



**Arizona**  
DENTAL HYGIENISTS'  
ASSOCIATION

## ADVOCACY UPDATE



### **AzDHA Legislative Priorities**

We are in good shape on our priority bills. Here's where we stand:

**[SB 1269](#): dental hygienists; botox; continuing education** - Shope

This bill clarifies and further defines the administration of high-quality injectable botulinum toxin type A (Botox) and dermal fillers for therapeutic & cosmetic purposes by dental hygienists. SB1269 has passed through committees and awaits action by the full Senate.

**[SB 1154](#): dental board; dental hygienists** - Shamp

This bill adds a third dental hygienist to the Board of Dental Examiners. It has passed through committees and awaits action by the full Senate.

**[SB 1037](#): AHCCCS; comprehensive dental care** - Shope

This bill allows adult Medicaid members to use their \$1,000 annual dental benefit for more than just emergency procedures. It has passed the Senate Health & Human Services and Appropriations Committees. It awaits action by the full Senate.

**[SB 1021](#): scope of practice; process; repeal** - Shope

This repeals the requirement that state-regulated health professions, like dental hygiene, go through the sunrise review process for proposed scope of practice expansions. It has passed through committees and awaits action by the full Senate.

### **Oral Health Day at the Capitol - March 11**

The deadline to register for Capitol Day has passed and those who registered have been invited to a Virtual Prep meeting scheduled for February 28th when participants will learn about the bills we will be supporting this year, how to use the lobby app, get logistics information, and get any

questions answered. Dental hygienist participants will receive separate materials on our priority bills.

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**March 2 - 8 is Virtual Capitol Week!**

Can't attend Capitol Day in person? No problem, the Arizona Oral Health Coalition (AZOHC) is hosting a Virtual Capitol week in the days leading up to the event. Ensure your participation by [signing up for the AZOHC newsletter](#) , and you will receive daily emails with fun and interesting activities that take 5 minutes or less. These emails will provide information about advocacy, the issues, and what you can do.

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**It's Not Too Late to Make Your Voice Heard**

There's an easy way to quickly let legislators know your position on a particular bill – through the Request to Speak (RTS) Program. It is an online tool that lets anyone give Arizona state lawmakers feedback on bills. It's an easy way to get involved in state politics, stay informed on the bills that directly affect us, and make sure our elected officials honor the wishes of us, their constituents.

RTS accounts must be **enabled in-person, at the Capitol**. If you'd like to participate, [CLICK HERE](#) and fill out the form. Your Advocacy Team will create and enable an account for you then send you an email with instructions on how to get started. At this busy time of year, it may take 5-7 business days to get your account enabled. With your enabled RTS account, you can comment on bills being heard in Committee through your online access. Bills are finishing up in their chamber of origin and making their way to the other chamber to begin the process over again so there's still time to weigh in!

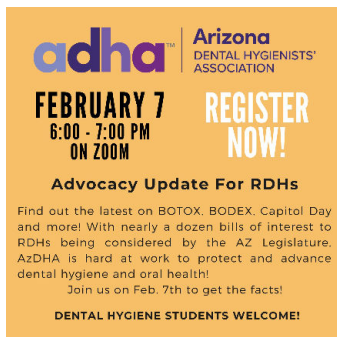


**Is This YOUR Time to Serve?**

All members of BODEX, like all regulatory boards, are appointed by the Governor. To have the Governor consider you for such an appointment, you must complete an online application. It's not too soon to get started and AzDHA can help you in the process. Please let us know if you are interested by sending an email to [president.azdha@gmail.com](mailto:president.azdha@gmail.com) or [dkappes.azdha@gmail.com](mailto:dkappes.azdha@gmail.com)

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# AzDHA Advocacy Update Recap!



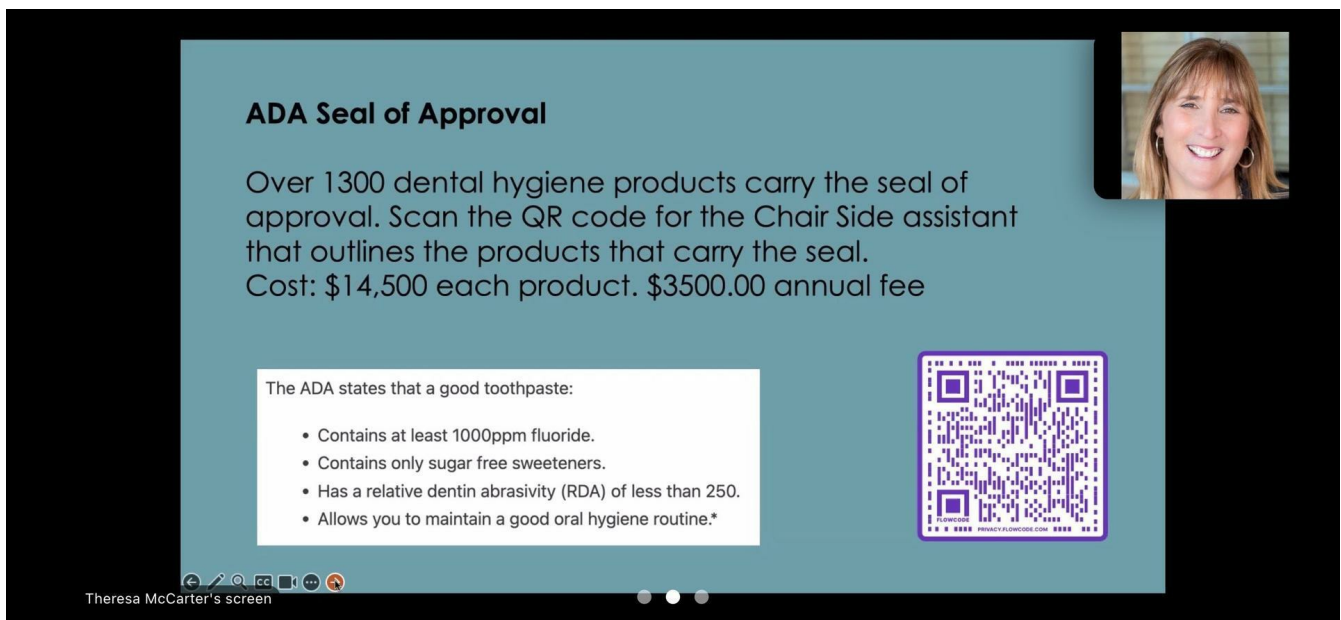
Missed our event or want a recap? Access the meeting recording here:  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OyQroHj266YCr1Prh\\_em1Ecj0trvMxIX/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OyQroHj266YCr1Prh_em1Ecj0trvMxIX/view?usp=sharing)

For a quick legislative update, check out the condensed version on our Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/AZdentalhygienists/videos/361839023400117/>

Dive into RTS with insightful links from our Advocacy Chair, Deb Kappes: Using AZ RTS – YouTube video:  
<https://youtu.be/EZMj5rLbuzs>

Learn more about CEBV and RTS:  
<https://www.cebv.us/rts.html> Deb's shareable slides are attached!

Feel the call to make an impact? Join our committees! Advocacy, Communications, Finance, and more await enthusiastic volunteers. Contact us at  
[volunteers.azdha@gmail.com](mailto:volunteers.azdha@gmail.com)



Southern Arizona Dental Hygienists Association's Theresa McCarter shared gems on over-the-counter dental hygiene products at the LIVE CE event!

Remember the Relative Dentin Abrasiveness (RDA) for toothpaste? It's a game-changer! Thank you SADHA and HygieneWize



NAZCDD is a collaborative, volunteer-based effort to provide no cost dental care to underserved and vulnerable adults in Coconino County

NAZ Community  
**Dental Days**

**Services provided:**

- Cleanings
- Fillings
- Extractions

**SAVE THE DATE**

**April 5 & 6 2024**

**Location:**  
**NAU Dental Hygiene Clinic**  
**Flagstaff, AZ**

**Make a difference Volunteer!**

**Registration opening soon!**

**IN NEED OF:**

Dental Professionals  
Medical Professionals  
General Volunteers

**For more information!!**

Contact: Robin Berry  
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A New Dawn Arizona, BCBSAZ Health Choice, Delta Dental, Coconino County Health and Human Services, NAU Department of Dental Hygiene, Northern Arizona Oral Health Coalition, North Country Health Care, Patterson Dental

Calling All Dental Heroes!

Let's rally together for our Flagstaff community! ☐ ☐ ☐Join us in making a difference by volunteering, donating, or spreading the word about this fantastic local event.

Compassion Queen Creek

**VOLUNTEER  
REGISTRATION**

**March 2, 2024**  
**Poston Butte High School**

Thrilling Announcement!

Compassion Queen Creek 2024 is organizing an event on March 2, 2024, to provide essential dental care services to those in need in our community. Join to promote oral health!

Volunteers needed, especially from the dental hygienist community, to contribute their time and expertise. Tasks include dental cleanings, oral health education, and event logistics. Your participation can make a significant impact on the oral health of individuals in our community.

If you're interested in volunteering, fill out the form here: <https://compassionconnectaz.com/cqc-volunteer/> Let's come together and make Compassion Queen Creek 2024 a success!

For more information, visit <https://compassionconnectaz.com/cqc/>. Feel free to contact Voncelle at 623-312-7920. Thank you for your consideration and support!

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## Deadline Extended to February 16



## Student Delegate Instructions and Application

### Overview

Students have a unique opportunity to apply for a position as a Student Delegate. As a Student Delegate, you represent all student members of the American Dental Hygienists' Association during the three House of Delegates meetings. Each student will be considered for the student delegate position.

Student delegates will receive a complimentary conference registration to ADHA 2024.

### Qualifications

- Must be a student member of the American Dental Hygienists' Association.
- **Must be a matriculating dental hygiene student with a minimum of one semester/trimester remaining after annual session.**
- Must be in good standing in a dental hygiene program and have the written approval of the program director for candidacy.
- Must be available to fulfill all obligations of a district workshop and full attendance at the ADHA House of Delegates Meeting (June 28-30, 2024).

LEARN MORE



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## AzDHA Members IN ACTION!



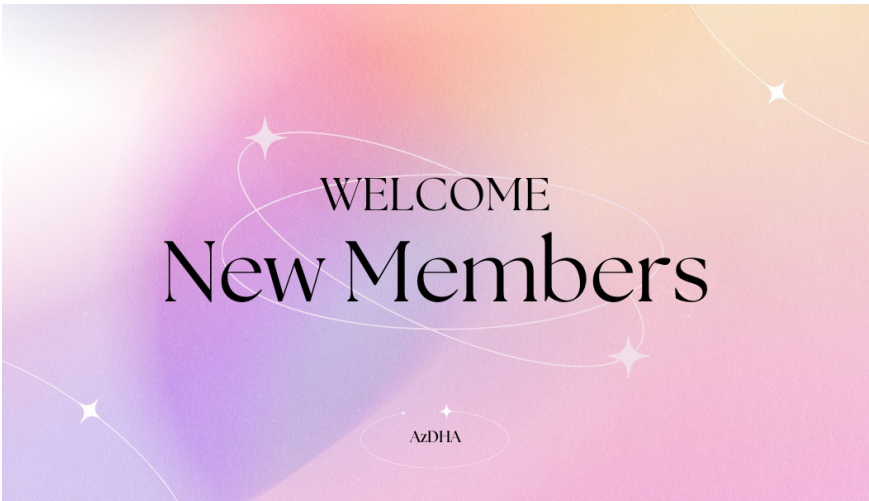
^^^ BLS/CPR HAPPENED WITH SADHA on 1/20/2024 - Theresa McCarter from HygieneWize spoke.





^^^ Pam Larrabee, RDH, BAS, MA, ADHA District XI Director, and AzDHA Secretary Katy M Obert RDH, BA, CDA had a delightful reunion at the Volunteer Nonprofit Service Association's annual book sale! Dive into the leadership section, where their passion for growth ignited. Join AzDHA for an empowering journey, unlocking your leadership potential!

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**Welcome to our New, Transfer, & Returning Members**

April Babbitt  
Jean Brady  
Jan Grutzius  
Allyson Hunt

Emily Pierce  
Maria Quick  
Brenda Rhodes  
Annie Sparks  
Kelsey Versluis

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# Happy Birthday to All our Members with Birthdays in February

[\(Click here if your birthday should have been listed\)](#)

|                     |                  |                 |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Michelle Archuleta  | Lyn Hughes       | Winifred        |
| Maegann Bailey      | Shawna James     | Quartermaine    |
| Wendy Bannon        | Ella Johnson     | Linda Ragsdale  |
| Jacqueline Batross  | Daniella LaDolce | Gilia Rethman   |
| Mary Busch          | Bonnie LaRussa   | Susan Roberts   |
| Shawn Everingham    | Lisa Manson      | Angela Smith    |
| Sarah Fisher        | Dawn McGlasson   | Heather Smith   |
| Jessica Lea Hartman | Linda Meech      | Shannon Smith   |
| Melissa Herman      | Elisa Montanez   | Anne Thompson   |
| Jocelyn Hovan       | Rebecca Potter   | Janayna Vida    |
|                     |                  | Angela White    |
|                     |                  | Jennifer Wright |

Do you have something to share with other AZDHA members,  
contact Michelle Schwantes at [michelle@amgoldman.com](mailto:michelle@amgoldman.com)

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