

DHPAG Conference Call  
December 2, 2004

**Present:** CDR Finnson, LCDR Sicard, LCDR Roberson, LCDR Lucas, LCDR Black, LCDR Hollister, LCDR Holder, LT Plake, LTJG Glasscock, LTJG Myers, and LTJG Brucklier.

**Absent:** None

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Executive members gave a brief introduction of their experience and agency:

CDR Finnson has practiced 13 yrs with the IHS.

LCDR Sicard has been a hygienist for 11 years, spent 7 years in the IHS and recently transferred to the CDC.

LCDR Roberson has been with the BOP for 11 years and spent 1 ½ years in private practice. She is an associate recruiter.

LCDR Lucas has been a hygienist for 16 years and with the BOP for 9.

LCDR Black has been a hygienist for 14 years and with the IHS for 10.

LCDR Hollister has been a hygienist for 32 years and with the IHS for 11.

LCDR Holder

LT Plake has been a hygienist for 7 years and with the IHS as a prevention officer for 3.

LTJG Glasscock came from school to the IHS 1 ½ years ago.

LTJG Myers came from school to the BOP 1 ½ years ago.

LTJG Brucklier has been a hygienist for 11 years and joined the IHS one year ago.

**Nominations:**

One nomination was received for PAG Chair – Congratulations to CDR Finnson our new chair.

Two nominations were received for Vice Chair – LCDR Sicard and LTJG Brucklier

Two nominations were received for Secretary – LCDR Roberson and LTJG Myers

\* [CDR Finnson](#) will send out ballots for members to vote for Vice Chair and Secretary. The committee agreed that CDR Finnson could tabulate the results and notify the group.

**Conference Calls:**

Future conference calls will be quarterly on the second Wed of the month when possible. Meetings will be altered with approval from a majority of the group. Future call dates for 2005: March 16, June 15, September 21, and December 14.

\*[CDR Finnson](#) will send out call information.

**List serve:**

The list serve is an important communication tool and everyone is encourage to assist other Corps hygienist in signing up. Future Corps information will be sent out over this listserve. To sign up for the RDH PAG list serve a member can go to the NIH list serve website <http://list.nih.gov/> and follow the instructions or send a simple message to [LISTSERV@LIST.NIH.GOV](mailto:LISTSERV@LIST.NIH.GOV) and in the body of the message simply state: subscribe

rdh-hspag-1 {first and last name}. If you have problems signing up let CDR Finnson know and she will add you. The Executive committee agreed that CDR Finnson could add other Corp members to the list to encourage participation.

**Webpage:**

LT Plake has been working diligently on developing the DHPAG web page and linking it to the HSO website. She has asked for assistance in developing the site and would like ideas and suggestions from other members. LCDR Black has agreed to assist in the development. LT Plake has made a request for photos from the field showing where we work.

**Concerns/issues:**

The seven committees listed in the Bylaws were discussed. It was recommended that due to the 'newness' of the PAG that only a limited number of the committees be established initially. Committees to be established are:

Recruiting – LCDR Holder and LCDR Roberson

Awards – LCDR Hollister

Billets – LCDR Sicard

Deployments – LTJG Brucklier

Communications – LCDR Black and LT Plake

Other issues and concerns:

BOP is having difficulties with billet progression. Many O3/O4 hygiene billets are being reduced to O2.

There are approximately 60 hygienists in the Corps and approximately 39 or 2/3 are assigned to the IHS, 14 are in the BOP balance are in the CDC, FDA, Field Corps Command, USDA and DCP.

All members are encouraged to attend the COA conference in June to increase exposure of dental hygienists.

Deployments:

Everyone should have met basic readiness status. \*[CDR Finnson and LTJG Brucklier](#) will work together to encourage deployments of hygienists to assist in oral health care of troops returning from deployments. Currently dentists are deployed to assist and LTJG Brucklier felt that he may be able to discuss this opportunity with active duty Naval personnel.