

Greetings Iowa Dental Hygienists,

This year has been an abundance of blessings, and one of the greatest has been the opportunity to serve as your 2016-2017 IDHA President. I cannot put into words the pride I have in signing my name to documents that represent the 2400+ dental hygienists licensed in Iowa. Thank you!

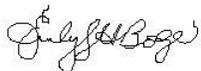
I have had the opportunity to speak to many students and licensed hygienists on the path we plan to take into the future, and let me tell you – it is going to be a great one! The passion and drive each individual brings to our profession is beyond belief. As we move forward with our education bill, that will allow a dental hygienist in the State of Iowa to provide education in any setting, we look to improve the lives and health of Iowans to the best of our abilities.

In times of confusion or disagreement among people, regarding health or other endeavors, the best method of encouragement in the right direction is education and motivation for a positive change in habits. Collectively, the education provided by dental hygienists in Iowa WILL make a difference – if allowed. Please join us at Dental Hygiene Lobby Day at the Capitol in Des Moines on Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at 9 AM. We will meet in the lower level cafeteria area.

I also invite all of you to come share in the networking, education, and fun of the 2017 Iowa Dental Hygienists' Association Annual Meeting at the Hotel at Kirkwood May 5-6, 2017. We have a magnificent event planned, with several opportunities to learn and grow ranging from student table clinics to vendors to international lecturers.

Time are still changing, that seems to be our only constant. I invite each of you to share your opinions on the alterations being made, both on a state and national level, for our association. Only with your input can we make the right choices for our future.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emily Boge". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Emily Boge CDA, RDH, MPA

President, Iowa Dental Hygienists' Association 2016-2017