



Dental Assisting National Board, Inc.  
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## **Summary of major actions taken by DANB's Board of Directors at the Winter 2021 Board Meeting**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Winter 2021 DANB and DALE Foundation Board Meetings were held virtually through a series of webinars between February 2 – 16, 2021.

DANB Directors in attendance:

Michael Conte, D.M.D., M.P.H., Chair; Denise Romero, CDA, COA, FADAA, RDA, M.A., Ed.D., Vice Chair; Lois Bell, CDA, CPFDA, CRFDA, MADAA, Secretary-Treasurer; Karen Comisi, CDA, RDA, FADAA; Sandra Garcia, CDA, RDA, FADAA, FAADOM; Steven Holm, D.D.S.; Meagan Morton, CDA; Connie Reed, CDA, EFDA, B.S.; Esther Scherb, D.M.D., J.D.

DANB's Executive Director Cindy Durley, M.Ed., MBA, serves as ex officio on DANB's Board of Directors and the DALE Foundation's Board of Trustees.

### **Strategic Plan**

The Board approved the priorities for FY 20-21 as outlined in the Integrated DANB/DALE Foundation Strategic Plan.

### **Policy updates**

Edits to the following policies were approved by the Board and can be accessed on DANB's website:

- Background Information Policy
- Application statements
- Requesting a New Exam Testing Window
- Exam Cancellation
- Candidate Signature/Authorization to Release Information
- DANB's Code of Professional Conduct

The Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP), the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) and the Dental Advancement through Learning and Education Foundation (DALE Foundation) adopted the new OSAP-DANB-DALE Foundation Code of Professional Conduct.

### **DANB Exam Program Updates**

The Board approved the reweighted and reorganized OSAP-DANB DISIPC Exam Outline and Suggested References, effective Jan. 1, 2022.

The Board approved the weighting and organization changes to the DANB RHS Exam Outline and References. RHS exam changes will be effective starting April 1, 2022.

### **DANB Candidate Services Updates**

Updates to DANB's National Entry Level Dental Assistant (NELDA), Certified in Dental Infection Prevention and Control™ (CDIPC™) and Dental Industry Specialist in Infection Prevention and Control™ (DISIPCTM) certification eligibility requirements were approved. Current eligibility requirements and pathways can be found on DANB's website.

### **ADAA/DANB Scholarship**

In 2013, DANB and the ADAA formed a joint committee to establish parameters for an ADAA/DANB Scholarship, to be supported with matching funds from both organizations and to be awarded each year at the ADAA Annual Meeting. This scholarship is open to all ADAA members in good standing. The 2021 scholarship deadline to apply was Nov. 1, 2020. To be considered for the scholarship, applicants must submit a completed application, a letter of intent, responses to additional questions, and any required documentation.

The scholarship committee selected three winners to receive funds to go toward their dental assisting goals:

- Carman Duerr, CDA, FADAA
- Sydney Rogers
- Sarah Stream, CDA, FADAA

See the DANB website for more details

### **Upcoming DALE Foundation Board of Directors Meetings**

The DALE Foundation Board of Trustees will hold its next annual board meeting Aug. 5, 2021 and its next winter meeting Feb. 3, 2022. Additionally, the Board of Trustees will meet by conference calls throughout the year, between its scheduled winter and annual meetings.

### **DANB Board of Director Updates**

The Board re-elect Meagan Morton, CDA, to a second three-year term on DANB's Board of Directors, as ADAA clinical dental assistant nominee, to commence 9/1/21 and expire 8/31/24.

The Board elected Kimberly Plate, B.S., CDA, CPFDA, CRFDA, to serve the first of a possible two three-year terms on DANB's Board of Directors, to commence 9/1/21 and expire 8/31/24. Ms. Plate will follow the position to be vacated by ADAA member educator nominee Denise Romero on 8/31/21.

The Board elected Dr. Frank Maggio to serve the first of a possible two three-year terms on DANB's Board of Directors, to commence 9/1/21 and expire 8/31/24. Dr. Maggio will follow the position to be vacated by AADB nominee Karen Comisi on 8/31/21.

### **Upcoming DANB Board of Directors Meetings**

The DANB Board of Directors will hold its next Annual meeting Aug. 6-7, 2021, and its next Winter meeting Feb. 4-5, 2022. Additionally, the Board of Directors will meet by other conference calls throughout the year, between its two scheduled in person meetings.