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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Indiana Dental Association (I.D.A.), formerly the Indiana State Dental Association (I.S.D.A.), was created in Indianapolis on December 28, 1858 at a convention held for the sole purpose of creating a state dental association. Dr. J.F. Johnson presided over the meeting and created a committee to draft a constitution and by-laws for the Association. Dr. Johnson became the first President of the Indiana Dental Association. The other officers included three vice-presidents, a recording and corresponding secretary, and a treasurer.

The Association held yearly meetings to elect new officers and discuss dental issues. They did not have formal meetings from 1861–1863, due to the Civil War. Topics covered at the annual meetings included filling teeth, diseases of the mouth, mechanical dentistry, and dental education.

In 1879, the IDA established the Indiana Dental College after determining a need for dental education in Indianapolis. This need stemmed from the new Indiana law that regulated dental practice and required dentists to be formally trained. The first class of the Indiana Dental College had only three graduates; however attendance quickly rose in subsequent years. Due to high cost of meeting the minimum standards set by the Indiana board of examiners, the school was bought in 1925 by the state. It became a part of Indiana University, where it remains today.

The Women’s Auxiliary to the Indiana State Dental Association (WAISDA) was formed on May 10, 1959 after a period of organizing for the previous two years. Its goals were to assist the Indiana State Dental Association in its dental health education program, and to cultivate friendly relations and fellowships among the dental families. Mrs. Ama Huckleberry became the first president of the Auxiliary, with her husband, James Huckleberry, serving as president of the ISDA. The Women’s Auxiliary also had a vice-president, recording secretary, and treasurer.

Currently, the mission of the Indiana Dental Association is to support dentists, to promote professionalism, and to improve oral health in the state of Indiana. The leadership of the organization has changed since 1858. Today, the officers include a president, president-elect, vice-president, immediate past president and treasurer. There also is a house of delegates presided over by a speaker of the house and vice speaker of the house and a fifteen-member board of trustees.

Sources:
Information in collection.
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection has six series. These series are the Indiana Dental Association, the Women’s Auxiliary to the Indiana Dental Association, the North Central Dental Society (Thirteenth District Dental Society), the Wabash Valley Dental Society, the Southeastern Dental Society, and the Indiana Association of Group Funded-Dental Consultants.

Series 1: Indiana Dental Association: This series contains a photocopied history of the Indiana State Dental Association from 1858 to 1882, instructions for the secretary of the ISDA circa 1930, and obituaries of the Association’s members from 1914–1915. The series also has two bound volumes of membership records spanning 1908–1960. There are forty-three bound volumes of meeting minutes covering 1858–1958. The series includes one photograph of the IDA’s officers and trustees for 1967–1968. There are twelve folders of financial information covering 1935–1961 and two bound volumes of cash accounts and financial records covering 1921–1926.

Series 2: Women’s Auxiliary to the Indiana Dental Association: This series contains several folders documenting the creation of the Women’s Auxiliary in 1959, including a letter of intent, the proposed constitution and the first official roster of the organization, as well as letters and telegrams of congratulation on the creation of the Auxiliary. The series also includes three bound volumes chronicling the Women’s Auxiliary from 1958 to 1960 and from 1966 to 1967 and a history of the organization from 1958 to 1970.

Series 3: Thirteenth District Dental Society (North Central Dental Society): This series contains a biographical excerpt about dentist Theodore Menges, written in 1949. It also includes annual meeting minutes and programs of the North Central Dental Society from 1915–1962, with meeting minutes from 1915–1960 in a bound volume, a list of officers elected from 1960–1963, and financial accreditation letters from 1952 and 1954.


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