

South Dakota Dental Foundation

Friday, May 16, 2025 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.
DoubleTree – Salon B & C
Rapid City, South Dakota

Dr. Jason Aanenson, Chair, called the membership meeting of the South Dakota Dental Foundation to order at 2:15 p.m.

PRESENT: Dr. Jason Aanenson, Chair
Mr. Scott Jones, Secretary-Treasurer
Ms. Jessi Horsely
Dr. Monty Bechtold
Dr. Jay Crossland
Dr. Bryan Johnson
Dr. D’Jonna Sewell
Dr. Thane Crump
Mrs. Tia Hertel, Membership Manager
Mrs. Melissa Afdahl, Event Manager
Mrs. Amy Petersen-Kolb, Program Manager
Mr. Paul Knecht, Executive Director

ABSENT: Dr. Melissa Gibson
Dr. Mark Bierschbach
Mr. Bob Riter
Dr. Jaclyn Schuler
Dr. Andy Wiswall
Dr. Nathan VanLaecken

GUESTS: Dr. Amber Determan
Dr. Mel Thaler
Dr. Mike Fuchs
Ms. Mary Wolf

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Motion to accept the minutes of the May 17, 2024 membership meeting (Johnson/Bechtold). Motion carried.

Financial Reports: The Board reviewed the operating account balances presented by Tia and fund balances, presented by Paul.

PROGRAM REPORTS

- Sunshyne Smiles Program: There are currently 66 active patients and 393 cases have been completed since 2006.
- Donated Dental Services Program: There are currently 88 active patients, 2,365 patients have been treated since inception; and over \$ 8.8 million has been donated by dentists since inception.

- One Smile Program: 24 children treated in 2024 and 139 treated since inception.

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SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Paul reported that 10 applications have been received and the review committee has awarded a scholarship to all 10 applicants.

WELLBEING PROGRAM REPORT

Mary Wolf provided a report on the clients she has been able to help through the SDDA Wellbeing Program. So far in year four, 17 people have started counseling. In total 65 people have received counseling since the start of the program.

OPEN SESSION FOR MEMBER INPUT

Dr. Michael Fuchs shared some of the history of the Foundation including a period where the Foundation went from being rather stagnant to launch several successful capital fundraisings campaigns.

ELECTIONS

- Election of Directors: Dr. Aanenson reported that the Nominating Committee is recommending Laurie Mikkonen, Dr. Amber Determan, Dr. Michael Frankman and Jennifer Heiman to fill the seats being vacated by Scott Jones, Bob Riter, Ken Asheim, and Jessi Horsely. Drs. Jay Crossland and D'Jonna Sewell will renew their terms on the board for another two years. It was moved (Bechtold/Crump) to elect the nominated Board Members.
- Election of Officers: Motion (Bechtold/Crump) to approve Dr. Jason Aanenson as chair, Dr. Jay Crossland as Vice Chair, and Laurie Mikkonen as Secretary-Treasurer. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

- Dr. Aanenson shared his committee appointments which are posted on the Foundation board zone.

Motion (Crump/Sewell) to adjourn the membership meeting. Motion carried.

Membership meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Dr. Jason Aanenson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:55 p.m.

Motion (Johnson/Bechtold) to accept the minutes of the November 5, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved (Sewell/Johnson) to accept the 2023-2024 reviewed financial statements provided by CLA. Motion carried.

Moved (Crossland/Sewell) to file the 2024 IRS Form 990. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- Review of Fundraising Events:
 - Golf Tournament: There were 24 golfers. For next year we will explore the possibility of holding the tournament at Elmwood in Sioux Falls which is in close proximity to the Annual Session location.
 - Best for Last Raffle: The Board agreed to continue this fundraiser. All ticket sales were done in advance. The pot was split two ways.
 - Lucky Chance Box Raffle: Another great event. Jan and Mark Bierschbach will likely chair the raffle again in 2026. The Board would like the SDDA staff to work with Jan and Mark to document all of the standard operating procedures and functions in preparing and conducting the raffle including dates and timelines.
- One Smile: The board agreed we expect dentists referring children to this program to provide the dental care for free or steeply discounted. It is permissible to bill insurance if the child has insurance coverage. Additionally, the board agreed that Paul should engage in conversation with the hospitals and surgical centers about a path forward for providing affordable access to operating rooms and anesthesia for the children who seek financial support through the One Smile Program. The increased demand for support is unsustainable for the Foundation. Paul will report back at the fall board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting Program Support: Moved (Johnson/Sewell) to grant \$10,000 per year for the next five years to the SDDA in order to support the creation of a fund that would capture matching funds and then support allied dental programs in South Dakota. Motion carried.
- Dental Student Scholarship Support: (Johnson/Sewell) to grant \$6,700 to the South Dakota Community Foundation to supplant the awards for this year's dental student scholarships so they can all be \$5,000 awards. Motion carried.
- Dental Student Scholarship Online: By consensus the board agreed that we should make the dental student scholarship applications available online through the South Dakota Community Foundation.

REPORTS

- Gift Disbursement Committee Report: Three grant applications were reviewed by the committee. Moved (Crump/Johnson) to fund the applications for Toothology for \$1,000; the South Dakota Head

Start Association for \$2,500 and the SDDA Wellbeing program for \$10,000. Additionally, the following scholarships should 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 \$5,225 to recognize Delta participating dentists on their years of being enrolled with Delta, to be used toward these scholarships.

- Foundation Award: The Board agreed the Foundation should select its award recipient during the fall board meeting. Dr. Larry Green was mentioned as a possible award recipient.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- The Board agreed that the fall meeting will be held on November 4, 2025 via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Knecht

Executive Director