The regular meeting of the ADEA Section on Dental Hygiene Education was called to order on March 17th, 2014 in San Antonio, Texas by Dr. Joanna Asadoorian, Chair of the Section on Dental Hygiene Education.

Officers in attendance included:
Joanna Asadoorian, RDH, BSc, PhD - Chair
Lorinda Coan, RDH, MS – Chair Elect
Lorene Belows RDH, BHEc- Secretary
Joyce Hudson RDH, MS- Councilor

Also present were members of the ADEA Section on Dental Hygiene Education and special guests.

Approval of Agenda
The agenda was approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes
A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as distributed. Corrections to the previous minutes were noted. A motion was made to approve the amended minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

New Business.
1. Welcome
Chair, Joanna Asadoorian, BSc(DH), PhD, introduced the Section officers: Joyce Hudson, RDH, MS, Councilor; Lorinda Coan, LDH, MS – Chair Elect; Lorene Belows, RDH, BHEc, Secretary.

2. Greetings
2.1 Dr. Susan Kass, Vice President of the Council of Allied Program Directors, offered greetings on behalf of the Council of Allied Dental Program Directors

2.2 Denise Bowers, RDH, PhD, ADHA President, offered greetings on behalf of the American Dental Hygienists’ Association.

3. Recognition of Special Guests
- Chair, Dr. Joanna Asadoorian acknowledged the following special guests:
  - Tami J. Grzesikowski, RDH, MEd, ADEA Senior Director for Allied Dental Education;
  - Denise Bowers, RDH, PhD, ADHA President;
  - Kelli Swanson Jaecks, RDH, MSDH, ADHA President Elect;
  - Ann Battrell, MSDH, ADHA Executive Director;
  - Pam Steinbach, RN, MSN, ADHA Director of Education;
4. Nominations for Officers for the Section on Dental Hygiene Education

Chair-Elect, Lorinda Coan, announced the need for the Section to fill the positions of Secretary and Councilor. Lorie stated that one individual had expressed interest in the position of Secretary, Ms. Jennifer Bartek, LDH, MS who is from the University of Southern Indiana’s Dental Hygiene Program. Ms. Bartek had submitted a letter of interest and CV to the officers of the Section. Nominations for the position of Secretary were requested from the floor. None were received. Following an introduction, nominee Jennifer Bartek shared her biography and credentials with the members present. Ballots circulated by impartial parties were tabulated. Jennifer Bartek was elected as Secretary for the Section on Dental Hygiene Education.

Dr. Asadoorian called for nominations from the floor for the position of Councilor. A reminder to the group was given stating that Ms. Hudson’s term as Councilor was scheduled to end at the conclusion of the 2014 Annual Session. No nominations were put forward from the membership in attendance nor were any received prior to the Annual Session. As a result, Ms. Hudson agreed to serve as Section Councilor for one additional year.

5. Councilor’s Report: Ms. Joyce Hudson provided the Councilor’s report which included:

a. A copy of a report from the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) was given to those in attendance. The report was informational only and distributed at the request of CODA staff members.

b. The Dental Hygiene Section’s current balance is $1664.90. Several Section officers collaborated this year with other sections (for the 2014 Annual Session) to deliver the educational program. As a part of the presentation, the presenter requested to fund a student to participate for the purpose of providing a student perspective on the use of e-portfolios (a main focus of the selected topic for the Session presentation). All officers of the Sections that collaborated in the program development agreed to share the expense. Consequently, $85.00 - $90.00 per Section is to be transferred out of the Section accounts for this expense.

c. Ms. Hudson informed members of a specific resolution that has been brought forward by the Council of Deans and the Council of Allied Program Directors. The resolution is related to the elimination of “live patients” in clinical licensure exams (for both dental and dental hygiene applicants). A vote on the resolution will be held during the Closing of the House of Delegates. Reference Committee meetings on the resolution were held previously.

d. A member from the floor asked Ms. Hudson to explain the role of Councilor in the Section and to expand on the specific duties and responsibilities the Section Councilor is assigned. Ms. Hudson stated the responsibilities include: serving as a delegate to the ADEA House of Delegates, being available to mentor current and in-coming Section officers, serve as a liaison between the Dental Hygiene Section and Council of Sections, provide assistance in filing annual reports; overseeing the distribution of the Section newsletters; attending the ADEA
Fall Conference planning session; and in general to provide continuity within the section over time (the appointment to Councilor is for 3 years).

e. A member from the floor expressed concern (from her perspective) regarding recent changes to accreditation standards related to the opening of new dental hygiene programs. Other interested members of the Section continued the discussion and offered questions about the mechanisms in place to assess the need for new programs and expressed an interest in understanding how new programs are meeting accreditation standards. Kathi Shepherd, CODA ADHA Commissioner, explained details about the ‘accreditation check list’ that CODA site visitors follow, and stated that site visitors determine whether standards have been met or have not been met. She further clarified that it wasn’t a “job” of the site visitor to determine how well a standard was met, only if it was or was not. Ms. Shepherd also stated that CODA is always looking for qualified site visitors. She reminded the group that one way to have impact on the quality of programs is to be involved in the evaluation process. She encouraged interested individuals to apply to become a CODA site visitor and reminded everyone that information about application is on the CODA website.

f. Additionally, questions were put forth from the group about the ‘ADEA Central Application Service’ available for use by dental hygiene programs. Ms. Tami J. Grzesikowski, RDH, MEd, ADEA Senior Director for Allied Dental Education spoke about the Central Application Service. She included advantages of using this program. Further, she provided encouragement to those present who were already using this system to help manage their application and selection process and asked they share their successes with other members of the group.

6. Old Business
None

7. New Business

a. Chair, Dr. Asadoorian encouraged all members to attend the 2015 ADEA Annual Session in Boston. She reminded those present that the Section officers will begin working on next year’s section program soon and encouraged those in attendance who had ideas of topics of interest for upcoming programs to contact Section officers soon. The deadline for submissions of next year’s annual session is June 1, 2014. Members were reminded that preference for selection of proposals is given to those submissions that are interactive and collaborative with other Sections.

b. Information was provided from the audience regarding FolioTek™, which is an online portfolio system. FolioTek™ provides a single, online system for collecting data to assist in demonstrating program competencies. Some members of the group felt it was a useful system.
8. Recognition of the 2014 ADEA Award Recipients

- ADEA/Colgate-Palmolive Co. Allied Dental Educators Fellowship: Prof. Rachel Henry, The Ohio State University College of Dentistry

- ADEA/Crest Oral-B Laboratories Scholarships for Dental Hygiene Students Pursuing Academic Careers: Ms. Jessica Holloman, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry; Ms. Stefanie Marx, University of Michigan School of Dentistry

- ADEA/Sigma Phi Alpha Linda DeVore Scholarship: Prof. Kimberly Bray, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry

9. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the 2014 meeting of the ADEA Section on Dental Hygiene Education. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorene Belows, RDH, BHEc
Secretary, ADEA Section on Dental Hygiene Education