EXECUTIVE REPORT

1. AADB 13th Annual Meeting --- October 17 and 18 marks AADB’s 134th Annual Meeting, which will be in Atlanta this year. Our meeting program has been finalized, and Members have been given updates on all the CE sessions. Registration numbers are running 10-15% ahead of last year. Hotel registrations have also followed suit. We look forward to a great program and very good attendance. Contact the AADB office if you have any questions about our program.

2. AADB 2018 Mid-Year Meeting --- The AADB 2018 Mid-Year Meeting has been set for April 22 and 23, 2018 in Chicago. We will move from the traditional space in the American Dental Association (ADA) building (also our headquarters) to the Embassy Suites Chicago Downtown Magnificent Mile. This premier Embassy Suites is in downtown Chicago, only four blocks from the AADB and ADA headquarters. We have secured some very nice space within the hotel at good price points. The room rate drops from last year’s $237/night to $179/night, addressing some of the Members’ concerns about expense.

3. Board of Director Nominations --- An email was sent to all Members earlier this week, setting forth the nominees for various AADB Board of Director positions. Within the next week, a profile for each nominee will also be sent to all Members. This profile will include an updated biography or CV, a vision or personal statement, and a photo of the candidate.

4. Financial Report --- The books have been closed for our 2016-2017 Fiscal Year, ending on June 30, 2017. We are happy to announce that we exceeded the bottom line by approximately $60,000. The 2016-2017 Budget called for a deficit of almost $45,000. We wound up with a surplus of just over $15,000. Helping the bottom line was an increase in membership dues, strong revenue from the Clearinghouse for Board Actions, a sizable underrun in wages and benefits, and good general expense management.

5. Membership Dues --- We have collected about 75% of our membership dues. First and second dues invoices were sent in July and August. We would like to move closer to 100% collection as soon as possible.
For those Members who have yet to make payment, we would greatly appreciate your remittance in September. Renew online – it’s fast, easy and secure. Thank you for your support.

6. **Clearinghouse for Board Actions** --- Everything continues to run smoothly with the AADB Clearinghouse. State board orders are entered into the Clearinghouse database within 15 days of their receipt in our office. Clearinghouse queries continue to be processed and mailed back to the requesting individuals within 48 hours of their receipt.

7. **AADB Supports Hurricane Harvey Efforts** --- Adventist Medical Evangelism Network (AMEN) is offering an emergency dental clinic for Hurricane Harvey evacuees. Their organization contacted AADB requesting expedited self-queries for the out-of-state temporary licensure process. Staff coordinated with AMEN and the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners to process these queries in an expedited fashion and waived query fees for the professionals participating in this event. Our thoughts go out to all those impacted by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

8. **AADB Composite** --- The 29th Edition (2018) of the Composite is well along the way. We have data submissions from about 30 states, so we still need many state boards to transmit new data for the 29th Edition. We are very grateful to the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) for its agreement to once again serve as the primary sponsor for the Composite.

9. **AADB Tele-Seminar Program** --- Our first two tele-seminars went off very well. Very solid attendance and very good participation. We are working on two more programs for the next two months. Details should be forthcoming within the next week or two. Please feel free to submit topical candidates to my attention at rhetke@dentalboards.org.

10. **The AADB Website** --- Three AADB staff members are reviewing the AADB website on a page-by-page basis to make content changes as appropriate. We are also nearly ready to unveil a group of forum pages, which will allow AADB Members may more easily network, share information, and help one another. This new forum will be discussed at the AADB 134th Annual Meeting next month and rolled out immediately thereafter.

11. **Presentation at Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) Meeting** --- I made a short presentation at a major DANB meeting in early August. My ten-minute talk summarized the state of affairs at AADB and provided a preview of our 134th Annual Meeting next month in Atlanta. I also had a chance to discuss a potential tele-seminar that DANB would produce for AADB later this year.

12. **Association Outreach** --- During the last month, we have had meetings with executive directors of many dental-related associations. These organizations have included the American Association of Endodontists, the Academy of Laser Dentistry, and the Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention. We have explored potential joint activities, sponsorships, and information exchanges as well as simply gaining more knowledge about these groups.

13. **Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) Meeting Attendance** --- AADB Director of Operations Aaron Adair and I attended a CODA meeting as observers in early August. We are trying to have at least one AADB staff member attend all of these types of meetings when invitations are received.

14. **AADB on Social Media** --- Just another reminder that AADB is now on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter. We are posting AADB news and items of interest almost daily. Take a moment to follow us today!

15. **Breaking News and New Developments Emails** --- Headquarters is monitoring various sources on the internet for stories relating to the dental profession. These stories are reviewed by staff for inclusion in email bulletins sent to Members and via social media posts. We hope these updates are helpful for our Members. If you are aware of news our members might enjoy reading, email AADB at info@dentalboards.org.
16. **The AADB Foundation** --- The AADB Foundation is in the process of being reformulated. This makeover includes a new set of corporate documents that are more succinct and reflective of the purposes of the foundation. We will provide an update on the foundation during the AADB 134th Annual Meeting next month.

17. **Call for Sponsors** --- We currently have only three sponsors for the AADB 134th Annual Meeting, four short of our goal for that event. It’s not too late to entice a potential sponsor. Please let us know of any good prospects, and we will contact them. Email info@dentalboards.org.

18. **On a Lighter Note** --- We recently discovered that AADB maintained a safe deposit box at a nearby bank. With much anticipation, we made arrangements for the box to be opened. Our imaginations ran wild thinking about the possible contents. Alas, when the box was opened, it contained a half dozen computer tapes (utilizing a long-obsolete technology) of AADB meetings from the early 1990’s, and a dozen rubber bands. So much for intrigue.

I hope to see many of you in Atlanta next month.

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