

SCDA Board of Governors Meeting
Friday, March 14, 2025
ZOOM Board Meeting

President Deidre Crockett called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.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, and Doug Alterman. Absent from the meeting were Drs. Danielle Gill, Scott Balzer and Michael Lee. Also participating were ADA 16th District Trustee Jim Mercer, SCDA Legislative Chair Thomas Edmonds, MUSC ASDA students Mary Alden Cooper and Luke Bynum, Executive Director Phil Latham, SCDA Associate Executive Director Mark Brown and SCDA Membership Manager Maie Burke.

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 some volatility in the market due to tariff discussions, but the jobs report was good, and the treasury yield had come down. He also reported that the SCDA accounts all remained in good shape, the Committee approved a minor change to the SCDA Investment Policy Statement to include metallic ratings of bonds as that had been a new trend and that the Executive Director's direct expenses were approved.

President Crockett recognized Mr. Brown who provided a history of the SCDA Restrictive Reserve Account noting that the account had grown to well over the \$500,000 targeted amount and the goal of the Committee back when the account was established was to move monies once it grew over the targeted amount. On a motion by Dr. Baker, seconded by Dr. Hall, the Board unanimously approved additional language below (highlighted/underlined) to Section 410 of the SCDA Operations Manual:

Section 410 – Restrictive Reserves
(HOD Approved 12-2-2011)

The SCDA has a restricted reserve account held separately from the general operating account. This reserve account is also separate from the current SCDA invested funds.

Once the restricted reserve account balance reaches \$500,000, any funds in excess of said \$500,000 shall be transferred to either the SCDA operating account or the SCDA Investment account upon approval by the SCDA Board of Governors.

The funds in the restricted reserve account cannot be used unless the expenditure is approved by the HOD. If circumstances prevent a called meeting within 30 days, then a 2/3 vote of the SCDA Board is required to authorize the use of these funds. The initial amount of money used to begin this restricted reserve account was determined by the BOG.

On a motion by Dr. Cayouette, seconded by Dr. Hall, the Board unanimously approved a transfer of \$65,000 from the SCDA restrictive reserve account to the SCDA main investment account.

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President Crockett recognized Mr. Brown for an update on the State Board report that had occurred in January. Mr. Brown covered the topics of discussion regarding continuing education, CE Broker, imposed fines, open seats on the State Board, testing agencies and the next meeting date on April 4th.

President Crockett recognized Dr. Edmonds for the Legislative report. He followed up on a few bills that had been pre filed but concentrated on the new State Board regulation that had passed out of the Senate subcommittee, a hygiene bill that had been introduced and SCDA's tele dentistry bill that had been introduced. Dr. Edmonds also mentioned that the new Task Force to look at the South Carolina Code of laws regarding licensure would be meeting late March and Dr. Alterman added information regarding the current licensure laws and how it was causing some difficulty at MUSC when it came to hiring faculty trained outside the United States.

Dr. Alterman continued with his MUSC report mentioning the class of 2029, the upcoming Honors Convocation and Graduation, GPR program in Florence, clinic in Marion County, working in unison with MUSC Health, the recent Alumni weekend, Scholar's Day, Give Back a Smile event and the new innovation lab.

President Crockett recognized Ms. Burke for a membership report. Ms. Burke updated the Board on numerous issues with the new ADA AMS system and how it had slowed membership renewal considerably. She reported that SCDA still had 239 non-renewals. The Board discussed in detail ways to have dentists renew including letters, phone calls, etc. Dr. Mercer personally thanked Ms. Burke for all the extra work she had been doing regarding the new system. In addition, Ms. Burke reviewed the voluntary dues contributions received thus far as compared to previous years.

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.

President Crockett spoke to an invitation regarding attendance to the upcoming ASDA Senior banquet and upon a motion by Dr. Hall, seconded by Dr. Baker, the Board voted unanimously to cover the cost up to 8 attendees to this function.

President Crockett recognized Mr. Latham who spoke to a possible sponsorship to WellVista and their statewide dental activities. After a brief discussion, on a motion by Dr. Cayouette, seconded by Hall, the Board unanimously approved a \$2,500 sponsorship.

President Crockett recognized Mr. Brown who discussed an increase from dentists asking permission to provide virtual continuing education to the SCDA membership. The Board discussed this in detail outlining the positives and negatives. President Crockett announced that she would form a Task Force to investigate, come up with some recommendations and report back at a later date.

President Crockett recognized Dr. Mercer for a report from the ADA. He discussed numerous items the ADA was working on including Salesforce/Fonteva, the resignation of the Executive Director, Dr. Betsy Shapiro taking over as interim, the new ADA office building, Strategic

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Forecasting, ADA reserves, the Academy for Private Dental Practices, numerous membership pilot projects and fluoride.

President Crockett recognized the ASDA students who updated the Board on the District 4 conference where MUSC received the outstanding chapter and outstanding individual awards, State Lobby Day recently held in Columbia, upcoming ADA Lobby Day, ASDA Annual Session in Kansas City, pre dental day and the Senior banquet. In closing they thanked SCDA for all of its' support.

President Crockett recognized Dr. Moss who mentioned that the American College would be holding an Ethics Day at MUSC on March 28th co-sponsored by Donated Dental Services.

President Crockett mentioned the information reports that had been sent to the Board, reminded everyone of the upcoming Annual Session in August and the next SCDA Board meeting on Wednesday, June 4th at 6 p.m. and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

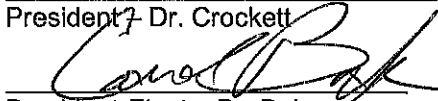


John P. (Phil) Latham

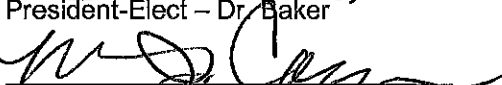
The minutes of the SCDA March 14, 2025, Board of Governors Meeting were approved at the next SCDA Board meeting on June 4, 2025.



President - Dr. Crockett



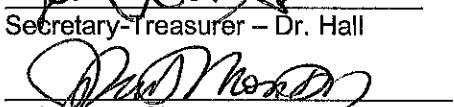
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Vice President - Dr. Cayouette



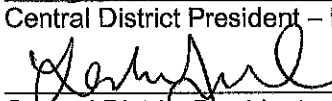
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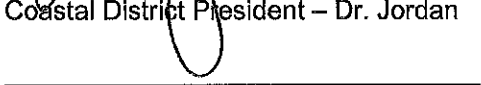
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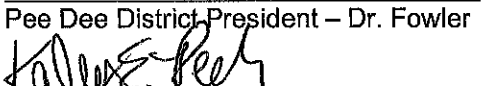
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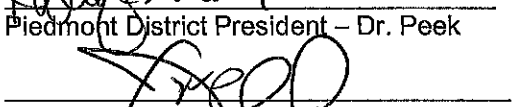
Coastal District President - Dr. Jordan



Pee Dee District President - Dr. Fowler



Piedmont District President - Dr. Peek



Immediate Past President/Speaker - Dr. Howell