

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**North Dakota Board of Dental Examiners**  
**March 23, 2020, 6:00 PM CDT**

Call to Order: Dr. Evanoff called the meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM CDT.

Board Members and Administrative Staff Attendance

Greg Evanoff, DDS, President	Otto Dohm, DDS
Alison Fallgatter, DDS, President-Elect	Mike Goebel, DDS
Michael Keim, DDS, Immediate Past President	Rita Sommers, Executive Director
Tim Mehlhoff, CPA, Secretary-Treasurer	Tara Brandner, Assistant Attorney General
Bev Marsh, RDH	

**COVID-19 issues:** Jeremiah Glosenger, DDS, MS, requested on behalf of the ND Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons that the Board consider the crucial role of OMSs in managing emergencies in private facilities and outside of emergency rooms, decreasing the load on overtaxed medical systems and minimizing exposure to other healthcare providers and patients. Oral surgeons must have access to proper personal protective equipment including the N95 respirators. Dr. Glosenger requested the Board petition the Department of Health to consider making oral maxillofacial surgeons critical first responders allowing for immediate access to N95 masks as they become available. Dr. Dohm moved to forward the request from the ND Society of OMSs to the Dental Director of the Department of Health. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fallgatter. Roll call vote: Ms. Marsh, yes; Dr. Evanoff, yes; Dr. Keim, yes; Mr. Mehlhoff, yes; Dr. Goebel, yes; Dr. Dohm, yes; Dr. Fallgatter, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

**Continuing Education:** Dr. Evanoff opened the floor for comments. Dr. Dohm commented that he was very proud of the dental community for their efforts during the most recent developments of the pandemic. Dr. Dohm also asked the Board to consider revising CE requirements. Ms. Marsh commented that dental assistants are in the last eight months of their CE cycle. Dr. Dohm moved that all CE requirements be suspended for the next six months and revisit the issue. Following further discussion, the motion was withdrawn as the Board does not have authority to suspend CE. Ms. Brandner would like to review statute regarding CPR requirements and renewals and provide a recommendation at the next meeting.

Moved by Dr. Fallgatter to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Marsh. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM. The next meeting of the Board will be held Friday, March 27, 2020 at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rita Sommers, Executive Director

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Tim Mehlhoff, CPA, Secretary-Treasurer