

Distinguished Service Award Winner

Dr. Marcia Boyd



Dr. Marcia Boyd is well known in the circles of dental education nationally and internationally. She has been engaged in various organizations over the years and has enjoyed leadership roles, often as “the first” women in that position.

She has been active in teaching, educational research and administration for some thirty years including serving as Dean at UBC. Participating and contributing in a variety of ways, Marcia has been a role model for others making their way in the dental education environment.

In the ADEA she has served as Chair of the Women’s Advisory Committee, the International Women’s Leadership Program Committee, chaired Association Reference Committees, been a mentor in the ADEA Leadership Institute and chaired the ADEA Annual Session Planning Committee. She has published extensively in the area of educational research in the Journal of Dental

Education and was the founding President of the Educational Research Group of the International Association for Dental Research.

Marcia has been recognized for her contributions through prestigious awards presented by the CDSBC, the BCDA, the CDA, the RCDC, the Pierre Fauchard Academy, the International Federation of Dental Educators Association Gies Award, as well as the ADEA Distinguished Service Award and Presidential Citation and is an honorary member of both the Canadian and American Dental Associations. She most recently received the Gies Foundation Inaugural Award for lifetime accomplishment, dental educator.

She has received distinguished alumnus awards from the U of A and UBC, several awards for excellence in teaching as well as four honorary degrees - the University of Detroit, Mercy, the University of Montreal, McGill University and Dalhousie University.

She is a Fellow of the International College of Dentists, The Royal College of Dentists of Canada, the Pierre Fauchard Academy and the Federation Dentaire Internationale. Having served as Regent and as an Executive Officer she is Past President (first Canadian woman and second Canadian) of the American College of Dentists and Past President of their Foundation. She is also the first woman in their 92 year history to receive their highest honour – the John Gies Award. Marcia is a popular speaker and has had the opportunity to be an invited presenter around the world.

Dr. Boyd left private practice in Vancouver in 2012, she is “retired” as former Dean and Professor Emerita from the Faculty of Dentistry at UBC but continues to do contract work worldwide and serves as a consultant and examiner for the NDEB. Currently she is a Senior Associate with the ROI Corporation, a national dental practice appraisal and sales corporation.