



*Indiana Dental Assistants Association Presents:
Word of Mouth Newsletter*



Presidents Message

First, I would like to start off by saying I hope everyone is doing well and getting through these difficult times. It has been a very unique set of circumstances the world has been under but we are almost through it! States are beginning to reopen and hopefully a sense of normalcy will soon follow!

I continued to respond to emails and messages as the IDAA President. In September we held our Fall board meeting. Thank you to Sheila Clancy for hosting and allowing us to use her beautiful home for our meeting location again and for providing a great menu for lunch! We discussed getting new signs for the registration table and for the podium at the annual session. Also discussed was getting a tablet to be used with a card reader for our fundraising and auction dinner. This will help us be able to accept credit card payments and not have to use someone's personal phone for the transactions. This should open things up for us to be able to bring in more money since we won't be limited to cash or checks only anymore! We look forward to seeing this help our ways and means in the future.

Moving forward delegates will be printing off their own papers for the state meeting packets. Packets used to be provided for all delegates, however, in a way to cut costs and alleviate some work from one individual we will be emailing all of the documents to delegates and allowing them time to have these printed before our meetings.

I was a delegate for the 1st House of Delegates and 2nd House of Delegates for our ADAA annual session. Again, this meeting was held virtually. Even though it has been a success the past few years we still wish to have face-to-face meetings again. As dental assistants we usually like being social. For most that is one thing they love about their job, being able to interact with patients and developing friendships with their coworkers. We love getting together with friends and seeing colleagues that we usually only get to see at these yearly meetings. The virtual meetings have helped us with our budget but we look forward to the day that these meetings can be held in person again! This spring things have pretty much been shut down. However, I have been asked to speak at the Indiana University School of Dentistry virtual graduation. This is new territory having a virtual graduation ceremony, nonetheless I am still looking forward to the opportunity to speak on behalf of the IDAA and congratulate the class of 2020 on their accomplishments!

I know this year's annual session will be a little different due to being virtual, but I know we can make it work and still have a productive meeting. I always love visiting with everyone in person, getting away for the weekend, having our auction dinner and creating memories with friends at our state meeting. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic this just wasn't an option this year, we need to do our part to keep everyone safe and healthy. I look forward to being able to see everyone again at our fall board meeting and being able to resume our fun times at next year's annual session. Information regarding the details of this year's virtual meetings can be found in this newsletter and on the IDAA website.

Thank you everybody for helping me navigate through these unusual past few weeks. I have seen some touching stories on how people have stepped forward to help others during this

crisis. As dental assistants, I believe it is in our nature to want to help others as well. I hope everybody can look to themselves and ask what they can do to help someone in this difficult time or if there is anything they can do to help with the shortages of PPE we are facing. We need to come together and find a way to contribute, even if it's as simple as calling those who are alone or helping sew masks for health professionals. The world is a much better place when we look to help others!

Please stay safe and healthy!

Elizabeth Vollrath CDA, EFDA
IDAA President
EDAS Past President



Indiana Dental Assistants Association Annual Session

Below you will find our scheduled events for this year's annual session. We do ask that everyone be patient during this and understand that this is new for everyone.

June 13, 2020

First HOD	10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. EDT (9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. CDT)
Voting/Lunch	12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. EDT (11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. CDT)
Second HOD	2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. EDT (1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. CDT)

We are doing our meeting completely virtually this year. We have been granted access to the ADAA GoToWebinar account and will have practice sessions prior to our meeting in June.

****PLEASE NOTE****

To make this as smooth a transition as possible we are asking that all officers and committee chairs to have their reports turned in to our President and Secretary by June 6, 2020. This will give our secretary plenty of time to get everything sent out for our annual session. Please refer to our secretary's entry for an official timeline of reports.

This year we will not have a pre-session board meeting or a post-session board meeting.

****PLEASE NOTE YOUR TIME ZONE AND MAKE SURE YOU HAVE
THE CORRECT TIMES MARKED ON YOUR SCHEDULE****







Word from our Secretary

Hi all, I'm so excited for another Annual Session and I am thankful to have served you for another year. I am hoping for many more! 😁

This year we will be implementing the "digital Delegate handbooks". I will put everything you need for all sessions in one PDF or Word format document and you will need to print them yourself. I will make sure to remind you 2 weeks prior (May 30), 1 week prior (June 6) and 2 days prior (June 11) to the event.

With that being said, I will need a list of your local delegates with their email addresses at that 2-week prior mark. I will send an email to local presidents 1 week before the 2-week mark. Local officer forms will need emailed to me by May 1. I will send an email one week prior to that date as well and provide a blank form in PDF format.

If you have any questions please let me know. If anything is confusing, please let me know. You may have two emails for me, either is fine, but my sneadkcda@gmail.com helps me keep dental separate - and I know if I receive an email for dental it needs immediate attention, instead of it getting lost in all my online shopping deals 🦷 My son and I are currently tackling Daddy's deployment, so please don't hesitate to remind me if you need me (it won't be annoying, I won't mind). You can always call or text me too. (260-358-7900) I'm looking forward to another successful and fun Annual Session!

-Kath Snead, CDA, CPT

Registration

Please have the names of the delegates and alternates that will be attending annual session to me no latter than May 22, 2020. Please make sure if you have new officers that they are aware that they need to get me names of delegates as well.

I want to make everyone aware that due to a bridal shower being hosted for my daughter who is getting married in August I will not be attending annual session this year. I am very disappointed by this and I will miss you all.

Rest assured, registration will be handled by 2 very capable ladies. Kathy Mikrut and Barbara Bland have stepped up and will be available to assist you. A huge thank you to both Kathy and Barb for filling in for me and I am so sorry I will not get attend this year's annual session, and I am saddened that I am missing only my 2nd annual session. Ironically, the first one was when I gave birth to the same daughter that is getting married, which was 26 years ago!!

Please know, you all will be in my thoughts.

Joann Gerike, Registration Chair
Email: mikejogerker@aol.com

Immediate-Past President/ 6th District Trustee Report

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well. The beginning of the year, as you well know, has been a bit chaotic. We have had to adjust the plans for IDAA and the ADAA. Meetings have been canceled or moved to virtual settings across the nation, but we are all understanding and making things work. Many dental professionals are now seeking full time or partial unemployment, and funds are tight. The ADAA is hoping this will not affect membership too much during the next few months. We are able to save money due to the lack of traveling and expenses at meetings, but no one knows what the future will hold.

The ADAA has decided to take this opportunity to focus on infection control. We are hoping people across the nation are seeing the importance of proper training and education in infection control after this difficult time for our world.

There has been a law effective March 30th, 2020, affecting dental assistants in Indiana. The bill allows assistants with proper training to administer nitrous oxide. More information on this new law can be found on the ADAA website or in the In.gov website Public Law 35.

I attended numerous virtual meetings for the Board of Trustee's and ADAA committees throughout the year. I have been so happy to be your 6th District Trustee for the second year of my three-year term. Let's continue to make the 6th District a better place for all dental assistants together.

ADAA thanks everyone for their continued support, and I look forward to seeing everyone on call in June for the Virtual Annual Session!

Sincerely,

Jacob Rexing, RDH, EFDA, 6th District Trustee, IDAA
Immediate-Past President



Nominating Committee

The nominations for officers for the 2020-2021 year are as follows:

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- President-Elect- Courtney Stabler
 - Vice President- Cathy Roberts
 - Secretary- Kathy Snead
 - Treasurer- Selena VanSickle
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Nominations from the floor can be made at our 2020 annual session first HOD. Officers will be elected at our annual session.

Please think about serving as an officer for our 2020-2021 year. This is a great opportunity to become involved and to help make a difference in the dental assisting world.
Jacob REXING, IDAA Nominating Committee Chair



COVID-19 and the Dental Assistant

COVID-19 is something that has affected every single person in this county. As healthcare workers we are on the front lines of this fight by continuing to ensure patient health and safety on a daily basis. With all of this in mind please be aware of new changes that are being implemented on a daily basis. Stay up to date on what the CDC, ADA, and ADAA are recommending for dental health care professionals. Become up to date on how this virus spreads, what disinfectants can be used between patients, scheduling, protecting patients, and most importantly, protecting yourself. Below you will find links to the CDC, Indiana Department of Health, ADA, and ADAA.

Remember, for you to ensure proper patient safety YOU, as a health care professional, have to set an example to those around you. We have a responsibility to our communities to ensure that we are proper examples for everyone we come into contact with.

Stay safe, stay healthy.

Yours Truly,

The Indiana Dental Assistants Association

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- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
 - Indiana Department of Health-
<https://www.coronavirus.in.gov>
 - American Dental Association- <https://www.ada.org/en>
 - American Dental Assistants Association-
<https://www.adaausa.org/Education/Coronavirus-COVID-19>
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IDAA IT NEWS

TO ALL MEMBERS!

Please keep your email and address information updated in your profile on the ADAA website www.adaausa.org! This is how we have your information to reach you with important information. If your personal information is not current, you will not receive the updates from ADAA and IDAA.

Also, please use your home or personal email so if you are not in the office or you change employment, we can still reach you.

ADAA website www.adaausa.org

IDAA website www.indaa.org

Cathy Roberts- IDAA IT Chair

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

HOUSE BILL 1067 SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

This year, the IDA and the IDHA introduced a bill, House Bill 1067, to update some parts of the Dental Hygiene Practice Act and to add the administration of nitrous oxide by dental hygienists and dental assistants with education and certification to the law. Here is the section of the bill that concerns dental assistants:

SECTION 4. IC 25-13-1-10.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 10.7. (a) A dental hygienist or dental assistant (as defined in IC 25-14-1-1.5(4)) may administer nitrous oxide under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist if the dental hygienist or dental assistant has: (1) been employed in a dental practice for at least one (1) year or has graduated from a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association; (2) satisfactorily completed a three (3) hour didactic nitrous oxide administration course containing curriculum on pharmacology, biochemistry, anatomy of nitrous oxide administration, emergency procedures, and the mechanics of operating a nitrous unit, accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association; and (3) demonstrated clinical competency on at least five (5) patients under the direct supervision of a licensed Indiana dentist whose license is in good standing. (b) The licensed Indiana dentist supervising the clinical competency under subsection (a)(3) shall provide to the dental hygienist or dental assistant a signed affidavit certifying the competency. (c) Upon receipt of the affidavit provided to a dental hygienist or dental assistant under subsection (b), the provider of an educational program or curriculum described in subsection (a)(2) shall issue a certificate of completion to the dental hygienist or dental assistant. The certificate of completion must be publicly displayed in the dental office of the dental hygienist or dental assistant. (d) Before permitting a dental hygienist or dental assistant to administer nitrous

oxide, the supervising dentist shall: (1) verify that the dental hygienist or dental assistant has completed the requirements of subsection (a); (2) determine the maximum percent-dosage of nitrous oxide to be administered to the patient; and (3) ensure that any administration or monitoring of nitrous oxide by dental hygienists or dental assistants is done in accordance with relevant guidelines and standards developed by the American Dental Association or the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

The bill has been signed by Governor Halcomb and will go into effect July 1, 2020. However, no assistant or hygienist can administer nitrous oxide until they have the education, training and certification to do so. At this time, there are no classes available and will need to be set up for the future. With the schools all closed right now, it may be a while before these classes are ready to go.

Please watch for further information and education classes.



FROM THE RADIOLOGY CHAIR

The Indiana Radiology Program from the ADAA continues to be a very successful program for assistants who need to obtain their Radiology License and are working on the job or moving into the state. The assistant can join the ADAA and take the Indiana Radiology courses at no additional fee. It is a win-win as the ADAA/IDAA has new members and the assistant can take the Radiology courses at the membership fee. This is very cost effective for most dental assistants. Information is on our IDAA website, www.indaa.org and our ADAA website, www.adaausa.org.

If you have any questions on the Indiana Radiology Program, please e-mail me at cjrcda@aol.com or cell 812-320-5437.

Cathy Roberts- IDAA Radiology Chair

Word from Financial Aid Committee

As the chairperson of the IDAA Financial Aid committee, I am pleased to announce the winners of the awards. Each of the eleven Indiana CODA-Accredited Dental Assisting programs were contacted by e-mail to submit the name of a student that they felt deserved the award.

New this year, each winner receives one full year of paid active membership to the American Dental Assistants Association (which includes the amount for State and Local dues). This membership will afford them with complimentary continuing education courses, \$50,000 in professional liability coverage, and loads of networking opportunities.

Winners:

IUFW - Mikaela Mae Gospodareck

IUN - Kendal Schoon

IVT T - Anderson - Victoria Harmon

IVY T - Kokomo - Hannah Marie Scott

USI - Virginia Gerken

The IDAA extends regards to their continued success in school and throughout their career in dentistry.

Wilhemina R. Leeuw, MS, CDA
IDAA Financial Aid Chair

IDAA ANNA MARIE DIXON NEW MEMBER INVOLVMENT AWARD

The Anna Marie Dixon New Member Involvement Award shall be presented to a member who has shown the most outstanding achievement in promoting the objectives of this association and furthering the profession of dental assisting.

Qualifications:

- Shall be an active or federal services member of the Indiana Dental Assistants Association
 - The Nominee must have no more than five (5) consecutive years of membership with the Indiana Dental Assistants Association.
 - Shall not have been a previous member.
 - Shall have excelled in our motto of 'Education, Efficiency, loyalty and Service', during years of active membership.
 - Shall have participated on local, state, and/or national offices, Federal Services level and/or IDAA Council or IDAA Special Committee
 - Shall have excelled in services above and beyond expected duties.
 - Shall not have been a previous recipient of this award.
 - Shall not be an employee of ADAA.
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Procedure:

1. The candidate's name and qualifications shall be submitted by a member electronically via email using Microsoft word v. 98 or later to the email address of the Vice President Courtney Stabler at courtneys413@gmail.com no later than

30 days prior to Annual Session. All electronically submitted documentation must be typed.

2. It is the responsibility of the individual who is submitting the nomination to confirm the receipt of the nomination if a confirmation email is not received stating the nomination was received.
3. The IDAA Vice President will verify date of membership.

Voting:

- Nominees' application shall be electronically sent to the Vice President. The Vice President shall forward all applications to the members of The Executive Committee for review of each applicant's application and qualifications.
- Voting shall be by email ballot of the Executive Committee.
- The candidate receiving the majority of vote's casts shall be the award recipient.
- The name of the recipient shall not be revealed until the time of the presentation of the award.

A certificate and a \$75.00 check shall be presented during Annual Session.



Vera Hewins Loyalty Award

I cannot begin to express how grateful I am to have won this prestigious award. After reading more into Vera Hewins I have grown to appreciate this award even more and am honored to have been selected as a recipient.

As the latest recipient of this award I would like to pay homage to the wonderful gal that it is named after. Some history about our own Vera Hewins:

Vera Hewins was born in Evansville, Indiana in 1911 where she started her career in dental assisting at the age of 16 in 1927. Vera worked for Dr. E.A.W. Montgomery for 13 years. During this time, she married Gus Pursley and left Evansville for Indianapolis where Mr. Pursley was in business. After several years in Indianapolis they returned home to Evansville, where she began to work for Dr. Paul Biggs. This employment lasted a very short time because Vera had taken the Civil Service Examination and began work as a dental assistant for the Veterans' Administration in Evansville where Dr. Bethel was the residing dentist.

During this, Vera divorced and resumed her maiden name. She held all offices and was a charter member of Evansville Dental Assistant Society. Soon after, the Veterans Administration office in Evansville was closed and Vera was transferred to Indianapolis where she worked for several years. She was nominated from the floor and served as Indiana Dental Assistants Association President while in Indianapolis in 1953-54. After this, the Veterans Administration sent her to Northampton, Massachusetts. She did not care for this new location and soon returned to Indianapolis. On July 27, 1963 at the young age of 52, Vera Hewins died of a stroke.

Vera attended local, state and national meetings faithfully. She was a credit to the Dental Assistants Association. As one of her friends put it,

“To know Vera, is to love her”. For those of us who did not have the privilege of knowing her personally, to hear of Vera is to respect her. In honor of Vera Hewins a roving award was originally given from Gladys Triphan to the assistant who, each year, qualifies as the most exemplary dental assistant.

This wonderful excerpt was originally submitted by Barbara Cosgrove in 1967, who seemed to have the utmost respect and gratitude for this wonderful lady.

It is with this knowledge that I challenge each and every one of you to be like Vera Hewins in your dedication, loyalty, and passion for dental assisting. I encourage every one of you to step up and be a leader just like Vera did and to overcome the hardships thrown your way.

If you know someone that is deserving of this prestigious award, please nominate them. By receiving this award assistants are able to recognize the impact that they truly have on those around them by just being an example and having pride in what they have accomplished. Only electronic submissions will be accepted unless otherwise discussed.

Nominations can be sent to me at:

Mlmorton93@gmail.com

812-582-1982

They will be due no later than 30 days prior to our annual session. Voting for the Vera Hewins award will be done virtually during our lunch/voting break from 12-2 on June 13, 2020.

I look forward to hearing from you all, stay healthy and safe.

Meagan Morton, CDA
DANB Board of Directors Member
2019 Vera Hewins Award Recipient
IDAA President-Elect
EDAS President-Elect

NOMINATION FOR VERA HEWINS LOYALTY AWARD

Nomination Form

Name: _____
Address: _____
Employer: _____
Number of years in dentistry: _____
Currently certified: _____
Personal Information: _____

OFFICES AND COMMITTEES

National: _____

State: _____

Local: _____

Number of national meetings attended: _____
Number of state meetings attended: _____
List community activities during years in dentistry: _____

We would also like you to write a short explanation of why you feel this candidate is deserving of this award. (This should be written by an officer of the component sponsoring the candidate and should be typed on an additional sheet of paper and sent with this form electronically) Nominee's employer may wish to send a letter or recommendation as well.

Submitted by: _____
Date: _____

Ramona Gunstra Award Nominations

In 1987, the IDAA instituted a new award: The Ramona Gunstra Outstanding Service Award. Ramona was our IDAA president in 1971-1972 and she continued to give of her time and talents to the IDAA. To this date, only 21 IDAA members have been chosen to receive this prestigious award.

I am so honored to be one of the chosen to receive this award. Ramona was an inspiration and mentor to all of us. It is important to keep her enthusiasm and tradition of service alive for our newer members. Please consider nominating someone who deserves this award.

Please read the following criteria and nominate a candidate who you believe is worthy of this award.

- Must be a former IDAA President
 - Must have a minimum of 15 years of productive membership in the IDAA
 - Must be a former recipient of the Vera Hewins Award and have remained active in services to the association since receiving the award.
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For a nomination form, please contact me at:
jasonkelly101699@yahoo.com.

The deadline for submission is June 1, 2020.

All former recipients who are attending the virtual IDAA Annual Session will meet briefly on June 13, 2020 during our lunch break/voting break 15 minutes prior to our 2nd HOD to discuss the nominations.

"There are big ships and small ships. But the best ship of all is friendship." Anonymous

Sincerely,

Kelly Smith, CDA, Chair
Ramona Gunstra Award Recipient 2015
