Bechtold/Wiswall) to approve Dr. Schaack's appointments. Motion carried.

Membership meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Ken Asheim, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

Motion (Crossland/Schuler) to accept the minutes of the November 29, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Review of Fundraising Events:
  - Golf Tournament: There were 52 golfers. Estimated income: \$4,680. The Board would like to have the same structure for next year.
  - Best for Last Raffle: The Board agreed to continue this fundraiser. All ticket sales were done in advance of the meeting. The pot was split three ways. Income will be approximately \$8,250.
  - Social Event Raffle: Another great event. Now called the Lucky Chance Raffle. Jan Bierschbach will likely chair this raffle again in 2024. Income is expected to be approximately \$18,750.
- Dental Student Scholarships: There are now a total of nine endowed scholarship funds. Seven of the funds are available for the distribution of scholarships this year. The committee has received three applications so far and, one more is expected. The Board discussed ways to increase dental student knowledge of the scholarships.
- Wellbeing Program: Mary Wolf, from Veritee Healthcare Consulting, has provided counseling to 24 individuals thus far in the second year of the program. The SDDA has entered into another agreement with Mary for year three. The Foundation Board would like to see the SDDA create a long-term strategy for offering the program to dental professionals in South Dakota. By consensus the Board agreed to create a dedicated fund, through which the Foundation account for donations given to the Foundation to be used to support the Wellbeing Program.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Financial Review: The Foundation retained CLA again to conduct a review of the Foundation's 2022 financial statements and to prepare the Foundation's Form 990.
- Sunshyne Smiles: Moved (Johnson/Crossland) that the Foundation increase the Sunshyne Smiles payment to orthodontists to \$4,500 per case.
- One Smile: Paul reported that we will begin winding down the One Smile Program this summer, with the plan to have the program discontinued by the Foundation, by the end of the year.
- Strategic Planning: Paul reported that a draft of the Strategic Plan will be ready for review at the fall meeting.

### REPORTS

- Gift Disbursement Committee Report: Three grant applications were received by the April deadline. The Board agreed to fund the following applications: the South Dakota Head Start Association for \$2,500; Youth and Family Services for \$5,000 and the SDDA Wellbeing program for \$9,000. Additionally, the following scholarships will be supported:
  - Western Dakota Tech Scholarship, two at \$1,000/ea.
  - Lake Area Tech Scholarship, two at \$1,000/ea.

- Southeast Tech, two at \$1,000/ea.
- USD Dental Hygiene Scholarship, two at \$3,000/ea.

Mr. Knecht reminded the Board that Delta Dental will contribute \$5,350 to recognize Delta participating dentists on their years of being enrolled with Delta, to be used toward these scholarships.

- Foundation Award: The Board agreed that the Nominating Committee should select the recipient of the Foundation's Dedicated Service Award, with the award to be given at the SDDA Awards Luncheon held in conjunction with the annual meeting.

#### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

- The Board agreed that if a fall meeting is needed it should be held at the call of the Chairman.

Meeting adjourned 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Knecht  
Executive Director