

SCDA Board of Governors Meeting
Wednesday, June 4, 2025
ZOOM Board Meeting

President Deidre Crockett called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with the following participating: Drs. Carol Baker, Monica Cayouette, Jim Howell, Daniel Hall, Kaley Peek, Daniel Henderson, Mark Fowler, Leslie Jordan, Tiffany Karkanen, David Moss, Danielle Gill, Scott Balzer and Michael Lee. Absent from the meeting was Dr. Doug Alterman. Also participating were ADA 16th District Trustee Jim Mercer, MUSC ASDA students Alexis Randall and Kerbie Matthews, 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 recent IFA Committee meeting mentioning there had been and will continue to be some volatility in the market due to tariff discussions, but US stocks were starting to look attractive, unemployment was under 4.3%, jobless claims were down, inflation was low and the earnings report was favorable. He also reported that the SCDA accounts all remained in good shape. The Committee agreed to hold their face-to-face meeting in conjunction with the Annual Session being held in August and unanimously approved the Executive Director's direct expenses.

President Crockett recognized Mr. Latham who reported that Dr. Craig Little, Chair of the IFA Committee had to step down, but Dr. Ben Adams had agreed to assume that role. On a motion by Dr. Cayouette, seconded by Dr. Hall, Dr. Adams was unanimously approved as the new Chair.

President Crockett recognized Mr. Latham who introduced Dr. Isabel Driggers who addressed the Board on several issues going on with the Special Needs population in South Carolina and lack of access to care. She mentioned the work at the MUSC Special Needs clinic, but noted more was needed and wanted to make the SCDA aware and ask if there was anything they could do to address the issues. Dr. Driggers answered several questions and was thanked for her report.

President Crockett recognized Dr. Mercer for a report from the ADA. He discussed numerous items the ADA was working on including Salesforce/Fonteva, a search firm to help select the next Executive Director, great work being done by Dr. Betsy Shapiro, the financial issues, working on new budget, the ADA cutting programs to achieve financial stability and SmileCon going away after 2025.

President Crockett recognized Mr. Latham for the Legislative report. He followed up on a host of bills all of which will carry over until 2026 and these included the hygiene bill, SCDA's tele dentistry, a ban on fluoride bill and a bill supported by MUSC to address instructor's licenses.

President Crockett recognized Mr. Brown for the Member Benefits Group report. Mr. Brown provided a comparison of usage from past quarters, budget variances and recent marketing activities. He also provided a summary of recent Board actions.

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President Crockett recognized Mr. Latham for a membership report. He explained the continued challenges of the new ADA AMS system and how it had slowed membership renewal considerably. He also reported that staff were comparing information name to name and date to date to get the accounting matched up so money could be forwarded to the ADA.

President Crockett recognized Dr. Baker who proposed the dates for the 2026 SCDA Board meetings. On a motion by Dr. Howell, seconded by Dr. Baker, these were unanimously approved and appear below:

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| • Wednesday, January 14, 2026 | ZOOM SCDA Board Meeting 6 p.m. |
| • Friday, March 6, 2026 | ZOOM SCDA Board Meeting 9 a.m. |
| • Wednesday, April 29, 2026 | SCDA Board Meeting 4 p.m. |
| • Wednesday, June 3, 2026 | ZOOM SCDA Board meeting 6 p.m. |
| • Friday, August 14, 2026 | ZOOM SCDA Board Meeting 9 a.m. |
| • Friday, October 23, 2026 | SCDA Board Meeting 9 a.m. |
| • Friday, December 4, 2026 | SCDA House of Delegates 9 a.m. |

President Crockett recognized Mr. Brown who discussed a follow up issue from the previous meeting regarding dentists asking permission to provide virtual continuing education to the SCDA membership. Mr. Brown reported that the Task Force met and recommended the following along with a form to be completed by the potential speaker:

Any MUSC faculty member or endorsed company approaching the SCDA for a webinar may be granted by SCDA staff with final approval by the SCDA Executive Director. Any other individual asking for permission will be discussed by the SCDA Executive Board and a final decision made by them. All speakers will be asked to complete a webinar request form.

On a motion by Dr. Hall, seconded by Dr. Moss, this new policy was unanimously approved.

President Crockett recognized Mr. Brown who provided an update to the Board regarding a new item on the agenda for the districts to share news from their meetings.

Central: Dr. Henderson reported that the Central District held their spring meeting, voted to approve a scholarship to the SCDA Foundation and were reviewing some minor changes to their Bylaws to remain in compliance.

Piedmont: Dr. Peek reported that the Piedmont District held their spring meeting, had done a big push for the Donated Dental Services, discussed inviting sponsors to their future meetings, had planned a summer mixer on July 17th and was working to provide a better social media presence.

Coastal: Dr. Jordan reported that Coastal held their spring meeting, voted to approve a scholarship to the SCDA Foundation and was getting involved with the North Charleston dental outreach program.

Pee Dee: Dr. Fowler reported that Pee Dee held their spring meeting and voted to approve a scholarship to the SCDA Foundation.

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President Crockett recognized Mr. Brown who provided comments on behalf of Dr. Alterman who was absent from the meeting. He reported on the financial status, two new faculty staff, recent graduation where the ADA President was in attendance, new class of 2029 which composed of 60% female/40% male, upcoming White Coat ceremony and MUSC leading the nation on a recent survey ranking student satisfaction.

President Crockett recognized the ASDA students who updated the Board on their new officers, thanked the SCDA for the recent scholarships, upcoming ASDA events and partnering with the SCDA on future lunch and learns.

President Crockett asked Mr. Latham to provide an update on recent meetings regarding "dental only" Ambulatory Surgical Centers and meetings with the State Board and MUSC.

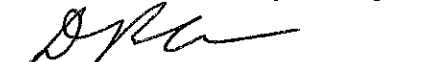
President Crockett reminded everyone of the upcoming Annual Session in August and the next SCDA Board meeting on Wednesday, August 13th at 4 p.m. and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

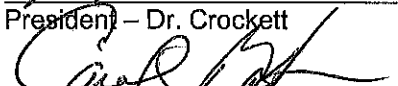
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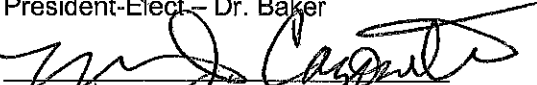


John P. (Phil) Latham

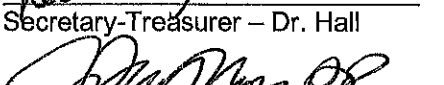
The minutes of the SCDA June 4, 2025, Board of Governors Meeting were approved at the next SCDA Board meeting on August 13, 2025.



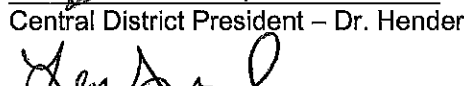
President – Dr. Crockett

President-Elect – Dr. Baker

Vice President – Dr. Cayouette

Secretary-Treasurer – Dr. Hall

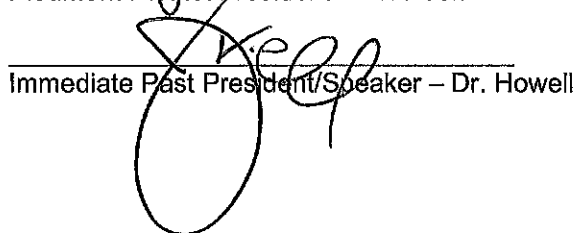
Delegation Chair – Dr. Moss

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