

DHPAG Conference Call Minutes
December 14, 2005
1:00 EST

Present: CDR Beth Finnson, LCDR Karen Sicard, LCDR Kelly Lucas, LCDR Amy Holder, & LTJG Kim Myers

Absent: CDR Kathy Hollister, LCDR Renee Roberson, LCDR Julie Black, LCDR Rhonda Plake, LTJG Kate Glassock, & LTJG Charles Brucklier

Items Discussed:

Reviewed and approved minutes from October 19, 2005

NEW CV FORMAT - There is a new CV format and officer summary page that is specific to HSOs. The new format follows the promotion precepts and is meant to be more concise and readable for promotion boards. Please make sure to review this new format on the HSO website to ensure that you are following the HSO CV format. Some DH officers have been advised by their dentists that there is a new DENTAL CV format and that they should follow this. While the dentists probably mean well, dental hygienists are HSOs therefore we need to follow the HSO CV format. Please be sure to pass this along to other hygienists.

PROMOTION - There is still no official word as to who is eligible for promotion in 2006. Because of this, the deadline for submitting proper paperwork has been extended to Jan 23, 2006. If you think you may be eligible, make sure to get your things in just in case. Rough guess for promotion eligibility is based on TED (training and education date). You need 8yrs for O-3, 12yrs for O-4, 17 yrs for O-5 and 24 yrs for O-6. If you will reach one of these dates in 2006, it is best to be proactive and turn in the necessary paperwork.

One aspect of promotions that is still being worked on by the CPOs is the three strikes rule.

SECURITY CLEARANCE - Recently it has come to OCCO attention that some officers are lacking the basic security clearance that is necessary for commissioning. If you are not sure whether you have this clearance, check your OPF in the pink section for a security clearance.

WEBSITE - LCDR Plake is still working diligently on the DH-PAG website. The mock-up looks great!!! If you have not yet reviewed it, please do so. Also LCDR Plake is asking for deployment information. If you deployed recently or know of any PHS hygienists who were deployed, please forward your deployment information to LCDR Plake.

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JOAG - It was brought to everyone's attention that JOAG has a representative from each discipline. However, dental hygienists are not represented. LTJG Myers recently joined the JOAG listserv and will get more information about possibly being the DH representative.

DENTAL HYGIENIST OF THE YEAR AWARD - CDR Hollister has written up a criteria for an award for The Dental Hygienist of the Year. This award would be given annually at the COA conference. It was the consensus of those present that the award will be named after CAPT Candace Jones and if possible we would like to have her present the award. It was also the consensus that those on the DH-PAG executive committee would be ineligible for the award while active on the committee.

PAG VACANCY - We do have one DH-PAG vacancy. CDR Finnson will be sending an e-mail to the listserv soliciting nominations.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS - LCDR Sicard will be taking over as PAG Chair effective Jan 1, 2006. Nominations and election of new Chair Elect and Secretary will be done on the next conference call on Wednesday, February 15th, 1:00 EST.

COA 2006 - Proposal has been made to have Dental Hygiene Forum at the 2006 COA Conference in Denver. Most likely the forum will be an informal meeting, giving us all a chance to network.

DEPLOYMENTS - Discussed various deployments of those present.

Next Conference Call - Wednesday, February 15, 2006, 1:00 EST