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**NEW BRUNSWICK DENTAL ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION**

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The next board meeting is scheduled  
for February 9, 2019 at 10 a.m. in  
Moncton, NB—Location TBA.



*Melissa MacDonald  
NBDAA President*

I hope everyone has had a great summer! Not a lot of changes on my end. I was suppose to attend the Oulton College Advisory meeting on November 2 but it was postponed until early Spring.

They are currently conducting a "Needs Assessment" to deter mine what changes and improvements can be made to the dental programs. The CDAA is still working on the "DA shortage".

They will be collecting data to see if this is actually happening or not and report back to us soon as they know more. My 2 years will be up in May and I am excited for the association to have Angela take my place. I know she will do great and that everyone will love her. Good luck and have fun Angela.

On a side note: My office had a contest at Halloween for the best costume. I won and thought I'd share some pictures with everyone so you could have a nice laugh!

Cheers!



## SCHOLARSHIPS

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Promoting the dental assisting profession by helping 2 students with a \$500 scholarship each towards a dental assisting program in Canada. Fill the application form and it must be received by January 31. The form can be found on the website at [www.nbdAA.ca](http://www.nbdAA.ca) under downloads or on page 8.

## CDAA Director's Report



*Heather Melvin, CDAA Director*

I had the pleasure in attending this years AGM held in Ottawa, June 2018 with Julien Robichaud. He was a great help in assisting me in my new role as your newest CDAA Director. Thank you Julien for all your help.

The event was held over three days with great guest speakers discussing many topics about medical device reprocessing, the shortages of dental assistants, Stephen Grundy from NDAEB, and we had a discussion on whether dental assistants are experiencing an unhealthy workplace.

Since the AGM a survey has been created and we asked all dental assistants in each province to take the time to fill out the survey so we can address these issues.

CDAA was asked by CDHA to send a representative to their Summit held in Charlottetown, PE in October. I had a fantastic time, met with many hygienists and the theme was on Leadership. It was a full weekend packed with great guest speakers.

I will continue to attend monthly meetings, and I have asked for the Executive Director, Stephanie Kavanagh to join us at our next AGM to discuss what CDAA does for us and why they play such an important role. I hope to see you at the AGM to bring your questions forward to Stephanie.



**CANADIAN DENTAL  
ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION**  
**ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE  
DES ASSISTANTS DENTAIRES**

**DENTAL ASSISTANTS  
RECOGNITION WEEK**

Is

March 4th to 10th, 2019

We are looking to fill a few positions:

Saint John and Moncton local are looking for a President, Treasurer and Secretary.

NBDS Representative—for this position, you must submit your résumé to [bernioff@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:bernioff@nb.sympatico.ca)—this is a two-year term.

Moncton representative on the NBDAA Provincial board of directors.

Vice-President on the NBDAA Provincial board of directors.



### MISSION STATEMENT

The NBDAA is the provincial organization for dental assistants that foster opportunities for the professional growth and is the voice of New Brunswick Dental Assistants.

The six most important goals arrived at are:

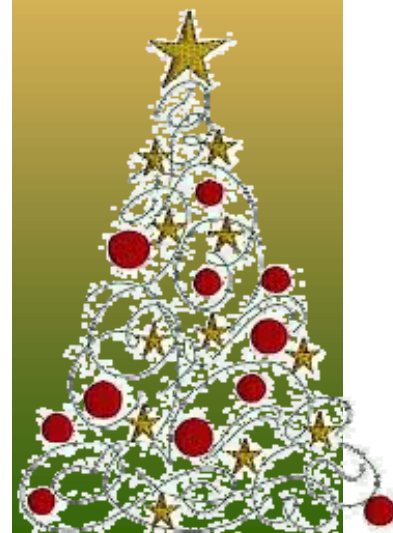
Communication

Professional participation

Public promotional of what a Dental Assistant is

Education

National Unity





# NEW BRUNSWICK DENTAL ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION

## TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEAR PIN APPLICATION FORM

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
First year you became a NBDAA member: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Will you be attending the NBDAA Annual General Meeting/Awards presentation: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

I hereby certify that I have been a member of the dental assisting profession for at least 25 years and held a minimum of 25 years of active membership with the NBDAA.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants must have been members of the dental assisting profession for at least 25 years and held a minimum of 25 years of active membership in the NBDAA.

All applications must provide proof of meeting the stated criteria and be submitted to the NBDAA office (forwarded to Chair of the Awards & Nominations Committee) a minimum of 30 days prior to the annual meeting. All applications will be reviewed for eligibility by the Awards & Nominations Committee. (Late applications will not be considered for current award year)

### Introducing



## Canadian Dental Connection

### What is the Canadian Dental Connection website?

This website was designed for oral health professionals interested in working in northern, remote and underserved communities in Canada and for clinics in these areas. It was developed by a group of the Faculty of Dentistry at McGill University with several partners and a financial contribution from the Public Health Agency of Canada.

### What does the Canadian Dental Connection website mean for you?

This simple, bilingual, and free tool includes a **job matching** component, where clinics can post an oral health position and professionals can have a profile and apply for positions. It also includes **training modules** to help oral health professionals prepare to work in northern, remote and underserved communities. Anyone interested in learning more about cultural competency, trauma-informed care and the application of these notions in Indigenous settings can benefit from this resource.

### Visit the Canadian Dental Connection website today!

English: [www.dentalconnection.ca](http://www.dentalconnection.ca)

French: [www.connexiondentaire.ca](http://www.connexiondentaire.ca)



## Season's Greetings!

It's been another great and eventful season. I participated in the October Continuation Education in Shediac. I'd like to thank Bernice for all the hard work that went into the organizing of this event. It was one of the best I've attended in a long time. The speakers were very informative and knowledgeable of their respected fields/work. It was nice reuniting with past co-workers that were in attendance.

Also, I spent a day at BOO AT THE ZOO at the Moncton Magnetic Hill Zoo in Mid-October. I joined some Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene Oulton College students to distribute tooth brushes, floss threaders and tooth paste to the children who were dressed up in their Halloween costumes. I've attached a picture of myself with the Moncton Magic Basketball Team Mascot. I'm the witch in the picture. Ha! Ha! The good-looking guy is the mascot. There are other photos of this day for you to view on our NBDDA Web Site. I encourage you to take a look and will also find other interesting information.

In conclusion, I would like to wish each and every one of you, Health and Happiness during this Festive Season. May you all experience the true meaning of Christmas!



Angela Cselenyi, Vice President

Upcoming Moncton local meetings.

The Moncton local is looking for a new President, Treasurer and Secretary. If you are interested, please attend your local meeting.

January 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Guest speaker:  
Andrea Laltoo  
Location: TBA

February 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at

Docbraces (pending)  
Guest speaker: Carole Noel, Integrasoul/ Naturopath

March 20th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Guest speaker:  
Dr Rémi Arsenault on grafts & soft tissues procedures (pending)  
Location TBA

April 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.—Oulton

College Students' Table top presentations at Oulton College Dental Education Center at 5 Pacific Ave





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THANK YOU

## AWARDS

Please consider nominating a deserving dental assistant for a NBDAA award presented at our next AGM on May 4th, 2019 in Moncton.

For more information on awards, please visit the website at [www.nbdaa.ca](http://www.nbdaa.ca) under "site pages".



We would like to thank our guest speakers for taking the time to come speak to our members and colleagues during the CE days in Shediac on October 5 & 6.

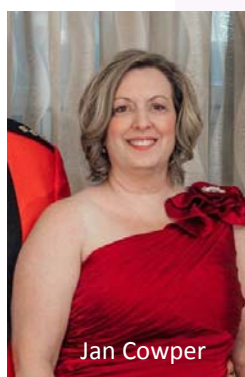
Thank you to Dr. Patrick Girouard, on Biometrics in Dentistry; André Lafargue on Hearing and Hearing loss; Jan Cowper on Accidental dental Insurance; Laura Silver on Life Balance and Jody Urquhart, Motivational speaker.

A special thanks to the Moncton local members for volunteering their time and NBDS for their continued support.

It was a great weekend of learning, laughter and fun.



André Lafargue



Jan Cowper



Laura Silver



Jody Urquhart

I am excited to once again be on the NBDAA board and to serve our profession. I am hoping to be able to continue to provide the board with any historical guidance as well as mentor the new board members this year. We have a great group, working together as a team for our profession.

I have already had the opportunity to join my fellow Moncton member and our Moncton local representative in organizing our local monthly meetings and speakers. It appears we have a great lineup of presenters and our local committee is working hard this year.

I have had the opportunity to present in our Fall continuing education sessions on Accidental Dental Insurance- What you need to know and I would be available to present on this subject to any of our locals over the course of this year. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly.



Jan Cowper  
Member-at-Large

### MISTLETOE

*Sitting under the mistletoe  
(Palegreen, fairy mistletoe),  
One last candle burning low,  
All the sleepy dancers gone,  
Just one candle burning on,  
Shadows lurking everywhere:  
Some one came, and kissed  
me there.*



### Message from the NBDS Representative



Season's Greetings!

I have thoroughly enjoyed my role and I am thankful to the NBDAA for giving me the opportunity to represent them on the NBDS board. I am sorry to see my term with both NBDAA and NBDS come to an end. I do look forward to the great work I know you will all continue to do though!

Warm Regards,  
Ronda Marr CDA



*Tired I was; my head would  
go  
Nodding under the mistletoe  
(Pale-green, fairy mistletoe),  
No footsteps came, no voice,  
but only,  
Just as I sat there, sleepy,  
lonely,  
Stooped in the still and  
shadowy air  
Lips unseen—and kissed me  
there.*

### We want to hear from you!

If you are interested in being a part of the NBDS board of directors, representing NBDAA, please submit your résumé to Bernice Léger Daigle at [bernioff@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:bernioff@nb.sympatico.ca). The first meeting is scheduled for March.

Next year, when you renew your membership for 2020, if you have 24 continuing education points or more, you will receive a **GIFT CERTIFICATE** to attend the NBDAA AGM or any NBDAA sponsored event for **FREE**.





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*Fredericton Affiliate – Moncton Affiliate – North Shore Affiliate*

*Saint John Affiliate – Upper St. John River Valley Affiliate*

### Dental Assistant Scholarship Application Form

#### Applicant's Information

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Current Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Addresse: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Previous Academic information

Year of previously completed program: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Record included: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Instructions

Awarded to a student based on academic result and financial need. To be eligible for this scholarship, students must also:

- Be a resident of New-Brunswick;
- Be enrolled as a full-time student in a dental assistant program in Canada;
- Demonstrate strong academic record; (transcripts)
- Demonstrate financial need (detailed letter);
- Demonstrate a strong community involvement(detailed letter);
- Reference letters

This application form, including all necessary documentation, must be sent to NBDAA **before January 31st.**

#### Declaration

I declare that the information given herein is complete and accurate.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_