

## **Year End CE report MDAA (2021)**

October 3, 2020 the MDAA hosted it's very first virtual CE and AGM meeting due to COVID restrictions. The MDAA was able to secure three presenters for this virtual CE. Presenters included Dr. Will Wieler and Dr. Bruce McFarlane speaking on Orthodontics. Kathy Purves of Germiphene spoke on current sterilization guidelines. Members received 3 credit hours, and prizes were drawn for, for those in (virtual) attendance. The CE experienced a bit of technical difficulty when the first speaker experienced some technical audio difficulties with intermittent audio. Dr. McFarlane quickly jumped in to do a visual and audio presentation a head of his scheduled presentation time while the issue was being addressed and fixed. The MDAA AGM followed after a short break. The membership provided positive feedback for the day.

The MDAA's plan for 2021 has been to continue with virtual CE/AGM platforms as they are more cost effective and enable the MDAA to offer a zero cost for attendance and reduce overhead costs typically associated with a venue. In addition a virtual platform allows for the entire membership to be able to attend, as well as giving those from out of town equal ease of accessibility. The next CE Date has been chosen and planning has begun for the October 2, 2021 MDAA Fall CE. Kathy Purves has already been confirmed as a presenter and will do a one hour presentation. Options for a second presenter and topic are being discussed with some options being; UFCW Western Director to inform the membership on Unions and why this is not an option for RDAs. Other considerations have been to have an HR company directly address the membership, secure a WHIMIS rep to explain reading labels, MSDS Sheets, Q & A, and a Health and Wellness presentation one hour in length of stretches and mediation techniques for de stressing. Planning continues and as information becomes available it will be made available to the membership via email and website updates so please always check in to see what is new.

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