Manitoba Dental Association

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Mandate:
The Manitoba Dental Association (MDA) is mandated by the provincial government, under The Dental Association Act. The MDA is the voice of the profession of dentistry in Manitoba. It is the legislated self-governing body with the dual responsibilities of service to the public and oral health care providers. It is dedicated to the promotion of optimal oral health for Manitobans. Through effective and efficient leadership it strives to provide an environment in which individuals can achieve personal and professional fulfillment. Its goals are to:

- provide responsible representative leadership
- develop and maintain effective communications
- ensure appropriate licensure standards

Responsibilities:

Board of Directors
The board is responsible for complying with The Dental Association Act and has overall responsibility for the management and operation of the Association.

- Exercise disciplinary jurisdiction over members;
- Provide for inquiries or investigations by the board or a committee thereof for the purpose of ascertaining whether the by-laws of the association have been or are being complied with;
- Prescribe and determine the consequences to any member, dental assistant or dental corporation for the non-observance of any of the by-laws of the association and determine in which cases the non-observance constitutes professional misconduct or unbecoming conduct;
- Make or cause to be made any contract or agreement into which the association may by law enter;
- Suspend the licence, certificate of registration or permit of any member, dental assistant or dental corporation and strike from the register the name of any member,
dental assistant or dental corporation who has not paid a fee or penalty due under the Act or the by-laws, and impose terms for the reinstatement of the licence, certificate of registration or permit if the fee or penalty is paid;

- Make by-laws for the exercise and carrying out of the powers imposed upon the board or the association by this Act;
- Make by-laws establishing the qualifications required to be registered on the dental assistants register;
- Establish the standards of continuing education which may be required of members as a prerequisite for the issuing of an annual licence.

**Peer Review Committee**
The committee participates at all levels of complaint investigation, mediation and Court of Inquiry into unprofessional conduct.

**Membership:**

**Board of Directors**
The board must consist of at least 11 persons who are either members of the association, dental assistants or public representatives and who are elected or appointed in accordance with the by-laws. At least one member of the board must be a dental assistant and at least 1/3 of the members of the board must be public representatives appointed to the board by the minister.

**Peer Review Committee**
The peer review committee consists of at least:

- six licensed members of the association appointed by the board;
- six dental assistants appointed by the board; and
- five public representatives from the roster established under subsection (5).

**Length of Terms:**
3 years – no maximum number of terms.

**Desirable Expertise:**

- Lay members cannot be a dentist.
- Individuals who are consumer oriented.
- No professional expertise required.
- Ability to consider complex matters.
- Comfortable advocating in the public interest.
- Interest in the regulation of health professions.

**Time Commitment:**

**Board of Directors**
Typically the Board meets 3-4 times a year; held all day on a Thursday or Friday.

**Peer Review Committee**
Committees are formed when complaints are received. A committee may sit once a month on average, and typically in the evenings for a couple of hours.
Couple of hours for prep
Few hours

**Meetings:**
Held at the MDA head office in Winnipeg.

**Remuneration:**

*Board of Directors*
Per diem of $500 for weekdays and $300 for weekends.
Reimbursement for expenses is provided in accordance with MDA policy.

*Peer Review Committee*
No remuneration.