

SCDA Board of Governors Meeting
Wednesday, August 13, 2025
Gregg Park – Columbia, SC

President Deidre Crockett called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. with the following present: Drs. Carol Baker, Monica Cayouette, Jim Howell, Daniel Hall, Kaley Peek, Danielle Gill, Daniel Henderson, Scott Balzer, Mark Fowler, Tiffany Karkanen, Leslie Jordan, David Moss and Doug Alterman. Absent from the meeting was Dr. Michael Lee. Also participating were SCDA Legislative Chair Thomas Edmonds, MUSC ASDA representative Mary Alden Cooper, Executive Director Phil Latham and SCDA Associate Executive Director Mark Brown.

President Crockett recognized Dr. Cayouette for the invocation.

President Crockett asked if there were any conflicts of interest and there being none, on a motion by Dr. Baker, seconded by Dr. Hall the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

President Crockett recognized Dr. Moss for the Investment, Finance and Audit (IFA) report. Dr. Moss gave a summary of the investment accounts and mentioned that the Committee would be meeting the following day. He did point out that all the invested accounts were nearing over \$8.5 million with a 4.5% return.

President Crockett recognized Dr. Edmonds for the Legislative report. He followed up on several issues and mentioned that the tele dentistry bill and the MUSC bill would be heard in September, which was odd considering that the legislature was out of session. He added that several Committees were meeting in the off season to get a jump on the 2026 session. Dr. Edmonds also informed the Board that he would be stepping down as Legislative Chair at the end of 2025 but would stay engaged to assist the new Chair.

President Crockett recognized Mr. Brown who provided a report on what he saw as future challenges and possible initiatives for the SCDA in the coming years. After his presentation, several questions were asked and then the Board discussed a host of issues dealing with legislative items, membership and non-dues revenue.

President Crockett welcomed Ms. Mary Kenyon Jones with the South Carolina Oral Health Action Network who provided their annual report including updates on the public health infrastructure and leadership, statewide oral health surveillance, community water fluoridation, school-based sealant programs, medical dental integration and community oral health education. Lastly, Ms. Jones discussed the overwhelming success of the Columbia Marionette Theater and made a request for \$11,500 for the puppet shows in 2026.

President Crockett welcomed Dr. Kathie Williams and Ms. Robin Harriford for their annual report. They discussed their recent programs: Kickoff to Summer, Ollie the Otter promoting dental health, sensory nights, Dr. Rocky Day, Take Heart and Smile in Columbia and Myrtle Beach, the cooking lab and Halloween Hoopla. In closing they made their annual request of \$10,000 for the dental related activities in 2026.

After both groups were dismissed, the Board discussed both requests in detail and on a motion by Dr. Hall, seconded by Dr. Moss, the \$11,500 request was unanimously approved along with the \$10,000 request from EdVenture on a motion by Dr. Cayouette, seconded by Dr. Balzer.

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President Crockett recognized Mr. Brown who provided the Member Benefits Group report citing earnings, budget variances, marketing activities and recent board actions. Mr. Brown also provided an update on the District Bylaws project, mentioning that SCDA had met with 3 of the 4 Districts and hopefully the edits would be presented at a future meeting.

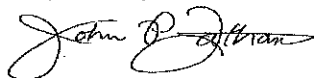
President Crockett recognized Mr. Latham who led a discussion on a recent request from the Dental Community Fellowship Clinic ran by Dr. Bill Sasser. They were requesting funds to help get through the remaining year. The Board discussed this in length and with the SCDA having monies in another account outside the SCDA main account, the Board unanimously approved a \$25,000 donation on a motion by Dr. Moss, seconded by Dr. Howell. It was also discussed that rather than just mailing the check, some type of event be set up to do a formal presentation.

President Crockett recognized Dr. Alterman who reported: on the 2029 class, where the recent graduating class continued their studies or work, post-graduation survey of students where 93% of MUSC students reported a high quality of education received, new faculty, other dental clinics around the state, innovation training, the Carlos Salinas and Special Needs programs and the new recurring \$4.8 million for in state tuition relief.

President Crockett recognized the ASDA representative who updated the Board on recruitment, their legislative liaison, lunch and learns along with upcoming activities.

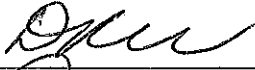
President Crockett reminded everyone of the final SCDA Board meeting on October 17 with a dinner the night before and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

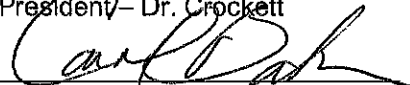
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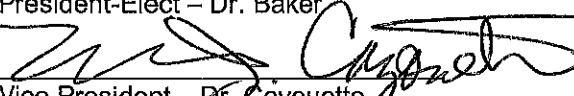


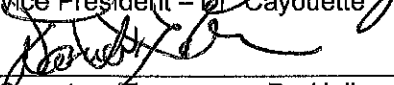
John P. (Phil) Latham

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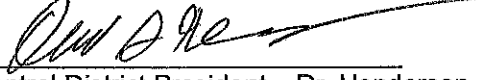


President – Dr. Crockett

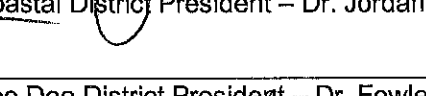
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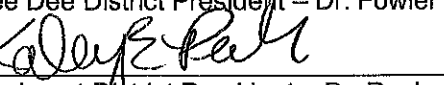
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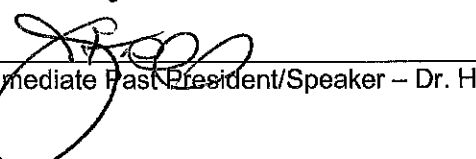
Secretary-Treasurer – Dr. Hall

Delegation Chair – Dr. Moss

Central District President – Dr. Henderson

Coastal District President – Dr. Jordan

Pee Dee District President – Dr. Fowler

Piedmont District President – Dr. Peek

Immediate Past President/Speaker – Dr. Howell