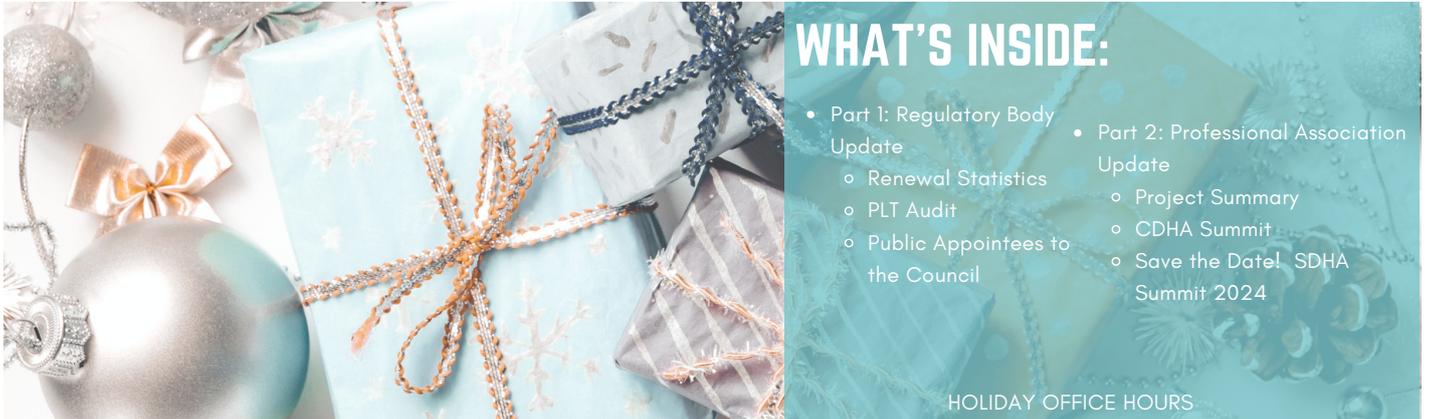


SDHA MINI EDGE

We would like to present to you this Issue of the SDHA Edge as a mini edition.

The mini edition is intended to focus on important information while continuing to provide you with regular communication.



PART ONE: REGULATORY BODY UPDATE

Written by Shelby Hamm, CEO/R

As the 2023 calendar comes to a close, we recognize the 2023-2024 SDHA licensing year has only just begun. It is at this time we are best equipped to make observations based on the information collected during licensure renewal. The primary change during this renewal was the need to obtain Professional Liability Insurance independently through the CDHA. Overall, registrants managed this change with ease. We thank you for your professionalism and respectful nature when we worked with you to correct any errors during this process. We continue to recommend the Professional Liability Insurance policy offered through membership with the CDHA.

The 2022/23 licensing year closed on October 31, 2023, with a total of 758 registrants, and the 2023/24 licensing year opened on November 1, 2023, with a total of 726 registrants. This is a typical attrition rate of registrant statistics from previous years, and we anticipate growth in numbers from new graduates and new applicants from other jurisdictions throughout the year.

The Personal Learning Tool Audit is complete, with twenty-seven registrants successful in the audit process. Of the twenty-seven submissions, three were successful following resubmission. The Audit Committee strongly recommends the review of the PLT video found on our website. A heartfelt thank you to the Audit Committee for their time and attention to detail on this important work!

In May, we welcomed three appointed Public Representatives to the SDHA Council. Public representatives are voting members of the Council who are appointed by the Government. This ensures shared governance of the profession with the public and the protection of the public interest. Welcome, Ken Smith, Reola Mathieu and Rhonda Stang.



PART TWO: PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Following the decision of the SDHA to divest of professional association activities, and the hiring of Kellie Watson as Project Manager, a Steering Committee has been populated with volunteer hygienists. We are pleased to share that meetings with the Project Manager and Steering Committee have already taken place. The Steering Committee will be making preliminary decisions, and will consult with the membership on bigger decisions. Please watch your e-mail for surveys and correspondence to ensure your voice is heard and to support this important work!

PARTNERS

Canadian Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA)

In October, Stacie Beadle (SDHA President), Kellie Watson (SDHA Project Manager) and I attended the CDHA Summit in Winnipeg, Manitoba. We had the pleasure of learning and networking with colleagues from across Canada, including Saskatchewan's CDHA Director, Kaylen Anholt. The objective of the Summit was to learn about the need for diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in the profession of dental hygiene. CDHA hosted an impressive lineup of presenters including a two-part presentation by Jennifer David from NVision Insight Group as follow up to CDHA's *The Path*.

Save the Date

CDHA National Conference 2024
Niagara Falls, ON • October 17-19, 2024



Kaylen Anholt, Stacie Beadle, Kellie Watson, Shelby Hamm

SAVE THE DATE!

SDHA Summit & Tradeshow

April 12-13, 2024

The Glen at Crossmount

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

We are excited to host an educational Summit in Spring of 2024. This event will focus on personal and professional wellness, offering speakers that focus on the health and wellbeing of the dental hygienist. We hope you can join us! Registration with earlybird pricing will open in February. Watch your e-mails for more information coming in the new year.

OFFICE INFORMATION

The SDHA Office will be closed for the holiday season from Friday, December 22nd - Tuesday, January 2nd. The SDHA office building now requires permission for entry. If you plan on visiting the office, we encourage you to arrange an appointment or call ahead. [To enter the building the buzz code is 0006.](#)

On behalf of the Saskatchewan Dental Hygienists' Association Staff and Council, we wish you a healthy and happy holiday season!