

SCDA Board of Governors Meeting
Friday, March 6, 2026
ZOOM Board Meeting

President Carol Baker called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. with the following participating: Drs. Monica Cayouette, Jim Howell, Daniel Hall, Deidre Crockett, Greg Millwood, Tiffany Karkanen, Mary Machowski, Danielle Gill, Tywana Groce, John Edmunds, Scott Balzer, Doug Alterman and Anna Louise Hicklin. Absent from the meeting were Drs. Michael Lee and Mackenzie Long. Also participating was ASDA student Walker Barrett, 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 if there were any conflicts of interest and there being none, on a motion by Dr. Hicklin, seconded by Dr. Millwood, the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

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 that the Executive Director's direct expenses were approved.

President Baker recognized Mr. Latham who presented two bank account proposals to help clear up the numerous accounts the SCDA had. On a motion by Dr. Cayouette, seconded by Dr. Crockett, the Board unanimously voted to close the SCDA DAD account and move those funds into the SCDA Foundation account. On a motion by Dr. Millwood, seconded by Dr. Hicklin, the Board unanimously voted to close the old ADA/SCDA Disaster Relief Fund and transfer those funds into the SCDA Disaster Relief Fund.

President Baker recognized Mr. Latham who presented information and a request from the South Carolin Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (SCAPD) who were asking for a sponsorship for their upcoming meeting. After a brief discussion, on a motion by Dr. Cayouette, seconded by Dr. Balzer, the Board unanimously voted to give a \$1,000 sponsorship to the SCAPD.

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 Ms. Burke for a membership report. Ms. Burke mentioned that the SCDA was probably going to end up with a 60+% market share due to the non-renews. She explained the numerous attempts by all to try and get the non-renews to pay. Ms. Burke also reviewed the voluntary dues contributions received thus far as compared to previous years.

Several Board members led a detailed discussion that it was time to look at other ways to attract membership with a focus on those dentists affiliated with Dental Service Organizations (DSO's). Many Board members felt a Task Force was needed to be established to look further into this and see what options were available.

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President Baker recognized Mr. Brown for his Member Benefits Group report. Mr. Brown highlighted usage from the 3rd and 4th quarters along with a financial review, recent marketing activities and Board actions.

President Baker recognized Dr. Alterman for his MUSC report. He reported on the coordination with MUSC on clinics around the state, the GPR program in Florence, a successful alumni weekend, recent awards, the Scholar's Day program held on February 20th, upcoming graduation events, the incoming Class of 2030 and new faculty members.

President Baker recognized Mr. Walker Barrett from MUSC for the ASDA report. He spoke on several items including Research Day, Vendor Fair, upcoming State Lobby Day on March 17th and the ASDA Golf Tournament.

President Baker mentioned the various reports that had been provided to the Board as information.

President Baker reminded everyone of the next SCDA Board meeting on Wednesday, April 29th at 3 p.m. to kick off the Annual Session in Myrtle Beach and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



John P. (Phil) Latham

The minutes of the SCDA March 6, 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