The VOTES are in!
Announcing our 2020 WREB Board of Directors

Dr. Dale Chamberlain, President
Dr. Chamberlain began examining for WREB in 2007. He currently serves as a Team Captain and Floor Examiner at WREB Dental exams. Dr. Chamberlain previously served on the WREB Board from 2011-2012, is past member of the DERB and previously served on the Endodontics Committee (2009-2013). Dr. Chamberlain is a past President of the Montana State Dental Board.

Dr. Rob Lauf, President-Elect
Dr. Lauf began examining for WREB in 2010. He currently serves as a Team Captain, Floor Examiner and Sim Floor Examiner at WREB Dental exams. Dr. Lauf is an active member of the Operative Committee and previously served on the DERB (2010-2015) and Endodontics Committee (2014-2017). Dr. Lauf is a past President of the North Dakota State Dental Board.

Dr. Marshal Titus, Treasurer
Dr. Titus began examining for WREB in 2001. He currently serves as a Dental Floor Examiner and Dental Hygiene Chief Examiner at WREB Dental and Dental Hygiene exams. Dr. Titus previously served on the DERB (2005-2010) and Perio Committee (2006-2008). Dr. Titus is a former member of the Washington State Dental Board.

Dr. Rudy Ramos, DERB Chair
Dr. Ramos began examining for WREB in 2010. He currently serves as a Team Captain and Sim Floor Examiner at WREB Dental exams. Dr. Ramos currently chairs both the DERB and CTP Committees, and previously served on the Endodontics Committee (2012-2017). Dr. Ramos is a past President of the Texas State Dental Board.

Kathy Heiar, RDH, HERB Chair
Kathy Heiar began examining for WREB in 2013. She currently serves as a Team Captain at WREB Dental Hygiene exams. Ms. Heiar is the newly elected chair of the HERB and is an active member of the Illinois Board of Dentistry.
Dr. Aimee Ameline, Member-At-Large
Dr. Ameline began examining for WREB in 2009. She currently serves as a Team Captain, Floor Examiner and Sim Floor Examiner at WREB Dental exams. Dr. Ameline previously served on the DERB (2015-2016) and is Vice-President of the Montana State Dental Board.

Dr. Jonna Hongo, Member-At-Large
Dr. Hongo began examining for WREB in 2012. She currently serves as a Team Captain, Floor Examiner and Sim Floor Examiner at WREB Dental exams and Examiner at the Local Anesthesia Exams. Dr. Hongo currently chairs the Endodontics/Prosthodontics Committee, is an active member of the Local Anesthesia Committees and previously served on DERB (2015). Dr. Hongo is a former member of the Oregon State Dental Board.

Dr. Michael Moriarty—Member-At-Large
Dr. Moriarty began examining for WREB in 2008. He currently serves as a Chief Examiner at WREB Dental exams. Dr. Moriarty previously served on the Endodontics Committee (2003-2007) and is an active member of the Alaska State Dental Board.

Jennifer Porter, RDH—Member-At-Large
Jennifer Porter began examining for WREB in 2007. She currently serves as a Chief Examiner for both WREB Local Anesthesia and Dental Hygiene Exams.

Thank you for your service!

At our recent October 25th WREB Board of Directors meeting, Dr. Chamberlain, WREB President gave a special acknowledgement to two board members who will be rolling off the WREB Board in 2020.

Diane Klemann, RDH Member-At-Large. Unfortunately, Diane could not be with us at the board meeting because she was welcoming her beautiful new Grandbaby, Alivia Jayde to the family! Diane will continue to serve as a Chief Examiner for the WREB Local Anesthesia exam and on the HERB representing our member state of Montana. Thank you for your service Diane!

Melinda Reich, RDH HERB Chair. Dr. Chamberlain presented Melinda with a plaque commemorating her board service. Melinda will continue to serve as a Team Captain at WREB Dental Hygiene exams. Thank you for all you do Melinda!
WREB Offers Prosthodontic Exam to 3rd Year Dental Students

In 2020, WREB is offering third year (D3) dental students the option to complete the Prosthodontic section a year early. This will be available during the same weekend fourth year (D4) dental students complete their exam and will be accomplished by moving the D4 Prosthodontic sections to Orientation Day. The D3 Prosthodontic sections will then be scheduled during the clinic day slots previously occupied by the D4 Prosthodontic sections. The objective is to provide Candidates more time during the exam to complete all required procedures. If Candidates successfully complete the Prosthodontic section in their third year, that is one less procedure to complete during their fourth-year exam. Making this available on the same weekend for both classes helps accomplish this goal without significantly increasing WREB’s footprint at sites. This change is optional for the dental school. So far, 11 of the 28 schools that host WREB have chosen to participate in 2020.

Member State Board Executive Directors Meeting

This year’s Member State Board Executive Directors meeting was held in Denver on November 7. All attendees were invited to stay and observe the DERB meeting the next day. The meeting started with an orientation to WREB which was geared towards first time attendees. The orientation provided members a better understanding of the inner workings of WREB in greater detail and to answer any and all questions about WREB and testing. A general overview/updates on WREB’s Dental and Dental Hygiene exams was presented. The State Board ED’s provided updates from their respective boards on such things as clinical licensure testing requirements, any changes, updates in statutes/legislation and ended with a round table Q&A session.

The feedback we received from the meeting participants was overwhelmingly positive. Next year, we have this meeting in conjunction with the HERB in November 2020.
Updates from the DERB and HERB Meetings

WREB recently hosted the DERB meeting in Denver on November 8 and the HERB meeting on November 15 in Phoenix. Both meetings were very similar in format and content which included Committee Reports presented by our WREB consultants Dr. Bruce Horn, Dr. Mark Christensen, Janet Ingrao, RDH and Kelly Reich, RDH. Beth Cole provided a general WREB update and Dr. Sharon Osborn Popp presented a Psychometric Review of the results from the 2019 exam season. DERB/HERB members were asked to come prepared to participate in a round table discussion on matters relating to clinical licensure, state statutes or rule requirements, state board position on non-patient-based exams, etc.

WREB would like to extend our deepest gratitude and appreciation to the following Examiners who recently retired from WREB. We appreciate their service and their desire to make way for current sitting state board members to participate in WREB. These amazing volunteers represent a total of 130 Years of Service!

Colleen Gaylord, RDH
Dental Hygiene Grading Examiner
Started with WREB in 1994.

Dr. Alex Larsen
Dental & Dental Hygiene Grading Examiner
Started with WREB in 2004.

Tracy McCready, RDH
Dental Hygiene Grading Examiner
Started with WREB in 2014

Dr. Duane Orchard
Dental Floor Examiner
Started with WREB in 1993

Dr. Evan Perry
Dental Grading Examiner
Started with WREB in 2005

Donna Sheppard, RDH
Dental Hygiene & Anesthesia Grading Examiner
Started with WREB in 2013

Connie Sliwinski, RDH
Dental Hygiene Team Captain
Former WREB Board of Directors
Started with WREB in 1998

Dr. Nathaniel Tippit, Jr.
Dental Chief Examiner
Former WREB Board of Directors
Started with WREB in 2000
Dr. Eric Curtis started with WREB 18 years ago and currently serves as a Dental Chief Examiner. Dr. Curtis was past president of the Arizona Dental Association and for many years has been the editor of its monthly publication. He is also a past president of both the American Academy of the History of Dentistry and the American Association of Dental Editors and Journalists. Here is more about Dr. Curtis in his own words...

The **most rewarding aspect of examining**... First, I like being part of a high-quality team. I enjoy working with thoughtful and dedicated people who personify WREB’s commitment to creating instruments that are effective, accurate, fair, and humane. Second, I like helping candidates navigate the process, an effort that balances aspects of translation, not unlike trying to interpret English into Spanish and French for occasional patients, with circumspection—knowing when not to talk. Third, I like learning, and being inspired by what I learn. Eavesdroppers might be astonished to discover the breadth and depth of philosophical inquiry that pops up in examiner conversation. Some aspects are practical—I’ve absorbed more than a few clinical pearls in between modification requests. But I’ve also been introduced to a range of new experiences. A modest case in point: many years ago, WREB examiners taught me to enjoy oysters.

The **most memorable exam experience**... I’ve had many adventures on the clinic floor, most of which are best recounted in private. I enjoy seeing candidates rise to the occasion, and at the close of two separate exams recently, one of them gave me—the scary white-coated symbol of that implacable barrier between them and their future—a thank you card. I found the gesture quite moving.

**Me and my family**... I teach English (courses include composition, fiction, nonfiction, speech communications, and writing for health care management) for Eastern Arizona College and Arizona State University. I lay tile, make mosaics, and do stained glass. I paint (watercolors, mostly). I bake (bread, pizza, and pastries). I grow fruits and vegetables, and for the past three years I have harvested a small field of heritage wheat. (I am very close now to achieving my goal of serving a pizza made from ingredients produced within ten miles of my wood-fired oven.) I still occasionally strum my guitar late at night. I also recently finished a class taught by the only English-speaking practitioner of kintsugi, the Japanese method of repairing ceramics with gold. I write essays about all of the above.

I have been married to Tonka (birth name: Metonkabama), who teaches Spanish and French at Eastern Arizona College, for 34 years. We have three kids. Tristan teaches history in Phoenix. Anica Rose works for the Eller MBA programs at the University of Arizona in Tucson, specializing in social media and digital signage. Jillian is a dental hygienist at my office in Safford, AZ. Although my grandson Ricky is only seven months old, I’m pretty sure he will be a genius.

Any ** pearls of wisdom**... My native enthusiasm and curiosity play well with this passage from Mary Oliver’s poem *“Sometimes”: “Instructions for living a life: Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it.”* I am aware that the poem’s last sentence does not apply to issues of candidate confidentiality. 😊
WREB Travel Office Updates

It has been quite a year in the WREB Travel Office! After a few transitions, the office is now fully up and running with WREB’s new Travel Supervisor, Heather Gehring at the helm. Heather joined WREB back on June 5 and has hit the ground running, learning our systems, processes, contracting with hotels for our 2020 Exam season. You can read more about Heather in our “New Faces at the Office” section of the newsletter.

We are working very diligently to complete the implementation of Concur so we can begin a phased rollout starting sometime in October 2019. Please be sure to complete and return your Examiner Information form to our Office Manager, Cyndi Klyber at clyber@wreb.org. These forms are critical to building an accurate and complete profile for you in Concur. We are also working on a user-friendly tutorial that will walk you through every step of way to self-book your airline travel using Concur. We are confident this tool will be a huge time saver for everyone especially during our high travel season.

At the beginning of this year, we established a business account with Lyft for all of our WREB regular travelers to join. The more activity associated with our business account the greater the discounts. Thank you to our WREB travelers who have been actively using Lyft throughout the year. We still have many travelers who not have received the invitation to join the WREB Lyft business account or were not able to complete the initial set up process. As with Concur, we are working on a user-friendly tutorial that will walk you through the process to ensure your Lyft account is set up properly and connected to WREB’s business account.
New Faces in the WREB Office

Heather Gehring, WREB Travel Supervisor – Heather joined WREB in June 2019. Heather has many years in the travel industry, starting at American Airlines, as a ticket agent, to flight attendant to Manager of Customer Service. Heather has also held positions Princess Cruises as a Policies and Procedures Administrator/Trainer and Manager of Customer Service in their Air call center. Heather also spent 12 years with Bank of America as a Business Support Manager. In Heather’s own words - I am not from Arizona, but I am a transplant from California. I try not to tell anyone that, honestly. My husband and I have been trying to get here for 10 years. We LOVE ARIZONA! I have a 21-year-old son, who is the apple of my eye. I miss him the most and hope to visit him often. My husband and I are avid Harley Davidson riders. We love to go to many of the biker rallies throughout the country every year. Most notably, Sturgis, SD. I love to sing and I have done so since I was a young child. I have been in a few bands and always enjoy a good Christmas choir. I love to cook and would love to have a catering business. I feel very blessed to have gotten the opportunity to work here and everyone has been wonderful to me since I started.

Diego Sanchez, Dental Department Supervisor – Diego joined WREB in May 2019. Prior to WREB, Diego in the hospitality industry for 18 years starting out as a lobby attendant at the Phoenician Resort in Scottsdale Arizona. Diego held positions of increasing responsibility as Operations Manager, Outlets Manager and Food and Beverage Manager for several of the larger hotels and resorts in the valley. Diego holds a bachelor’s degree in Business Management from Northern Arizona University and an Associate degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management. In Diego’s own words – I I have lived in Arizona most of my life. My wife’s name is Viridiana. We have a 12-year-old son also named Diego. I have a canine son (Siberian Husky) named Hachi-Roku. My hobbies are golfing and collecting & build American muscle cars

Remaining 2019/Early 2020 WREB Calendar of Events

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