

South Dakota Board of Dentistry
Administrative Rules Hearing
St Charles Hotel; Pierre, SD
June 13, 2008; 10:00 am

Board Chairman Dr. Jim Nyberg called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. He asked Steve Willard to serve as the hearing officer. Willard called the roll.

Present were: Nyberg, Dr. Geoff Johnson, Dr. Roger Wilson, Dr. Randy Sachau, Audrey Ticknor RDH, Dr. Robin Hattervig, Joan Adam, and staff Steve Willard and Pat Stearns. Guests were: Paul Knecht, SD Dental Association, Raye Brown, SD Dental Hygienists Association, and Rhonda Bradberry, Lake Area Vocational Technical Institute.

Willard reviewed the proposed administrative rules change. It would allow a licensee (dentist, dental hygienist, and dental assistant) to take a maximum of 20 hours of continuing education as home study in a single licensing cycle, rather than the current limit of 10 hours.

The issue arose two meetings ago because online technology has made great improvements and because remote licensees were having trouble fulfilling their educational requirements. A committee of Hattervig and Ticknor proposed the change and the language was reviewed at length with each of the professional associations at the last regular Board meeting.

The office had not received any written comments. Willard asked if anyone present wished to testify in favor or opposed to the change. Paul Knecht, of the SD Dental Association spoke in support of the change, as did Rhonda Bradberry of Lake Area Vocational Technical Institute. Raye Brown added that the members of the dental hygiene association were also supportive.

Nyberg asked if there was any other discussion. There was none and the hearing was closed at 10:16 am.

Steve Willard