

NDDAA NEWSLETTER



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North Dakota Dental Assistants Association

Greetings

Hello great members of the North Dakota Dental Assistants Association. We appreciate your continued support! Nationally the ADAA proudly celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. As one of the oldest professional associations we have been devoted to dental assisting as a profession. As a state chapter we continue to work hard for you. [We invite you and your dental professional friends to join our Facebook to stay up to date on all the latest information.](#)

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We ask for continued membership support from all dental Assistants so the NDDAA can continue our commitment to expanding our profession.

Along with the board I extend our heartfelt gratitude for another successful Annual Session. Our speakers shared useful information helping to make continuing education a little more enjoyable. Attendance was fabulous and many local businesses donated to aid in allowing us to maintain a high quality event. We thank you!

If you have any questions, suggestions, concerns or anything at all, don't hesitate to reach out to me or another board member.

Mikala Wegner
NDDAA President



ADAA Mission Statement:

“To advance the careers of dental assistants and to promote the dental assisting profession in the matters of education, legislation, credentialing and professional activities which enhance the delivery of quality dental health care to the public.”



**North Dakota Dental Association
2025 Mid-Winter Meeting
January 16-17, 2025
Radisson Hotel, 605 E. Broadway Avenue, Bismarck, ND**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **NDDA Board of Trustees Meeting**
- 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. **Registration/Exhibits Open** – Ballroom Foyer
- 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. **Kelley Johnson** – (Sponsored by: Erickson Dental Technologies) **“Infection Control plus Bloodborne Pathogens”** (3 CE’s) - Galleria Ballroom
- 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. **David Schaibley, Esq** – (Sponsored by: ND Board of Dental Examiners) **“State Governance and Rulemaking 101”** (1 CE) – Renoir-Russel
- 8:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. **Welcome Social** – open to all Attendees/Exhibitors – Ballroom Foyer

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

- 7:00 a.m. **Registration Opens** – Ballroom Foyer
- 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Exhibits Open** – Ballroom Foyer
- 8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. **Breakfast with the Legislators** – **NDDA Members Only** - Memorial Hall at the State Capitol
- 8:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. **Dr. Charlie Ward & Dr. Christopher Mazzola** – **“Comprehensive Aesthetic Dentistry - From Planning to Delivery”** (3 CE’s) - Galleria Ballroom
- 9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Break with Exhibitors**
- 10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Dr. Charlie Ward & Dr. Christopher Mazzola** – **“Comprehensive Aesthetic Dentistry - From Planning to Delivery”** - Galleria Ballr
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch/Visit with Exhibitors** – Seating available in Renoir/Russell/Wyeth/Rockwell/Van Gogh/Remington
- 12:10 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. **State of the State in Dentistry** – **NDDA Members Only** – New York
- 1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Dr. Charlie Ward & Dr. Christopher Mazzola** – **“Comprehensive Aesthetic Dentistry - From Planning to Delivery”** (3 CE’s) - Galleri
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Break with Exhibitors**
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Dr. Charlie Ward & Dr. Christopher Mazzola** – **“Comprehensive Aesthetic Dentistry - From Planning to Delivery”** - Galleri

Registration Form and online registration available on the NDDA website at [www.smilenorthdakota.org/meetings & events/Mid-Winter Meeting](http://www.smilenorthdakota.org/meetings&events/Mid-Winter-Meeting).

Thank you for joining us for the 2025 Mid-Winter Meeting!

CE Certifications will be available on the NDDA Website on Monday, January 20, 2025. Please visit www.smilenorthdakota.org/meeting-events/mid-winter-meeting to obtain your certificate.

Kelley Johnson is a distinguished dental consultant and educator dedicated to helping practices across North America reach their full potential. With over 25 years of experience in guiding teams through change, operational improvements, and technology integration, she has become a trusted leader in the industry. Kelley is recognized not only for her expertise but also for her ability to build strong, lasting relationships. She is passionate about seeing practices thrive and is often heard saying, “It’s truly rewarding to see practices grow more profitable while watching others find genuine joy in their everyday work.” Based in the upper Midwest, Kelley cherishes time with family and friends and occasionally enjoys a round of golf. Before founding and leading her own consulting firm, she served as the VP of Practice Development at CareCru and was a Technology Advisor at Patterson Dental, where she participated in several advisory councils and elite project teams. Kelley’s commitment to elevating the customer experience is at the core of everything she does, making her a valuable partner for any dental practice seeking growth and success.

Infection Control Plus Bloodborne Pathogens

Sponsored by: Erickson Dental Technologies

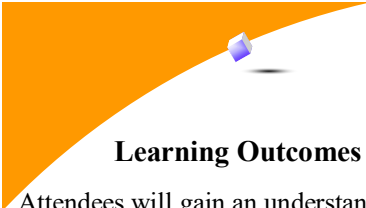
Course Objectives: OSHA requirements include an annual retraining session for all employees. This course will help fulfill these requirements & will update participants on the latest from OSHA, including the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) for Hazard Communication. The course also covers the Bloodborne Disease Pathogens Standard and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention Infection Control Guidelines for Dentistry. Other topics include requirements in the areas of fire, noise, ventilation, egress, ionizing radiation and workplace violence.

David Schaibley served as an Assistant Attorney General for just over a decade where his work included developing and leading an annual seminar for members of all North Dakota licensing boards, as well as providing legal advice to about a dozen of those boards. Mr. Schaibley served as the Board of Dental Examiners’ lawyer which gave him experience, as well as a solid foundation for his work as Executive Director of the North Dakota Board of Dental Examiners. Before joining the Attorney General’s Office, he attended law school in St. Paul and worked for about 15 years as an attorney in the Twin Cities in a variety of roles, including at non-profits and corporations, and in litigation. David was born and raised in Bismarck, earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of North Dakota, and served for over a decade in the North Dakota Army National Guard to include deployment in Desert Storm.

STATE GOVERNANCE AND RULEMAKING 101

Sponsored by: ND Board of Dental Examiners

This session provides an introduction and overview of the North Dakota State Board of Dental Examiners (Board)—the state governmental entity charged with the responsibility of regulating the practice of dentistry. Included will be a discussion of Board members, appointments and terms of office, laws that govern the dental profession, and the Board’s roles, duties, obligations, and limitations. Specific attention will be paid to the complaints and disciplinary process, and the Board’s rulemaking responsibilities.



Learning Outcomes

Attendees will gain an understanding of:

1. The Board's relationship with and oversight by the Office of the Governor and State Legislative Assembly.
 2. The Board's roles, responsibilities, obligations, and limitations.
 3. The Board's relationships with and differences between the Board and other governmental and non-governmental entities.
 4. State regulation of the practice of dentistry and licensees, with a focus on the applicable statutes, rules, regulations, and policies, and how they impact licensees.
 5. The Complaint and Disciplinary processes.
 6. The Rulemaking process, including the overall procedure and the roles of the Board, its licensees, stakeholders, and the Legislative Assembly.
 7. Your opportunities and means of effectively engaging with the Board.
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Dr. Charlie Ward graduated from University of Maryland Dental School in 2008. He is a member of the visiting faculty of The Pankey Institute in Key Biscayne, Florida where he teaches the Mastering Aesthetic Restorative Dentistry and Dental Photography

courses. He also presents for Align Technologies, is on the editorial advisory board for Dental Economics and is a Journal Curator for Restorative Nation. He practices restorative dentistry in Baltimore, MD. He is a member of the Academy of General Dentistry and the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry.

Dr. Christopher Mazzola graduated from University of Michigan Dental School in 2009. He is a member of the visiting faculty of The Pankey Institute in Key Biscayne, Florida. He practices restorative dentistry in Traverse City, Michigan with his partners, Dr. Macare Lumbrezer and Dr. Joshua Van Horn and his wife, Dr. Christina Mazzola. He is a member of the Academy of General Dentistry and the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry.

COMPREHENSIVE AESTHETIC DENTISTRY - FROM PLANNING TO DELIVERY

Course Description and Learning Outcomes

Aesthetic dentistry requires attention to detail and intentional planning from start to finish. This course will walk through the steps needed to plan, prepare and deliver a comprehensive aesthetic case. We will begin with diagnosis, treatment planning and the importance of photography, then follow with prep design, provisionals and materials. Finally, we'll discuss protocols for bonding and cementation for modern ceramics.

Learning Objective

- Demonstrate a system for aesthetic diagnosis and how to plan for an aesthetic case
- Discuss predictable tooth preparation for modern materials and the importance of exquisite provisionals
- Review material properties and what is appropriate for case selection
- Demonstrate the step by step for bonding and cementation of modern ceramics



If you have never done Mission of Mercy in Bismarck, it is a MUST!

I always have the best experience and enjoy it. I was able to do restorative work with some amazing docs in the Midwest. Then I hopped over to triage with the doctors and helped take care of the patients and got them where they needed to be.

The smile and excitement on the faces of the patients was second to none. They may stand in a line for a lot of hours to get the work done but they are so appreciative. We helped young and old.

We are there for 2 solid days and you can sign up for what days and times work best. You get to meet new people or catch up with old friends. Please make sure to watch out for the next one. We are always looking for more assistants!

ASSISTANTS DOING LOCAL ANESTHETIC!! WAIT.....WHAT???

I have always wondered why assistants can't do anesthetic? We are the ones to watch it daily and use it almost for every patient we see. This would be so helpful for the practice in my opinion. It's not for everyone I understand that, but for those of us that want to expand our duties and our knowledge why not let us do what we are capable of doing?

I recently finished a hands-on course from MState with training for assistants to be able to do anesthetic. NOTE: This is NOT a rule change for ND Dental Assistants. Although we are only able to administer supraperiosteal/field blocks, we are on our way!

It is amazing to think that we are one step closer to doing this. It is such a valuable opportunity for us to expand our knowledge and skills in a critical aspect of dental care. We can make the dentist's lives easier and keep the work flow going even smoother.

We were provided the necessary training to be able to administer and monitor the local anesthetic during dental procedures. We also have to take an exam at the end of the course and apply for licensure after. This is something that dentists and hygienists never had to do, yes it was in their boards but not just a test on local anesthetics.

I can fully say that I am now confident and competent to be able to do local anesthetics.

So now, we need your help North Dakota Dental world! Please have your doctors, yourselves and all of your dental friends to write a letter to the Board of Dental Examiners to help ensure we can get this moving and in the right direction for ND to start doing.

We need to get this as a rule change and add it to our duties!

You can send these letters to David Schaibley email: david@nddentalboard.org.

Thanks for taking the time to read this and for being part of the ND Dental Assistants Association!

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Dental Assistants Recognition Week March 2-8, 2025



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