



1 **September 20, 2019**

2 **RHODE ISLAND DENTAL ASSOCIATION**  
3 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**

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5 **CALL TO ORDER:** The September 20, 2019 Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting of the  
6 Rhode Island Dental Association was called to order by President Dr. Martin Elson at 6:35  
7 p.m. at the RIDA headquarters, 875 Centerville Rd, Bldg. 4, Ste 12, Warwick, RI 02886. A  
8 tally of eligible voting Trustees present verified that a quorum was present, and Dr. Elson  
9 proceeded with the meeting.

10 **ATTENDING:**

11 **Executive Committee**

12 Dr. Martin Elson: President

13 Dr. John Kiang: Vice President

14 Dr. Gregory Stepka: Secretary/Scientific Program Chair

15 Dr. Jennifer Torbett: Immediate Past President

16 Dr. Karyn Ward: President Elect/Treasurer

17 **Trustees and Guest Trustees**

18 Dr. Kerri-Rae Agin, Guest Trustee: Greater Woonsocket Component

19 Dr. Matthew Almeida: Greater Woonsocket Component

20 Dr. Fotini Dionisopoulos: Cranston Component

21 Dr. Ray English Jr.: Kent County Component

22 Dr. William Naughton- Trustee: Pawtucket Component

23 Dr. Peter Schott: Newport Component

24 **Executive Director**

25 Mr. Chris Klimecko

26 **Legal**

27 Christy Durant, Esq.

28 **Not Present:**

29 Dr. Frank A. DeQuattro-Interim Trustee: South County

30 Dr. Steven Brown- Long Term Delegate to the ADA

31 Dr. Frederick McMillen: Providence Component

32 Patrick Quinlan, Esq.

33 **OPENING REMARKS:** Dr. Elson

34 **NECROLOGY REPORT:** Dr. Elson

35 • Vito Buonomano, DDS – RIDA member for 61 years

36 • Anthony Alessandro, DDS – RIDA member for 48 years

37 • John S Kacewicz, DMD – RIDA member for 42 years

38 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES:** The June 11, 2019 minutes were **Unanimously**  
39 **accepted as written.**

40 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Martin Elson: oral

41 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Chris Klimecko. As written plus oral

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43 **REPORT OF THE TREASURER:** Dr. Ward. As submitted. Chris Klimecko distributed  
44 the draft 2019 budget and provided a brief summary.

45 **COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:** *(all submitted reports are on file for viewing)*

46 • Committee on Association Finance – Blue Fin Capital (Mars Bishop & Richard Carolan):  
47 as submitted

48 • Council on Communications – Dr. David Ward: no report

49 • Council on Dental Benefits – Dr. Andrew Gazerro III: As written

50 • Council on Dental Education & Licensure – Dr. Ian Silversmith: as written

51 • Council on Ethics, By Laws & Judicial Affairs – Dr. Jon-Paul Van Regenmorter: no  
52 report.

53 • Council on Membership – Dr. Elizabeth Benz: no report

54 • Council on Peer Review – Dr. Mark Small: no report

55 • Council on Scientific Sessions – Dr. John Kiang: no report

56 • Committee on Endorsements – Dr. Martin Elson: no report

57 ○ RIDA will be signing the TDSC agreement

58 • Committee on New Dentists – Dr. Salvatore Rizutto: as written

59 • Council on Governmental Affairs – Christy Durant, Esq.: oral summary of written report

60 **COMMUNICATIONS:** Dental Lifeline/Donated Dental Services Report: no report

61 **OLD BUSINESS:** Component resolution discussion. Vote will be during the following week  
62 House of Delegates meeting.

63 **NEW BUSINESS:**

64 **FUTURE EVENTS:** Shred event and new dentist events. Dates TBD

65 **NEXT BOT MEETING:**

66 **ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business before the Board of Trustees, the meeting was  
67 adjourned at 7:50 PM.

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69 Respectfully submitted,

70 Chris R. Klimecko, Executive Director

71 Rhode Island Dental Association