



# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL BOARDS

*Assisting dental regulatory boards to protect the public*

## **THE VALUE OF AADB MEMBERSHIP**

The American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) was founded in 1896. From its inception, AADB has focused on one pre-eminent mission: To serve as a resource by providing a national forum for exchange, development, and dissemination of information to assist dental regulatory boards with their obligation to protect the public. AADB's membership roster includes nearly 600 individuals and agencies involved in the regulation of the dental profession. The dental boards of virtually every American jurisdiction are members.

Why become an AADB member? We believe there are many benefits to membership. Here are just a few...

1. Forum for Networking and Exchange --- AADB provides forums in which members network, exchange and disseminate information, and seek guidance from peers. The Annual and Mid-Year Meetings gather representatives from virtually every dental board in the United States, and the level of interaction during both the educational and social events is high. AADB also hosts an online Member Forum, allowing networking and information exchange among members between meetings.
2. Continuing Education --- AADB's Annual and Mid-Year Meetings include many CE-eligible sessions devoted to raising knowledge levels. AADB also offers free, members-only tele-seminars, providing news and updates about important developments within the dental profession.
3. Publications and Databases --- AADB members have access to many useful publications and data compilations. A series of "guideline" documents offer overviews and recommendations to dental boards on a wide range of regulatory topics. Other publications examine specific technical issues relating to dental procedures. AADB's annual Composite, its 33<sup>rd</sup> edition, compiles state-by-state data covering virtually every aspect of dental board regulation, including board structure and operation, licensing requirements, disciplinary actions, and contact information.
4. The News You Need --- AADB is a source of news and information, keeping members "in the know" about trending topics and current events. The association publishes a quarterly newsletter, The Bulletin, and the AADB Weekly Update. These informative publications are supplemented with a monthly "News Round-Up" and periodic "In the News" alerts.
5. Clearinghouse of Board Actions --- AADB maintains a vast repository of dental board disciplinary orders and actions. This database, known as the AADB Clearinghouse for Board Actions, allows member dental boards to check the professional fitness of dental professionals currently practicing in their jurisdictions or seeking to do so. Dental board orders are input into the Clearinghouse upon receipt by AADB, and monthly reports summarizing new orders are sent to all member dental boards. All member dental boards have access to the Clearinghouse.
6. Remediate+ Program--- The AADB is excited to offer remediation services to help support dental boards in their mission to protect the public. Remediate+ is a fully customizable program designed to assist with mandated re-education of dental providers who show signs of benefiting from additional training. Services are provided to meet the specific needs of all state/territory dental boards. This new approach to remediation services provides dental remediation and assessments, powered by advanced technology. All courses are fair, objective, and assessed accurately. Remediation courses will be taught in a multimodal format and will cover remediation needs, comprehensively. Courses will provide evidence of completion and performance.
7. Advocacy --- AADB serves as both a forum and an advocate for issues affecting the regulation of dental professionals. AADB informs dental boards of important regulatory developments and trends. Coalitions are formed within AADB to advocate and advance members' interests on key legislative, regulatory, and judicial issues. Members' voices are amplified when joined by other members with similar interests.
8. Representation --- AADB members also gain representation within many important dental organizations. AADB is empowered to appoint representatives to the Commission on Dental Accreditation, the Council on Dental Education and Licensure, the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations, and the Continuing Education Recognition Program. Our members can clearly make their views heard within the key regulatory arenas.

AADB members have been enjoying these and other benefits for many years. We look forward to serving our members and continuing to help them discharge their important duties within their jurisdictions. For more information about AADB membership, email: [tsochamower@dentalboards.org](mailto:tsochamower@dentalboards.org), or visit AADB online at [www.dentalboards.org](http://www.dentalboards.org).