

October 7, 2014

Office of Governor Sean Parnell
Attention: Elizabeth Giardina, Director of Boards and Commissions
550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1700
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
boards@alaska.gov or Elizabeth.giardina@alaska.gov

Dear Ms. Giardina,

My name is Paula Ross and I am submitting my resume and application for the dental hygiene member position on the Alaska State Board of Dentistry. I believe my years of collaboration with dentists and dental hygienists on issues affecting the profession of Dentistry and Alaska have made me a worthy candidate for this position. I will bring to the Board thirty-two years of dental hygiene experience and an interest in helping the citizens of Alaska.

After graduating from Idaho State University in 1982 with a baccalaureate degree in dental hygiene, I relocated to Alaska to pursue my career as a dental hygienist. I have worked in various private practice settings and know the importance of teamwork and providing quality care. I understand the mission of the Board of Dentistry and the responsibilities that go with being a board member.

I continue to be an active member in the American Dental Hygiene Association, the Alaska Dental Hygiene Association and WREB, A National Dental and Dental Hygiene Testing Agency. As a Local Anesthesia examiner, I have come to understand the necessity of an independent third party assessment for licensure and the importance of being actively involved in the examination process.

If appointed, I would work diligently with the members of the Board to improve the quality of dental and dental hygiene care in Alaska. My committed interest in pursuing a position on the Alaska State Board of Dentistry is evident by my involvement in the profession of Dentistry at a state and national level. I look forward to working with like-minded individuals to problem solve issues that affect the health and safety of the public.

It would be my pleasure to be able to interview for the dental hygiene member position. My cell number is (907) 952-3026 or I can be reached by email at ross@alaskan.com.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,
Paula Ross, RDH, BA



DENTAL EXAMINERS		Paula Kay Emswiler Ross	
General Information			
Board/Commission and seat you are seeking: DENTAL EXAMINERS, Dental Hygienist			
Additional Boards/Commissions of interest: Preference Order Board 2) DENTAL EXAMINERS 3) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE / SEXUAL ASSAULT 4) Homeless Council			
State Boards/Commissions on which you have served: None			
First Name Paula Kay	Middle Name Emswiler	Last Name Ross	
Mailing Address [REDACTED]	City [REDACTED]	State & Zip [REDACTED]	
Home/Message Phone [REDACTED]	Business Phone [REDACTED]	Cell Phone [REDACTED]	
Email Address [REDACTED]	Are you a registered voter? Yes		
Date of Birth [REDACTED]	Gender	Ethnicity [REDACTED]	
Military Service none			
Conflict of Interest			
Certain boards and commissions require full disclosure of personal financial data under AS39.50.010. If required for the board or commission for which you are applying, are you willing to do so? Yes			
Could you or any member of you family be affected financially by decisions to be made by the board or commission for which you are applying? Yes			
Please explain the potential financial benefit No			
Employment History			
Employment work history including paid, unpaid, or voluntary. Kyle M. Triggs, DMD Terrence A. Tauschek, DDS William C. Schlansker, DDS Kerry D. Kennedy, DDS Leonard D. Dubay, DDS Leonard L. Dailey, DDS Robert P. Wagner, DMD James B. Dumbauld, DDS Lowry AFB, Denver, Colorado			
Education, Training, Experience & Qualifications			
List both formal and informal education and training experiences: Bachelor of Arts in Dental Hygiene - 1982 Certification in Expanded Functions - 1982 Study of Pre-Dental Hygiene - 1980 Certificate of Dental Assisting - 1976			

List any professional licenses, certifications, or registrations and dates obtained that may be used as qualifying criteria:
Alaska Dental Hygiene Licensure -1984
Alaska Local Anesthesia Licensure - 1984
Montana Dental Hygiene Licensure - 1982
Western Regional Examining Board Certification - 1982
National Board Dental Hygiene Certification - 1982
Bachelor of Arts in Dental Hygiene - 1982

List any community service, municipal government, and state positions held, and any awards received.
continuing education committee

Conviction Record

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor within the past five years or a felony within the past ten years?
No

Conviction Circumstances

Certification of Accuracy & Completeness

By submitting this online application, I swear the information I have entered on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I deliberately conceal or enter false information on the form my application may be rejected, I may be removed from the list of eligible candidates, or I may be removed from the position. I agree that the Office of the Governor may contact present or former employees or other persons who know me to obtain an additional information about my skills and abilities. I understand that the information on this application is public information and may be released through a legal request for such information.

Type "I certify"
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Resume Addendum:

Press Release Wording

Paula Ross, 58, of Anchorage, Alaska, is a dental hygienist for Dr. Kyle M. Triggs. Paula holds a Bachelors degree in Dental Hygiene from Idaho State University.

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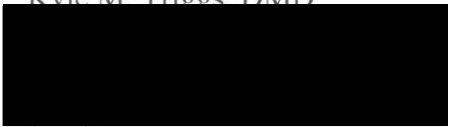



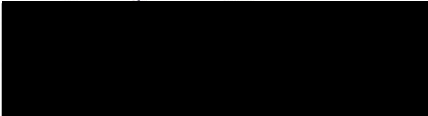
Paula Ross, RDH, BA



Education

September 1980 – May 1982	Bachelor of Arts in Dental Hygiene Idaho State University Pocatello, Idaho
September 1980 – May 1982	Certification in Expanded Functions Idaho State University Pocatello, Idaho
March 1979 – August 1980	Study of Pre-Dental Hygiene Eastern Montana College Billings, Montana
January 1976 – August 1976	Certificate of Dental Assisting Colorado College of Medical and Dental Assisting Denver, Colorado

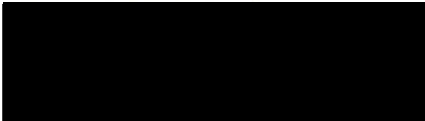
Employment History

May 2003 – Current	Dental Hygienist Kyle M. Triggs, DMD 
January 1990 – May 2004	Dental Hygienist Terrence A. Tauschek, DDS William C. Schlansker, DDS  (Dr. Tauschek)  (Dr. Schlansker) 
August 1984 – January 1990	Dental Hygienist Kerry D. Kennedy, DDS 

Employment History continued

August 1984 – September 1986

Dental Hygienist
Leonard D. Dubay, DDS (Retired)



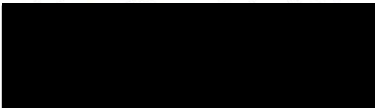
June 1982 – December 1983

Dental Hygienist
Leonard L. Dailey, DDS (Deceased)



July 1982 – December 1983

Dental Hygienist
Robert P. Wagner, DMD (Retired)



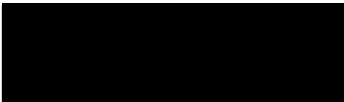
September 1977 – March 1979
(Summer employment 1980 & 1981)
Dental assistant

Dental Assistant
Robert P. Wagner, DMD (Retired)



July 1976 – August 1977

Dental Assistant
James B. Dumbauld, DDS (Deceased)



June 1976 – July 1976

Dental Assisting Internship
Lowry Air Force Base
Denver, Colorado 80230

Certifications and Licensures

March 1984	Alaska Dental Hygiene Licensure Alaska Local Anesthesia Licensure
June 1982	Western Regional Examining Board Certification Montana Dental Hygiene Licensure
May 1982	National Board Dental Hygiene Certification

Professional Memberships and Positions Held

May 2002 – present	Western Regional Examining Board <u>Local Anesthesia Examiner</u>
June 2011 – present	Western Regional Examining Board <u>Local Anesthesia Committee Member</u>
January 1984 – present	Alaska State Dental Hygiene Association <u>Active Member</u>
May 1980 - present	American Dental Hygiene Association <u>Active Member</u>
November 2010 – April 2013	Alaska State Dental Hygiene Association <u>Continuing Education Committee Member</u>

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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The Honorable Bill Walker
Governor of Alaska
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

December 10, 2014

Re: Support for Paula Ross for the Board of Dental Examiners

Dear Governor Walker,

The Alaska State Dental Hygienists' Association (ASDHA) would like to recommend Paula Ross, RDH, BA, for a position on the Alaska State Board of Dental Examiners. Paula has been practicing clinical hygiene in Alaska since 1984. She began her dental career as an assistant in 1976, pursuing expanded functions and ultimately graduating from Idaho State University with a Bachelors of Arts in Dental Hygiene in 1982.

Paula clearly sees value in her professional association and has been an active and supportive member of the Alaska State Hygienists' Association. She served on the continuing education committee from 2010-2013. Paula currently serves on the Western Regional Examining Board as a local anesthetic examiner, since 2002, and committee member, since 2011. This committee develops and reviews the content of the WREB LA exam yearly.

The Alaska State Dental Hygienists' Association believes that Paula Ross is a dedicated and involved dental hygienist who will approach issues affecting the dental profession with an open and thoughtful mind, committing the time necessary to fully research issues, weigh the facts and opinions on all sides and be objective in her decisions. We believe that Paula's experience and professional commitment will make her an asset to the Board of Dental Examiners.

Thank you for this consideration,

Sandy Pelto RDH, BSDH
ASDHA President



Dear Governor Walker,

December 20, 2014

I am writing a recommendation for the appointment of Paula Ross to the Alaska State Board of Dentistry. I have known Paula Ross for 33 years in both a professional and personal capacity. Paula is a team player, a good listener and can communicate with a wide variety of people. She is an exceptional dental hygiene practitioner and has been my hygienist since college.

Paula has been a licensed and practicing hygienist in Alaska since 1984. She understands the Last Frontier and the challenges for dental care in all of Alaska. Paula has been an examiner on the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) for dental hygiene since 2002 and on the local anesthesia committee for the past three years.

It is my understanding the Alaska State Board of Dentistry has two primary responsibilities.

The board adopts regulations to carry out laws governing the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene in Alaska. As a WREB examiner Paula has been given a broader view of the dental challenges and successes in the lower 48 western states. I believe this experience would be valuable in the development and ultimate passage of regulations governing the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene in Alaska.

The board makes final licensing decisions and takes disciplinary actions against people who violate licensing laws. Paula has been in private practice for all of her dental hygiene career. She understands quality patient care and the challenges surrounding a successful dental practice. Paula would be able to look at dental complaints with a critical eye and not rush to judgment.

I practiced hygiene in Alaska for 23 years and have held my Alaska license since 1983. I believe Paula Ross would be an exceptional public servant for the State of Alaska and would do a great job as a hygienist on the State Board of Dentistry.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline M. Leibach, RDH

