

## **Government Relations Report January 2021**

The Dental Board will continue to meet virtually for at least the first six months of 2021. The meeting dates are:

- February 25/26
- May 12/13
- August 19/20
- November 18/19

The Dental Assisting Council had a training session / first meeting on December 4, 2020.

### **Appointments to the Dental Board**

- Sonya Molina, DDS, a practicing endodontist of 29 years.
- Mark Mendoza appointed as a public member.

### **Election of 2021 Dental Board Officers**

The Dental Board elected officers for the 2021 year. Joanne Pacheco, RDH was elected President and Rosalinda Olague, RDA was elected Vice President. *Congratulations to these two women!!*

### **Dental Assisting Educational Program Regulation Package**

The Dental Board approved the regulatory package and the related forms and initiated the rulemaking.

### **Online-Only Renewals Effective July 2021**

The Dental Board approved the move to online-only renewals effective July 2021. The following notice was sent by the DBC to stakeholders and posted on its website:

To better serve our licensees with greater speed and accuracy, the Dental Board of California (Board) will convert to an online-only renewal process beginning with the July 2021 renewal cycle.

Renewing online significantly reduces processing times: renewal transactions can be approved within 24 to 48 hours, compared to the current mail-in process, which can take up to 4 to 6 weeks.

This will also reduce the Board's carbon footprint, conserve natural resources, reduce mailing costs, and make the best use of licensee/permit renewal fees.

As part of this transition, licensees/permit holders will no longer receive the current renewal notice by mail. Licensees/permit holders will instead be mailed a renewal reminder postcard approximately 90 days prior to their expiration date for each license or permit they hold. A sample has been provided below.

To aid licensees/permit holders in this transition, the Board recommends that licensees/permit holders that are not currently registered on the BreEZe system set up their account now to avoid any technological or account issues when renewing a license or permit near the expiration date.

For information on setting up your BreEZe account and renewing online, please visit the BreEZe webpage at: <https://www.dca.ca.gov/splash.shtml>

In addition to renewing online, you can apply for a new license or permit and make changes to your information, such as updating your mailing address or requesting a duplicate license.

Until the transition, licensees can continue to renew online or by mail. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact the Board at (916) 263-2300, or by email at [dentalboard@dca.ca.gov](mailto:dentalboard@dca.ca.gov).