

SCDA Board of Governors Meeting  
Wednesday, April 29, 2026  
Kingston Plantation – Embassy Suites – North Myrtle Beach

President Carol Baker called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m. with the following participating: Drs. Daniel Hall, Deidre Crockett, Greg Millwood, Tiffany Karkanen, Mary Machowski, Danielle Gill, Tywana Groce, Scott Balzer, Mackenzie Long and Anna Louise Hicklin. Absent from the meeting were Drs. Michael Lee, John Edmunds, Monica Cayouette, Jim Howell and Doug Alterman. Also participating were ADA President - Dr. Rich Rosato, 16<sup>th</sup> District Trustee - Dr. Jim Mercer, Executive Director Phil Latham and SCDA Associate Executive Director Mark Brown.

President Baker recognized Dr. Hall for the invocation.

President Baker asked if there were any conflicts of interest and there being none, on a motion by Dr. Hall, seconded by Dr. Millwood, the consent agenda was unanimously approved, and Dr. Mackenzie Long was granted voting privileges for the Coastal District.

President Baker recognized Mr. John Hobbs of The Hobbs Group to present the 2025 SCDA audit. Mr. Hobbs provided a brief history for the new Board members and noted that once again, the audit was “clean” with no issues discovered. He also mentioned that the SCDA remained in a strong financial position, SCDA had no major debt, was involved in no legal issues and no internal deficiencies were discovered and that the SCDA staff were extremely helpful during the audit process.

At the conclusion of the audit report, President Baker dismissed the staff so the Board would have an opportunity to ask question to the auditor. After answering a few questions, on a motion by Dr. Hall, seconded by Dr. Millwood, the audit was unanimously approved.

President Baker recognized Dr. Mercer who made a few comments and introduced Dr. Rosato who engaged the Board in a number of topics from the ADA. He answered numerous questions and was thanked for his attendance and report.

President Baker recognized Mr. Latham for the Investment, Finance and Audit (IFA) report. Mr. Latham noted that despite the Iran conflict and higher prices, consumer confidence remained high, corporate earnings were exceeding expectations and rates were expected to be cut again before the end of the year. He added that all investment accounts were performing well when compared to the benchmarks and the outlook was positive for the rest of 2026. Lastly, Mr. Latham reported that the Executive Director’s direct expenses were approved.

President Baker recognized Dr. Crockett for the Legislative report. She mentioned a few bills that had been introduced in the new legislative session that the SCDA was monitoring but drew attention to the topics of tele dentistry, water fluoridation and the passage of the restrictive dental license bill which had been updated. Dr. Crockett also mentioned the need for several contact dentists who were needed for those legislators who serve on key Committees.

President Baker recognized Mr. Brown for his Member Benefits Group (MBG) report. Mr. Brown highlighted usage from the 4<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> quarters along with a financial review, recent marketing activities and Board actions. He also mentioned that the MBG Board would be considering several Bylaws changes at their upcoming meeting.

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President Baker recognized all the District representatives for an update on their recent activities, District meetings, etc.

President Baker mentioned the various reports that were available and asked Mr. Latham to email out Dr. Doug Alterman's report.

President Baker reminded everyone of the next SCDA Board meeting on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6 p.m. and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



John P. (Phil) Latham

The minutes of the SCDA April 29, 2026, Board of Governors Meeting were approved at the next SCDA Board of Governor's meeting.

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President – Dr. Baker

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Central District President – Dr. Balzer

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President-Elect – Dr. Cayouette

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Coastal District President – Dr. Lee

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Vice President – Dr. Hall

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Pee Dee District President – Dr. Karkanen

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Secretary-Treasurer – Dr. Millwood

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Piedmont District President – Dr. Gill

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Delegation Chair – Dr. Hicklin

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Immediate Past President/Speaker – Dr. Crockett

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Speaker – Dr. Howell