President’s Message

Is It Time for a Change?

Of course, it is time for a change! The officers are changing this August for I am stepping down and becoming your Past President. It has been an interesting four years. When Dr. Barb Mousel approached me to run as an Officer in CRDTS, she told me that everything will be nice and smooth and there should be no problems. Well, who would think that the ADA would start their ruckus and that Dental Boards may have to license through the use of Compacts?

Yes, the world of dental licensure and dental board exams is certainly changing. The Executive Committee has been busy planning for the future of CRDTS. We have developed the Strategic Planning Committee which recently met for the first time in June and they provided some interesting ideas which the Executive Committee is investigating and may implement shortly. We have lost some dental schools in testing with us but we have the possibility of adding some new ones and have added dental hygiene schools to our list.

It has been very exciting and fulfilling to me personally to represent CRDTS. I have met so many people in this process who I can now call friends. Yes, CRDTS is a very large Family in the dental profession and I want to thank all of my family members especially the Past Presidents who have given me insight on how to handle all the situations that arise when you are President.

During this last year, I have lost my own family members and have a few other crises in my life but I had the support of my CRDTS family during this time. Thank you to all of you who have reached out to me. It has helped me and given hope. Not only personally but for you my CRDTS Family to see that we want CRDTS to have a future and we are all working hard to make sure that it happens.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Annual Session in August. Thank you for the honor of being your President.

Mary A. Starsiak, DDS
President

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AMBER RILEY TO SPEAK AT 2020 HINMAN DENTAL MEETING

Ms. Amber D. Riley is a 1998 graduate of Sinclair College in Dayton, Ohio. She completed her Baccalaureate with Wright State University and Masters at Boston University. In addition to private practice in San Diego, CA, Amber is a nationally recognized subject matter expert and consultant, and she is the Forensic Dental Autopsy Technician for the San Diego County Office of the Medical Examiner. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Member of the CDHA, American Society of Forensic Odontology, and American Academy for Oral Systemic Health. She serves on the RDH advisory panel for the Oral Cancer Foundation and lectures internationally on the topics of Oral Pathology, Forensic Odontology, Oral-Systemic Inflammatory Disease, Laser-assisted Periodontal Therapies and the Dental Management of Medically Complex Patients.

She will speak at the 2020 Hinman Dental Meeting, March 19-21, on pathophysiology & forensic dentistry. Registration opens December 10, 2019.
Yeah! It’s finally Summer! I just finished picking strawberries, planning my picnic menu and decorating for the Fourth of July Holiday. Plans have been made for our Annual Meeting that will be held August 23rd and 24th. Please plan on joining us for a great gathering. The meetings will start on Friday afternoon ending the evening with the President’s Dinner and Game night. Saturday morning our speaker is Mr. Dale Atkinson. Many of you that have sat on your state boards may have attended a FARB (Federal Association of Regulatory Boards) meeting with Dale. He will be speaking on licensure, regulatory responsibility and third party testing. This topic is very relevant for State Board members, Examiners and Educators. Please register online for the meeting by July 15th. You may contact Central Office if you have any questions about registration. I am excited to see everyone at the end of August, but hey—let’s not rush the Summer! Enjoy!

Nancy Kearn, RDH
Vice President

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• State Board Members, State Board Executive Directors, Dental & Hygiene School Representatives (one per school) and All Active CRDTS Examiners & Proctors will be reimbursed for travel and two nights’ lodging.

• Dental Chiefs & Dental Team Captains will be reimbursed for travel, two nights’ lodging and a ½ day per diem.

• Steering Committee will be reimbursed for travel, three nights’ lodging, and one day of per diem.

• Executive Committee will be reimbursed for travel, three nights’ lodging, and two days’ per diem.
It’s difficult to believe that we are at the half way mark of the 2019. If you are of the half glass empty mentality, half of the year is gone. If you are of the half glass full mentality, you still have half a year to go. I am of the opportunity mentality; we still have time to meet our goals for the year if we have not yet done so.

This year I was blessed with the Dental Hygiene Examination assignment in Hawaii. Visiting Hawaii was definitely on my bucket list and it did not disappoint! I quickly became enamored with the people and their culture. Aloha took on a whole new meaning. The way people see as the essence of your spirit is through what they see in your alo, or the face you put forth for all to see. Ha is the very breath of life. It is who you are as a human being. When your alo is a match with the spirit of your ha, the spirit of Aloha manifests itself. It is a love of self as well as a respect for others.

Learning of this spirit of Aloha, reminds me of our CRDTS family. CRDTS focuses on values-driven behavior. Management is more human by creating an emotional connection. CRDTS manages with positive human energy in our exams, committee meetings and the CRDTS workplace.

In keeping with the spirit of Aloha, CRDTS continues to strive for examination innovation that will maintain the public’s confidence that our profession has learned to enjoy. CRDTS has established protocols for patient comfort and safety. Follow-up care forms ensure that patients are aware of the need to have a licensed professional available if follow-up treatment is necessary. CRDTS follows methodologies that keep exams current with patient needs. The exams are monitored continuously to assure that the patients have a good exam experience. All very important attributes in these times where non-patient-based exams are being recommended.

In the spirit of Aloha, CRDTS will take the opportunity to continue our work in a way that is intentional, purposeful and important because it’s an expression of who we are and what we have to offer our profession. I feel very blessed and proud to be a part of the CRDTS Family. Aloha and have a great summer!
As we reach the end of our 2019 Dental Examination cycle, it's time to look ahead at many changes on the horizon for 2020. The Exam Review Committee is constantly looking at our exam results, statistical analysis and feedback to implement changes that are needed.

As previously indicated, CRDTS just recently completed an occupational analysis to determine if our test content is relevant to current practice. From that analysis we found that our exam is consistent with the procedures that practitioners are doing on a routine basis. We did notice that some of the material choices have changed over the last 10 years and felt it was necessary to adjust our exam to meet those types of materials that are being used today.

The CRDTS Dental ERC Committee met earlier this year and proposed the following changes, which were subsequently approved by CRDTS Steering Committee:

• Update the manikin prosthetic materials, criteria and titles for the Part III – Prosthodontic Procedures to all ceramic (These changes to be implemented in 2021 in order to provide our schools and Member State Boards with a year of notice)

FOR THE 2020 EXAMINATION SEASON:

• Shift the Extra/Intra Oral Assessment of the Part IV Periodontal Procedures to the treatment selection portion of the exam. The candidates will need to correctly document any atypical findings or that all findings for the Extra/Intra Oral exam are within normal limits.

• Implement a Calculus detection exercise for the final evaluation section of the Periodontal Exam. The scoring rubric for this section has been updated to reflect these changes.

• As indicated in the 2020 Summary of Changes, candidates may attempt whatever section or restorative procedure of the CRDTS Dental Examination they may need for licensure in the state in which they’re planning to apply for licensure. (time/attempt limitations will apply) EX 1: an established practitioner did not test on any Periodontal Procedures for their initial clinical licensure examination; however, those procedures are required for licensure in a state they plan to relocate.

This practitioner/candidate would only need to apply for/test on the Part IV – Periodontal Procedures. EX 2: If a state only requires one restorative procedure for licensure, then, the candidate can test on just that procedure rather than testing on both procedures outlined within the restorative section of the exam.

In other words, the various sections of the CRDTS Dental Examination as well as each of the procedures within the Part V - Restorative Procedures can be tested separately, as needed, for licensure.

We’d also like to reiterate that for the patient-based procedures within the CRDTS Dental Examination: Part IV – Periodontal Procedures and Part V – Restorative Procedures, if the candidate does NOT violate the Open Schedule Format deadlines (please see current Dental Candidate Manual at www.crdts.org), a missing/no show Treatment Selection/Patient DOES NOT result in a failure. Please contact info@crdts.org with any questions.

CRDTS is pleased to announce an exciting examination product for 2020!! We are in the process of developing an ALL-Manikin Dental Examination construct for use by State Dental Boards as a remediation/relicensure tool. As State Boards continue to navigate the ever-changing landscape within the profession of dentistry, we hope this addition will be helpful for use by our Member State Boards in various instances where they need to reach out and request that a practitioner test on a particular procedure or skill set. We’ll be beta/pilot testing this option Fall 2019 and have scheduled a release date of February 2020. Updates and details to be posted at www.crdts.org > Dental Tab > Exam Content & Scoring.

We so appreciate the time and dedication provided by our examiners, schools, State Boards and members of our respective Examination Review Committees! Their contributions keep our examinations responsive to the needs of the dental profession, thank you.

We hope you all enjoy your summer and we Look forward to seeing you in August.
WHAT A GREAT SPRING SEASON!

With our Spring 2019 hygiene examinations completed, we are pleased to report that we tested at more sites/schools and more candidates than in any previous Spring season. In addition, we completed multiple local anesthesia and auxiliary restorative exams on top of all the hygiene exams. In short, it was a great Spring season!

The hygiene testing schedule is extremely demanding for all involved but especially those at Central Office. With multiple exams offered each weekend during April, May and June, the logistics and organization needed to pull everything off is mindboggling. So, a special thank you goes out to the CRDTS Central Office staff members for their dedication and keen attention to detail which in turn makes the whole process run so smoothly. Additional thanks and appreciation are extended to our schools and CRDTS examiners for their commitment and dedication to the whole process.

The CRDTS Examination Review Committee is scheduled to meet on July 13th to discuss the 2019 Hygiene Exam and will continue to make every effort to address comments, suggestions and feedback provided by various entities. Honoring our commitment to transparency will be a top priority of this committee as we continue to build a fair, valid and reliable national hygiene clinical examination. Details of the committee’s deliberations and recommendations will be addressed during the 2019 August Annual meeting.

We look forward to seeing everyone the end of August to review the 2019 exam season and share changes for the 2020 Hygiene Examination.

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Larry Gjerstad, 78, Mesa, AZ, formerly of Mott, ND died June 30, 2019 at CHI St Alexius Medical Center, Bismarck.

Larry was born March 15, 1941 to Elmer and Esther (Norberg) Gjerstad in Eagle Bend, MN. He grew up and graduated from Eagle Bend High School. Larry went on to Concordia College for two years and graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry in 1966. He married Margaret Ness on September 4, 1965 in Fosston, MN. After graduation they moved to Mott where he started his own dental practice and served the community for 50 years. He was appointed to the ND Board of Dental Examiners and continued to serve as a Dental Examiner for Central Regional Dental Testing Service. Larry had worked his way through the chairs of the ND Dental Association over the years and had won several dental awards throughout his career. After retiring in October 2014, he and Margaret started spending their winters in Arizona, where in 2016 they became permanent residents of Mesa.

Larry is survived by his wife of 53 years, Margaret, Mesa; children, Greg, Horace, ND, Garey (Teresa), Chapman, KS, and Gwen (Mark) Miller, DuPont, WA; grandchildren, Tyler, Lauren and Jessica Gjerstad, Noah, Ethan, Abigail, and Cole Miller; sister, Nancy Lauer, Minneapolis, MN, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Sharon; brother, Steven; and one niece, Liesel.

Memorials may be made in Larry’s name to STEER Inc., 1025 N 3rd St, Bismarck, ND 58501.