

## **Oregon Dental Hygienists' Association**

**Policy:** 03-05 Advocacy

**Program:** Advocacy

**Effective date:** July 23, 2017

**Last revised date:** July 23, 2017

**Purpose:** To advocate for the dental hygiene profession in Oregon.

**Policy:** The Oregon Dental Hygienists' Association will have a designated member when possible to perform advocacy efforts for the dental hygiene profession.

The Oregon Dental Hygienists' Association will employ a lobbyist when deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

### **General Procedures:**

- Submit information for publication in the REPORT, Update, and ODHA website as needed.
- Monitor content and maintenance of website.
- Prepare proposed budget for office of the President and the Board of Director meetings and submit to the Chair of the Finance Committee.
- Maintain accurate financial records and receipts of budgeted expenditures. Use appropriate forms to request reimbursement. Submit completed forms according to established guidelines.
- Prepare and submit report to the President at all Board of Director meetings and the Annual Business Meeting.
- Active component member

### **Specific Procedures:**

#### **Promotion**

- Seek out opportunities to promote oral health, access to health care, the dental hygiene profession, and ODHA.
- Educate dental hygiene students and professionals about advocacy skills and strategies.

#### **Communication**

- Educate dental hygiene students and professionals about state regulation of dentistry and regulatory issues related to dental hygiene.
- Maintain ongoing communication with ADHA Government Relations.

#### **Legislative**

- Develop legislative agenda for approval by ODHA Board of Directors.

- Recommend position on legislative proposals & bills for approval by ODHA Board of Directors.
- Collaborate with key stakeholders regarding legislative proposals & bills.
- Monitor progress of bills related to dental hygiene and oral health that are being considered by Oregon Legislature.
- Identify ODHA members to be key contacts for Oregon legislators.
- Recommend that ODHA Board of Directors retain lobbying services as needed.

### **Board of Dentistry**

- Attend meetings of the Oregon Board of Dentistry and report pertinent information to ODHA Board of Directors.
- Meet with members of the Oregon Board of Dentistry as needed.
- Recommend ODHA representatives for the standing committees of the Oregon Board of Dentistry to be appointed by the ODHA President.
- Submit agenda items for the Dental Hygiene Committee of the Oregon Board of Dentistry.
- Recommend new members for the Oregon Board of Dentistry with approval of the ODHA Board of Directors.

### **Alliances**

- Establish and maintain positive relationships with key stakeholders including other healthcare providers, professional associations, government agencies coalitions, and advocacy groups.
- Encourage ODHA members to participate in other organizations that support ODHA mission and goals.
- Recommend ODHA members to serve on agencies, boards, coalitions and other strategic groups that support ODHA mission and goals.