

CDAA GR update November 1, 2022

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Here is an update from the world of government relations.

Discussions continue with CDA, CADAT and the RDAEF association regarding scope of practice and pathways to licensure. Stakeholders, which are all of you, are encouraged to voice their concerns and opinions and the discussions continue and decisions are made. Eventually, a bill will be brought forward with recommendations for the scope of practice duties and other possible pathways to licensure.

Coronal polish for the unlicensed dental assistant is once again an area of discussion. Though defeated with AB2276, it appears that this duty is of great import to the dentists and will be up for possible compromise as we continue to negotiate.

Interest in portability as a pathway to licensure to consider the DANB certification is also a part of more recent discussion. Investigation into the possibility for the DANB CDA to be recognized for a portion of qualifications for the board exam are being taken into consideration.

There are many meetings ahead of us, but we are prepared to go the distance to grow the profession of dental assisting and maintain the integrity of licensure and educational requirements.

November 7 is election day and there will be changes in Sacramento. Now, more than ever, CDAA will be asking for your support as we continue to navigate these political and legislative areas. To that end, CDAA is hiring a lobbyist to assist us and offer guidance through some of the processes that lie ahead.

Stay tuned for future activities that we will need you to be involved in. That may include letter writing campaigns, visits to your local legislative representatives, or even a trip or two to Sacramento!

The next DAC/DBC meeting is scheduled for November 17-18, 2022, in Sacramento. I will be in attendance and encourage any of you who have any interest to join me! Thank you for the opportunity to serve.