

Committee on Governmental Affairs  
January 17 2020, Meeting Minutes  
IDA Central Offices—550 W. North Street, Suite 300, Indianapolis IN 46202

Attendance: Dr. Steve Ellinwood, Mr. Doug Bush, Dr. Greg Phillips, Dr. Steve Holm, Dr. Jenny Neese, Dr. John Roberts, Dr. Tim Treat, Mr. Ed Popcheff, Ms. Alexandra Sumner, Dr. Bill Risk, Dr. J. Mark Thomas, Dr. Marty Szakaly, Mrs. Wendy Zent

Absent: Dr. DeLayne LeFever, Dr Steven Towns

**I. Call to Order.**

Dr. Holm called the meeting to order.

**II. Approval of Minutes.**

Dr. Holm made a MOTION to approve the minutes, the Committee APPROVED as written.

**III. IDA/IUSD Dental Day at the Capitol**

The Committee discussed the agenda for Dental Day at the Capitol, scheduled for February 17, 2020. Dr. Holm encouraged the Committee to begin thinking of dates for next year, so that we can inform Dr. Treat for scheduling purposes. Ed Popcheff announced that the Governor will speak with a select few at his office during Dental Day; but if this were to fall through, Mrs. Zent believes that Lieutenant Governor Crouch would be available at that time. The Committee would like to ask the Governor to take a picture with all participants, not just the people who meet with the Governor. The Committee tasked Ed Popcheff with finding an ideal time and location for this photo.

**IV. Dentist/Student Lobby Day (Washington D.C.)**

Dr. Holm led a discussion on who will be attending this year's Dentist/Student Lobby day, taking place April 26-28, 2020. The Committee suggested inviting Representative Greg Pence to the Monday night dinner at Capitol Grille, among others. Dr. Holm directed IDA staff to draft a letter containing all pertinent information (flight info, hotel, date, time) and send it out to members of the Committee and those who will be attending. Below is a list of potential attendees.

Schechner, Terry	Roberts, John
Fridh, Dan	Thomas, Mark
Zent, Wendy	Holm, Steve
Neese, Jenny	Ellinwood, Steve
Leighty, Chad	Towns, Steven
Phillips, Greg	

**V.**  
**VI.**

**VII. Discussion of 2020 IDA Bills**

**VIII.**

- a. **SB 41:** Definition of Dentistry has been assigned to the Senate Health Committee chaired by Senator Ed Charbonneau. The measure is Co-authored by Senators Jean Leising and Jim Merritt. Two legislative alerts asking dentists to express support were sent, one to oral surgeons and one to the list of IDA Contact dentists.
- b. **HB 1067:** IDA/IDHA Nitrous Oxide/Clean Up passed out of House, going to Senate. It is co-authored by Representatives Denny Zent and Robyn Shackleford.
- c. **SB 98:** Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Supervision; successful in removing DDS administration from the bill.
- d. **HB 1149:** Dental screenings and services in schools

**IX. Other Legislative Issues**

- a. **HB 1004:** Surprise Billing Prohibition against balanced billing
- b. **SB 182:** Health Care Truth in Advertising Not applicable to dental practices because they are required to hang their licenses up in their office
- c. **HB 1008:** Indiana State Chamber Licensing/Workforce Initiative
- d. **HB 1110:** Loan Forgiveness for Health Care Professions; Three step creation: create the funding mechanism, health workforce taskforce, distribution requirements; Assigned to Public Health Committee.
- e. **SB 1, HB 1006,** and others: Tobacco, Vaping, and E-liquids.

**X. SPA Grant Application**

The Committee discussed which funding period would be preferable: January-July or August-December. Dr. Holm opined that virtual credit cards should be a top priority, as well as network leasing. The Committee decided to postpone discussion of this issue until the March meeting.

**XI. Adjourn.**

Dr. Holm called a MOTION to Adjourn.

- a. Next Meeting Date: March 27, 2020 at 2pm.