

## Re: link about Chet and the CA Dental Board

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ClintZ wrote:

- >Lets take a few key points, such as:
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- >Was Chet Y fired from his post?

If by "post" you mean his Board position, the answer is no.

As "chair" of the two-person committee, he completed his committee work. His proposal was not acceptable to the larger board, which then appointed a larger committee, with a new chair.

If he considers this a "firing," he has to remember that ALL such committees are merely temporary creations of the larger Board, and ALL such committee members might considered themselves "fired" when the specific committee work is done.

By that reasoning, we should consider ALL the members of the larger committee to have "fired" themselves too -- as the committee work was finished a year ago.

- >Was the dental board subsequently sued for illegally
- >taking over the fact sheet committe?

I don't know. Since the board has the full legal power to appoint committees, and to dismiss and reorganize its own creations (committees) as it sees fit, how can anyone claim that it "illegally took over" its own fully-owned committee?

That would be nonsense. All temporary committees created by the Board are fully under the control of the Board anyway.

Probably any lawsuit which is based solely upon a contention that a duly-appointed Board cannot reorganize its own committees is doomed to failure. Is this "lawsuit" going anywhere? What can you tell me about its current disposition?

>Did the CDA bring in an "expert" to testify for amalgam?

As far as I could tell at the public meeting, quite a number of groups brought in people to testify regarding the content of the DMFS. This included anti-amalgam groups.

>Did this or previous dental boards take any illegal action to stop  
>distribution of a fact sheet

No.

This board worked harder and faster than any other previous board to produce and allow the distribution of a new DMFS.

(An important note — the Board does NOT distribute the fact sheet! Dentists have to print and pay for any fact sheets themselves, without a penny's worth of help from anyone. This is just another expensive, unfunded mandate from big government.)

Previous boards worked more slowly and found it impossible to reconcile the positions of the different groups who fought endlessly over each proposed item of content in the first DMFS. No "illegal action" was taken as far as I remember. Is somebody claiming illegal action was taken? What action was that, and when?

>and are many of the appointees holdovers  
>from the previous pro-amalgam law defying dental board.

The previous dental board was NOT "law-defying" and was not "pro-amalgam." This statement alone casts grave doubt upon the credibility of the writer.

And there can be no "holdovers" as the former Gov. Gray Davis had terminated the entire dental board, at the behest of one noisy anti-amalgam legislator who was a member of the governor's political party.

All the members of the NEW board were later appointed by Gov. Davis.

>It must be obvious to you that on key points you will lose the  
>bet. Notice how Dr. Bill Combs is suddenly silent.

Wrong again.

– dentaldoc

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