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SCDA Prepares To Launch "MOM" Project

By Phil Smith

"Dentists Making a Difference, A Heritage of Commitment", Dr. Mercer's call to action, is the essence of the SCDA's new project. Dentistry has long held the position that we are the directors of oral health in the community. And the dentists of this state are soon to be called upon to step forward and offer a hand to our needy adults.

The SCDA Board received information about the successful "Mission of Mercy" (MOM) clinic days that have been held in North Carolina and Virginia. There have been 36 MOM clinics held in Virginia since 2000, and more than 28,000 patients have received dental care. North Carolina has just held its first very successful clinic and South Carolina is developing a model to stage its first mission clinic day.

It is important to identify how the MOM clinic days differ from other single day clinics like Give Kids A Smile. Unlike GKAS, the MOM clinics are not sponsored by the dental society. They are organized and promoted by a local community entity. A church or civic club can be an active host.

"Actually, the success of the day greatly depends upon the involvement of the community," says Dr. Alec Parker, Director of the NC Dental Society. "We learned that this was best presented as a community project." The partnership then extends to the provision of food, enrollment of patients, advertising, security and local volunteers. Dentists are partners, but they serve only to provide the treatment. Patient eligibility will depend upon personal income and the bulk of the care is free.



Besides the obvious helping hand to those in need, the Mission of Mercy dental day represents that concerned dentists are part of the solution. "Everyone recognizes that clinic days cannot change the face of access to care issues," explains North Carolina organizer Dr. Steve Slot, "but they can come a long way in offering resolution of urgent oral health distress." Dr. Slot and the Virginia Dental Association have expanded their mobile clinic hardware. Today each state owns approximately 30 dental units and the required onsite compressors and suctions to establish a clinic. Designed like a MASH facility, there are cabinets of supplies and autoclaves that can be "dropped" to any location and be working in a few hours. Virginia can bring in the logistical support and supplies for a cost of \$10 to \$15 per patient. Community donations and underwriters provide the money.

It is interesting to note that the pool of volunteer dentists differs from those who might participate in GKAS. In implementation there seems to be no shortage in dental team volunteers. The success of the MOM project makes this a "bullet proof" effort for the community. SCDA is currently seeking an initial location for our MOM clinic. More information will follow.

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Convention Website To Open In December

By Phil Smith

The 2009 SCDA Convention Committee has been preparing for the Annual Session for almost four years. The members of the group have gone to great lengths to assure that our meeting is the best! And South Carolina has a wide reputation as being one of the top regional meetings. 2009 will be no exception, and may prove to be a benchmark year.


For the first time in SCDA history, the convention committee has designed and launched a dedicated website for the Annual Session. As you may recall, the previous internet site was tagged onto our SCDA website and allowed for registration and hotel contact only. The current SC Annual Session website will offer so much more! And hopefully will enhance your session experience. The launch will occur on December 15, 2008, so log on to www.SCDAannualsession.com and visit the project.

When you connect with the web address, you will see a page that offers a menu of events and attractions that promotes the meeting. As visitors click on the different sections, the prompt will open pages of content. There will be offered a selection of our speakers and their subjects, as well as future information pertaining to the lectures. For example, Drs. Barry and Rivers may invite submitted questions that would be addressed during their lecture. The social section will show pictures of our Saturday venue, the Ripley's Aquarium. Music and food and entertainment will be the course of the day! You will be able to listen to sound bites of the band for the Beach Party. The House of Delegates section will allow for the downloading of the agenda and other material, as well as verify the delegate's attendance.

Another beneficial feature will be the option to access free CE courses online from the ADA. A number of interesting courses will be available, many of them free! Visit the website frequently to get all of the available courses.

There is a national push to reduce the amount of wasted paper, and so this year's Annual Session will "go green". And as the ADA has done successfully, SCDA will provide for attendees to download all of their course outlines. There will also be special promotions from our exhibitors displayed on the sponsorship and commercial section.

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Dr. Phil Smith, Editor

“Rowing in the Same Direction”

The South Carolina Dental Association is undertaking a number of initiatives and projects. Many of the efforts are rather sizable challenges that require specific leadership, goals and implementation. And like any business model, results need to be evaluated.

However, these items on our radar screen represent solid ventures that will improve dentistry’s care for the public. It is the next part that I find most distressing: individual enrollment of the members to invest in the project. To personally support the directive that our dental association developed and endorsed! Give Kids A Smile, Mission of Mercy, Medicaid or political action, all of these need your involvement. Collective participation and personal responsibility will “make it or break it”.

Worse yet, we need you to participate not undermine the effort. It is regretful enough when a dentist may not favor the process, but please don’t impair it. We are all on the same team, and we should be rowing in the same direction. But sometimes we are not. So please commit to progress, please underwrite our goals and definitely be a part of the solution! Grab your oars and let’s go.

“The Apple Doesn’t Fall Far From the Tree”

A great example of coming on board ready to move the earth and stars is the National Children’s Dental Health Month Committee. Last year Rocky Napier and a committed cadre of dentists and auxiliaries reconfirmed South Carolina’s hold on the ADA’s Samuel D. Harris Award. In its “Cavity Free Community Campaign”, the SCDA promoted that by teaching children and their caregivers how to improve their oral health, they could foster a cavity-free environment.

For these activities, Rocky Napier established partnerships with assorted agencies and aggressively reached as many children as possible. Actually more than 70,000 kids were engaged in this positive dialogue! The EdVenture traveling exhibit, “The Future is Now: African Americans in Dentistry” presented a very positive message.

The Award carries a \$2000 cash prize that will be used for our 2009 activities. But the message I would like to highlight is that the NCDHM group were fearless about promoting great dentistry. They rowed toward the prize against many obstacles and carried the day! Congratulations.

Speaking of Congratulations:

One of South Carolina’s stellar dentists was recognized and honored at the 90th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. Dr. Robert Coles, an Oral Surgeon in Mauldin, SC, received the 2008 AAMOS Presidential Achievement Award.

Recognized as one of the highest honors, this award is bestowed upon those fellows who have made significant long-term contributions to the specialty. Dr. Coles was honored for his 13 years of service as a member of the AAMOS Committee on Practice Management and Professional Allied Staff, where his contributions led to the successful development of the Oral and Maxillofacial Anesthesia Assistants Program.

This is another wonderful example of giving for your profession beyond the usual limitations of time, expense or energy. Thank you for your contributions Dr. Robert Coles.

500 in 2009!

Till next time,
Phil

Master Calendar

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| Dec. 24-26 | SCDA Office closed for Christmas Holiday |
| Jan. 1-2 | SCDA Office closed for New Years Holiday |
| Jan. 9 | CDHM Meeting—SCDA Office, 10am-12pm |
| Jan. 9 | SCDA Access Project Meeting—SCDA Office, 9am-12pm |
| Jan. 9 | New Dentist Committee Meeting—SCDA Office, 10am-12pm |
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SCDA Member Benefits Group Corner

By Mark K. Brown

THE SCDA 2009 GROUP MEDICAL PLAN

The 2009 renewal for the SCDA Group Medical Plan is now complete. Effective 1-1-09, we will experience a 6% increase. The state average increase for 2009 is 11%. This is the 5th year in a row that the SCDA medical plan has come in under the state and national average increases. This is a viable plan that continues to grow in numbers and benefits.

Speaking of improvements to benefits, effective 1-1-09, autism coverage and immunizations for all covered dependent children will be added to the plan. Immunizations for children did have an age limit up to 6 years, but this will be enhanced to include any dependent child starting with the new year.

Keep in mind that January is our open enrollment time, so if you'd like to change your deductible plan, office probation period (*period of time new hires must wait before their coverage can begin*) or add an employee to the plan, fax a change form to (803) 750-1644 between now and the end of the year.

Change forms can be printed off of our website at www.scda.org. Just click on "Member Benefits" tab on the top of the homepage.

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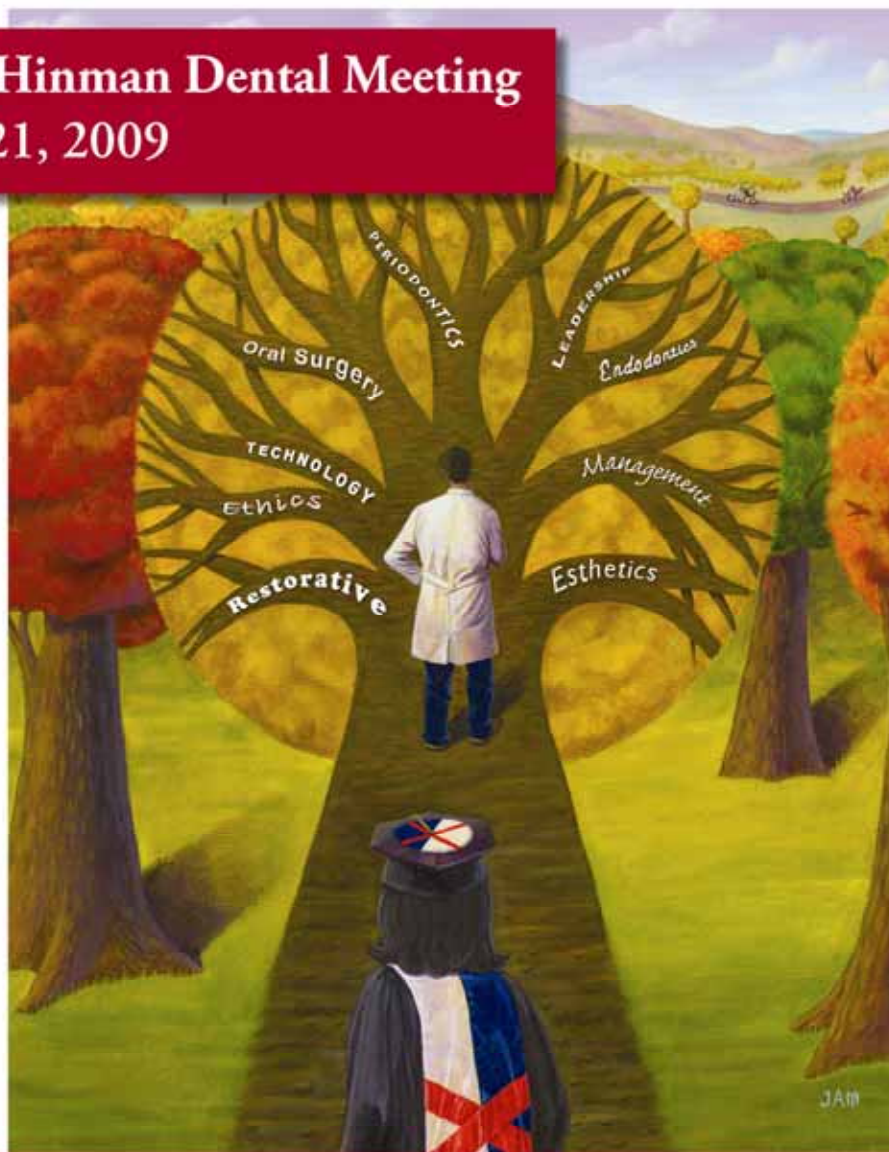
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President's Message



I sit down to write this month's article following the December Board of Governors Meeting and the Fall SCDA House of Delegate's Meeting. If you were one of the 100+ members, alternate delegates or delegates that attended the HOD meeting on December 5, thank you for attending and you need to read no further....this article is for the other 1600+ members to update you on the actions of the SCDA. There were not enough members present to have a quorum for a general membership meeting for the purpose of voting on proposed bylaw changes so the House of Delegates is empowered to conduct this business of the Association. Each of you, either through a General Membership Meeting or by your representation in the House of Delegates, has control over the business and actions of the SCDA.

Two bylaws changes were proposed and considered by the HOD. The first was to make the Strategic Planning Task Force a standing committee of the SCDA. This did not pass as proposed but my sense was that there was some general consensus that this was a desired change, but some alterations were needed in the composition and terms of the members. This proposed change will likely be revisited at the next HOD after some reworking of the proposal. This does not stop the excellent work the Strategic Planning Task Force is doing for the Association as they will continue to meet as a task force.

The second proposal was to add a member of the MUSC College of Dental Medicine faculty to the Board of Governors as an ex-officio member without vote. This proposed change was passed by the HOD. This position will be filled by Dr. Ted McGill. We (the SCDA and BOG) have had the pleasure and benefit of input from Dr. McGill, Dr. Berry and Dean Sanders over the last year. We have strengthened our collaboration and communications with both the school and the students over the last several years. This bylaws change will formalize one aspect of that collaboration.

The HOD passed a resolution honoring Dr. Arthur L. Haisten who dedicated more than 60 years of service to dentistry. He is a role model for all of us and we sincerely appreciate his service to the profession of dentistry. To see the resolution click [HERE](#).

The SCDA legislative agenda and update was presented to the HOD. Dates to note – January 28 and February 25, 2009 are our legislative lunches. More information will be sent to you as plans are completed. Dr. Rusty Newton presented a review of recently passed legislation and bills that will be reintroduced. Last year we passed a bill related to issuance of dental instructor licenses and increased funding for Medicaid and the Rural Dental Incentive program. We also passed the Dental Lab bill which has become a model bill for other states. We all need to thank Dr. David Jordan for his hard work and many hours dedicated to this issue. Dr. Charlie Maxwell updated the House on the prospect of a bill related to ownership of a dental practice. The SCDA is prepared to work with the SC Board of Dentistry if they initiate a bill.

The primary focus besides increasing Rural Dental Health and Medicaid money or at least lessening the impact of budget cuts will be the dental screening bill we have been working on for the last several years. We have renamed this bill the Community Dental Health Coordinator bill to reflect the components added to this initiative. I discussed this "patient navigator" model in last month's article. This access project will be targeted to 3 – 5 dentally underserved counties of the state and includes screening of K-5, 3rd, 7th and 10th grade children. The HOD approved moving forward with legislation that follows this concept. We are currently working out final bill language with DHEC, Department of Education and School Nurses. This will be a difficult 2- year legislative cycle to gain passage of the bill with the state facing difficult economic times. It is still important for the SCDA to lead with solutions for improved dental access for our state. This is just one of the many areas where the SCDA is leading access solutions for our state.

Dr. Amy Martin Deputy, Director of the SC Rural Health Research Center and Christine Veschuo, Director Division of Oral Health, SCDHEC attended our HOD to present a brief summary of the 2007/2008 Oral Health Needs Assessment and the recently completed School Nurse Needs Assessment. These two studies provide hard data that we can use both legislatively and to educate the public to counter the anecdotal comments and testimony we often face. One fact that is clear from the assessment – You and Medicaid have made a difference. There is no disparity between Medicaid and non-Medicaid children in untreated caries or treatment urgency. Also untreated caries and caries experience have declined since the last assessment. The School Nurse Needs Assessment shows us that 48.7% of schools are already doing screenings based on SCDHEC recommended guidelines. The survey also shows that you the



Dr. Jim Mercer
President

"The primary focus...will be the dental screening bill we have been working on for the last several years."

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local dentist and your staff are active in the schools doing screenings and seeing children with identified needs. It also reinforces what we already know – parents and payment are important parts of the equation to improve the oral health of our children. The changes we have made in our screening bill from last year are supported by the data from school nurse assessment. Thank you for what you are doing – it is making a difference.

Finally Dr. Carter Brown presented a PowerPoint and video presentation on the SCDA access project Dental Access Days. This project will highlight the access issue for adults in our state, involve the local community in creating solutions and will provide needed care for underserved patients. Please get involved on some level with this project. Check www.SCDA.org or email [Phil Latham](mailto:Phil.Latham@scrr.com) for more information.

I welcome your suggestions and comments at jmercer@sc.rr.com.

I wish each of you, your staff and families a safe and joyous Holiday Season and continue your *Heritage of Commitment* and *Make A Difference*.

Jim

Executive Director's Notes



Mr. Phil Latham
Executive Director

RED FLAG RULES

In the last few weeks, I have received several calls and emails regarding the “Red Flag Rules”. The ADA recently published a very informative article on these rules in the Nov. 3, 2008 edition. I would encourage you to read the article. If you did not read, this provides you a brief overview. The FTC has delayed implementation of the “Red Flag Rules” until May 1, 2009.

The “Red Flag Rules” were developed as part of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003. Under the rule, creditors with covered accounts must have identity theft prevention programs to identify and respond to.

The ADA has been involved in this issue and was pleased to hear of the delay. Many feel that dentists do not fall under these rules and subjecting them to the rule would inject compliance costs into the health system. The ADA lawyers have planned to send a letter to the FTC voicing objections and “urging the FTC to announce that doctors are not subject to the rule.”

If the FTC does decide that dentists are covered under the rule, the ADA along with your SCDA will assist in development of a sample compliance program in advance of the effective date.

Continue to watch and read all news from your Association to find out any final decisions.

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Each year when dues are mailed to the membership terms like DenPac, Palmetto Club and Pinnacle Club are printed with amounts of money attached to them. The SCDA office receives calls to inquire about the differences and what the dollars do.

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As you pay your dues, please consider a contribution to SC DenPac.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

The SCDA staff wishes each of you and your families a wonderful holiday season. The SCDA office will be closed Wednesday, December 24 through Friday, December 26 for Christmas and closed again Thursday, January 1 through Friday, January 2 for New Years. We will return on Monday, January 5, looking forward to serving you in 2009.

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Award Recognizes Dental Faculty's Passion

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Having a professional award named in one's honor is an extraordinary tribute that recently was paid to longtime dental professor Carlos F. Salinas, DMD, by the S.C. Oral Health Children with Special Health Care Needs Workgroup. "The Dr. Carlos Salinas Award for Excellence in Treating Individuals with Special Needs" also was endorsed and supported by the South Carolina Dental Association and the Specialized Care Company in recognition for Salinas' tireless commitment to assisting persons with special needs.

Salinas is professor and director of MUSC's Division of Craniofacial Genetics, Department of Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics and director MUSC Craniofacial Anomalies and Cleft Lip and Palate Team. He has been with the College of Dental Medicine for more than 34 years. The first recipient of the Salinas award is Kenneth J. Lowry, DMD, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon, from Florence. The award was announced during the Sept. 26 annual continuing education course of the Dental Program for the Diagnosis and Treatment of the Special Needs Patient at the North Charleston Convention Center. The engraved crystal award was presented to Lowry at the event. Meanwhile, an award plaque bearing Lowry's name was presented to Salinas and will be permanently displayed at the College of Dental Medicine.

"This is indeed an honor for me," said Salinas. "The idea took me by surprise and I am humbled to be regarded and recognized by my South Carolina dental colleagues." Salinas has been instrumental in teaching students, residents and dental care practitioners about craniofacial genetics and caring for patients with special health care needs. Since 1998, he has sponsored the annual continuing education course. To date, he has been instrumental in training and preparing more than 2,000 dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants and MUSC dental students in this program. Since 2001, Salinas has led a volunteer team of dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants and MUSC dental students in working with the Special Olympics Special Smiles Oral Health program. Dental teams have screened more than 1,000 athletes for the South Carolina Special Olympics.

"The S.C. Oral Health workgroup wanted to honor an individual in the state who has made the most significant contribution to special needs people throughout the state and that was person was Dr. Salinas," Christine Veschusio, director of the Division of Oral Health, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control stated.

"Dr. Salinas has been a leader and champion in the recognition and treatment of craniofacial anomalies for patients with special needs in South Carolina," said Tariq Javed, DMD, professor and associate dean for academic and student affairs in the College of Dental Medicine. "He has been associated with craniofacial genetics and has highlighted the dental professional's role in recognizing, diagnosis and treatment of special needs patients as it relates to craniofacial genetics. MUSC and the College of Dental Medicine are fortunate to have a man of Dr. Salinas' credentials and national-international reputation to instruct dental students and residents in this important area of dental specialty. Dean Sanders and I are very pleased that Dr. Salinas is an active teacher and faculty member at MUSC."

Salinas received his dental degree in 1963 from the University of Chile. He received a DMD from MUSC in 1985 and a certificate in medical genetics from John Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1974.

The SCDA and members of the dental college congratulate Dr. Salinas on his honor.

Thank you to the following
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SCDA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The South Carolina Dental Association would like to recognize our new members. Sixty-five (65) dentists joined during the fall district meetings of this year.

The Board of Governors of the Association is pleased with your decision to be a part of organized dentistry. We invite you to take full advantage of the many benefits that are offered.

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Welcome!

Tech Talk

By Christy J. Meador

2009 Membership Dues

Thanks to the hundreds of SCDA members who have already submitted their 09 Membership Dues and Membership Update Form!

Be sure to check over the Membership Update Form enclosed with the dues. Make the necessary changes, if needed and return it with the dues statement in the return envelope that we have provided for you. This is **very** important because we use this sheet to print the Membership Directory.

If you have not yet received your 09 invoice, please contact Christy Meador at 800-327-2598 or email her at

meadorc@scda.org

Fun Facts

In 1846, Dr. William Morton, a dentist born in Charlton, Massachusetts, demonstrated the first use of ether during a surgical procedure at Massachusetts General Hospital, ending the pain that had been associated with surgery.

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Please take time to carefully consider individuals who you feel are worthy of these awards. Enclosed is a nomination form which you may use to nominate a candidate for an award. Your nomination form must be returned by January 23, 2009 to the SCDA office at the address indicated below.

Upon review of the forms, the Board of Governors will make the final selections.

Awards Presentation & Recognition

These awards will be presented during the 2009 Annual Convention at Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach. The name of each recipient will be attached to a permanent wall plaque for each category or award at the SCDA Office.

SOUTH CAROLINA DENTAL ASSOCIATION
120 Stonemark Lane
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

2009 Awards Program

South Carolina Dental Association



Nomination Form



Awards Program

GEORGE P. HOFFMANN, JR., DISTINGUISHED DENTIST AWARD

This award is the premier and most prestigious award presented by the South Carolina Dental Association. It is to honor a member or former member for years of outstanding service to the SCDA, the dental profession, and the community. Nominees must have practiced dentistry in South Carolina for a minimum of ten years.

MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The nominee must be a member in good standing of the SCDA who has demonstrated in recent years significant achievement in dentistry in the areas of professionalism, leadership, academics, research, or health care delivery.

JAMES B. EDWARDS CITIZENSHIP AWARD

The nominee must be a member in good standing of the SCDA who has served the citizens of South Carolina in a manner that reflects a positive image of dentistry. Areas of achievement include humanitarian and religious activities, civic affairs, community service, or cultural contributions.

NEW DENTIST AWARD

The nominee must be a member in good standing of the SCDA who has been in practice ten years or less or who is under forty years of age. The nominee must have demonstrated leadership qualities through service to dentistry.

DENTAL TEAM MEMBER AWARD

The nominee must be an assistant, hygienist, a front desk staff person, or a laboratory technician who is a dental team member in a private office. The nominee must be from an office of a South Carolina Dental Association member and the nomination must be made by a South Carolina Dental Association member. The criteria for evaluation include:

- The nominee demonstrates that he/she holds the profession of dentistry in the highest regard.
- The nominee has five or more years of experience in the dental field.
- The nominee promotes the interest and betterment of the profession through the team concept of dentistry.
- The nominee participates in community activities that bring credit to the dental profession.
- The nominee demonstrates enthusiasm for his/her work and creates innovative ideas about patient relations and managerial modifications that improve the delivery of patient care.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

The nominee may be any individual who deserves recognition for special achievement or an extraordinary deed related or unrelated to dentistry. This award provides for special circumstances that do not conform to the other awards.



2009 Awards Nomination Form

Category of Award

Name of Nominee

His/Her Address

Please attach typewritten sheets giving resume of nominee's qualifications for this award and include a brief statement of why this person deserves to be considered for this award.

Awards may or may not be granted at discretion of the Board. A sitting Board member may not be nominated.

NOMINATING SIGNATURE

Name (Print)

Date

Telephone(s)

Approved, Board of Governors

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