

Commission on Dental Accreditation  
Unofficial Report of Major Actions  
February 4-5, 2010

1. The Commission reviewed accreditation reports and took 247 accreditation actions on dental, advanced dental and allied dental education programs. Initial accreditation was granted to one general practice residency program, two advanced general dentistry education in dental anesthesiology programs, one advanced general dentistry education in oral medicine program, four dental hygiene programs, one advanced specialty education program in oral and maxillofacial pathology, one advanced specialty education program in oral and maxillofacial surgery, one advanced specialty education program in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, and one advanced specialty education program in pediatric dentistry. Two advanced specialty education in endodontics programs and two advanced specialty education in oral and maxillofacial surgery residency programs each received a formal warning that accreditation will be withdrawn in August 2010 unless the requested information, demonstrating compliance with the accreditation standards, is submitted prior to that time. The Commission discontinued the accreditation of three advanced education in general dentistry programs, two dental assisting programs, one advanced specialty education program in oral and maxillofacial pathology, and one advanced specialty education program in pediatric dentistry, at the request of their respective sponsoring institutions.
2. The Commission adopted revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Specialty Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery with an implementation date of July 1, 2010 and adopted a revised intent statement for Standard 2-4.1 of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Specialty Education Programs in Endodontics with immediate implementation.
3. The Commission directed the circulation of proposed revised Accreditation Standard 3-2 of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced General Dentistry Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology, with a May 15, 2010 deadline for comments and review at the August 2010 Commission meeting.
4. The Commission directed the circulation of revisions to the language common to all specialty education programs (specialty boilerplate language) Standard 5 and complementary statements of intent on evaluation of students/residents, with an open hearing scheduled during the annual session of the American Dental Education Association in March 2010. Comments will be accepted through June 1, 2010 for review at the August 2010 Commission meeting.
5. The Commission directed the hiring of outside expertise to assess current communications efforts and assist in the development and implementation of a detailed communications and public relations plan. The hiring of outside expertise in communications was a recommendation of the ADA Task Force on CODA. The

ADA House of Delegates approved funding for this effort at the October 2009 ADA Annual Session in Honolulu.

6. The Commission directed the Ad Hoc Committee on Alternative Site Visit Methods to develop a pilot project for conducting site visits via videoconferencing. In addition, the Commission directed the Ad Hoc Committee to further explore the use of technology, such as web-based applications, for use in the accreditation process, including site visit preparation and continuous monitoring of accredited programs compliance with the Accreditation Standards.
7. The Commission urged the ADA Board of Trustees (BOT), in conjunction with the ADA Council on Ethics, Bylaws, and Judicial Affairs (CEBJA), to evaluate the succession bylaws for a Commission chair when an unexpected vacancy occurs. Current bylaws stipulate that commissions elect their own chairs whereas council chairs are appointed by the Board of Trustees. The Commission perceived a conflict in the Bylaws provision that the ADA president appoint an *ad interim* chair under the circumstances of an unexpected vacancy in a commission chair. The Commission has asked the BOT and CEBJA to recommend a change in the bylaws to allow the vice-chair to assume the chair position if, for any reason, the chair position becomes vacant.
8. The Commission received requests to accredit the educational programs in Dental Therapy and Advanced Dental Therapy from the Minnesota Board of Dentistry, the Minnesota Dental Association, the University of Minnesota, and Metropolitan State University of the Minnesota and State Colleges and Universities System. The Commission will form a Task Force to evaluate this request and will involve appropriate communities of interest.
9. Dr. Sharon Turner was elected vice-chair of the Commission.
10. The Commission will present a plaque to acknowledge the service of Dr. Les Tarver, who served as a member of the Commission for over three years and was Chair of the Commission until December 2009.
11. The Commission approved the review committee recommendations for the reappointments and new appointments of consultants to serve as site visitors in 2010-2011 for one-year terms.

Commission Members: Dr. Michael Biermann, Dr. Richard Buchanan, Dr. Eric Carlson, Dr. Paul Casamassimo, Ms. Elizabeth Curran, Dr. Bryan Edgar, chair, Dr. Andy Elliot, Ms. Susan Ellis (substituting for Ms. Kathleen Leonard), Mr. Corwyn Hopke, Dr. Vincent J. Iacono, Dr. Donald Joondeph, Dr. Mel Kantor, Dr. Karen Kershenstein, Dr. Kent Knoernschild, Dr. Judith Messura, Ms. Anna Nelson, Dr. Reuben Pelot III, Dr. Robert Ray, Dr. Michael Reed, Ms. Mary Kay Richter, Dr. Leo Rouse, Mr. Kenneth C. Thomalla, Dr. Steven Tonelli, Dr. Sharon Turner, vice-chair, Dr. Christopher Wenkus, Dr. B. Alexander White, and Dr. John M. Wright.

Unable to Attend: Mr. Lee Koppelman, Dr. Charles Marinelli, and Dr. Logan Nalley.