

SCDA Board of Governors Meeting
Wednesday, January 14, 2026
ZOOM Board Meeting

President Carol Baker called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with the following participating: Drs. Monica Cayouette, Jim Howell, Daniel Hall, Deidre Crockett, Greg Millwood, Tiffany Karkanen, Mary Machowski, Danielle Gill, Tywana Groce, Michael Lee, Mackenize Long, John Edmunds, and Anna Louise Hicklin. Absent from the meeting were Drs. Scott Balzer and Doug Alterman. Also participating were ADA 16th District Trustee Jim Mercer, MUSC ASDA students Mary Alden Cooper and Caroline Stokenbury, Executive Director Phil Latham, SCDA Associate Executive Director Mark Brown and SCDA Membership Manager Maie Burke.

President Baker recognized Dr. Hall for the invocation.

President Baker asked for everyone to introduce themselves.

President Baker asked if there were any conflicts of interest and there being none, on a motion by Dr. Hall, seconded by Dr. Cayouette the consent agenda was unanimously approved. Also, on a motion by Dr. Hall, seconded by Dr. Machowski, Dr. Edmunds was granted voting privileges for the Central District.

President Baker recognized Mr. Brown who drew attention to the communications piece drafted by the SCDA attorney regarding legal information when it comes to communication.

President Baker recognized Dr. Cayouette for the Investment, Finance and Audit (IFA) report. Dr. Cayouette gave a summary of the recent IFA Committee meeting mentioning that the market was doing very well and all investment accounts were performing well when compared to the benchmarks and the outlook was positive for the rest of 2026. She also mentioned a minor change that had been made to the accounts to keep them in line and that the Executive Director's direct expenses were approved.

President Baker recognized Mr. Brown who provided an update that in review of the district's policies and Bylaws, there were a couple of districts who had a surety bond and a couple who did not, but they were not in agreement with each other. Mr. Brown mentioned that all districts should have said policy with the same amount of coverage and that it should be underwritten by the SCDA's endorsed carrier. Although this did not require a Board vote, Mr. Brown mentioned that he would do the administrative work and follow up to make sure each district was provided with the necessary information to vote on at their Spring District meetings.

President Baker welcomed Dr. Fabio Rizzonte from MUSC who spoke about a joint continuing education effort involving digital dentistry. He spoke to an actual event lasting one day and a half, speakers, sponsors, etc. but would really want SCDA's support for this in hopes that it might become an annual event. The Board thanked Dr. Rizzonte for his presentation and discussed the event and request in detail. On a motion by Dr. Hall, seconded by Dr. Millwood, the Board unanimously agreed to an \$8,000 sponsorship, be included in the planning of this event and directed Mr. Latham to reach out to SCDA Member Benefits to ask if they would be willing to make this donation.

President Baker recognized Mr. Brown for his report on the SCDA medical plan and the member benefits report. Mr. Brown mentioned that it was very early in the year and a more thorough report would be provided in March regarding Member Benefits Group. Mr. Brown

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offered a detailed update on the health plan through South Carolina Blue Cross and Blue Shield as the renewal process was underway.

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 and water fluoridation. Dr. Crockett also mentioned the need for several contact dentists who were needed especially for those legislators who serve on key Committees.

President Baker recognized each District for a follow up report from the SCDA House of Delegates:

Piedmont, Dr. Groce reported:

- Strong opposition to having billboards advertising SCDA;
- Concerns about third parties overreaching;
- Felt person to person for membership growth was key;
- Discussions about a joint meeting with Greenville Society Study Club; and
- New member mixer being planned.

Central, Dr. Edmunds reported:

- They were reviewing non-member lists' and
- Had planned their Spring meeting to be held at Stone River.

Pee Dee, Dr. Karkanen reported:

- They were reviewing non-member lists;
- They were taking the divide and conquer approach; and
- They had planned their Spring meeting with Dr. Loring Ross.

Coastal, Dr. Lee reported:

- They were working their non-member lists; and
- They were having their spring meeting in May.

President Baker recognized Ms. Burke for a membership report. Ms. Burke mentioned that the dues process had gone much smoother than in 2025 and the issues were not nearly as numerous. She also provided a detailed report on the numbers that currently SCDA had 504 dentists left to renew, but that was better when compared to previous years. She also reported that SCDA stood at a 67.8% market share. In a related matter, Ms. Burke reviewed the voluntary dues contributions received thus far as compared to previous years.

President Baker recognized Ms. Cooper and Ms. Stokenbury from MUSC for their report. They spoke on several items including ASDA National Leadership Conference in Chicago, District #4 ASDA meeting in Atlanta, Vendor Fair, Pre Dental Day at MUSC, Field Day/Golf events and the Senior banquet.

President Baker mentioned the various reports that had been provided to the Board as information and the Board discussed in detail Donated Dental Services (DDS). On a motion by

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Dr. Hicklin, seconded by Dr. Crockett, the Board unanimously approved a letter from President Baker be sent to the SCDA membership regarding DDS and asking for volunteers.

President Baker reminded everyone of the next SCDA Board meeting on Friday, March 6th at 9 a.m. via ZOOM and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



John P. (Phil) Latham

The minutes of the SCDA January 14, 2026, Board of Governors Meeting were approved at the next SCDA Board of Governor's meeting.

President – Dr. Baker

Central District President – Dr. Balzer

President-Elect – Dr. Cayouette

Coastal District President – Dr. Lee

Vice President – Dr. Hall

Pee Dee District President – Dr. Karkanen

Secretary-Treasurer – Dr. Millwood

Piedmont District President – Dr. Gill

Delegation Chair – Dr. Hicklin

Immediate Past President/Speaker – Dr. Crockett

Speaker – Dr. Howell